

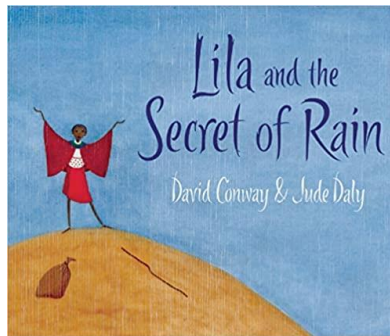
Story Time: Years 1&2



ADVENTURES IN BOOKLAND

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Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway, illustrated by Jude Daly



Click [here](#) to access a reading of Lila and the Secret of Rain.

Book Summary from Lovereading4kids

This award-winning picture book tells with spare, elegant prose and poignant illustrations how Lila saves her Kenyan village by telling the sky the saddest thing she knows. For months the sun has burned down on Lila's village. It is too hot to gather firewood, or weed the garden. It is even too hot to milk the cow. Without rain the well will run dry and the crops will fail. Lila is so worried that when her grandfather whispers the secret of rain to her, she sets off to talk to the sky herself. Lila and the Secret of Rain introduces the topics of natural resources and the impact that extreme weather can have on people's lives in a tender way that children can relate to. With the added magic of folklore, the African setting sparks interest in our world's diverse cultures.

Discussion Prompts

- 1) What do you think Lila's mama means when she says "Without water there can be no life?"
- 2) After Lila told the sun the saddest stories she knew, there was no rain. But when Lila told the sun about her village, the rain did come. Why do you think that was?
- 3) Lila's village needed rain to survive. What do you need to survive? Is there a difference between what you NEED and what you WANT?
- 4) Do you think there is a difference between surviving and living?