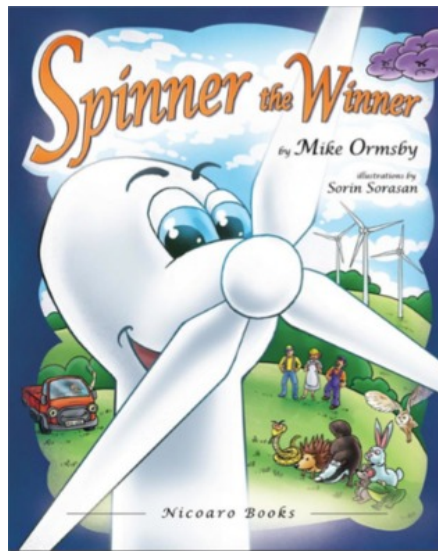




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Spinner the Winner is a superbly illustrated story book for children aged 5 - 11, written by former BBC journalist Mike Ormsby. It helps parents to introduce 'renewable energy' in a fun way. 65 pages; read-aloud time: 30 mins

Story: A little wind turbine is separated from his family, develops a squeak and is vandalized. But when a nasty storm plunges the nearby town into blackout, he saves the day and wins lots of new friends. A tale of triumph over adversity, Eco-tainment for a young family.

Reviewer LoopyLu says:

"A brilliant tale of a friendly wind turbine who saves the day! With lovable characters, lots of laughs, drama and fab illustrations; a page turner even for adults. Great to see a children's story touch on an important environmental theme in a fun and digestible way. Should be read in every primary school."

Mother-of-3, Sarah Hoss, says: "Beautifully illustrated story of a little wind turbine dealing with the trials and tribulations of life along with the debate about wind energy. The characters develop quickly, some gentle leg-pulling of authority along the way, and all ends well. Perfect introduction to environmental concepts, with an emphasis on kindness and family."

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Kathy says

My 6 year old granddaughter enjoyed reading this with her grandpa. Great story, wonderful illustrations.

Nicholas Anderson says

This is an interesting, unique story with good illustrations. The overt message seems to be about accepting new technology, but the story also conveys a good message of accepting and being yourself even if you're new and different. It's a short chapter book, and while it has pictures on every page, it is probably a bit long and advanced for parents to read to children too young to read themselves. I'd recommend it for teachers in elementary school or young readers. I received a free copy from Story Cartel in exchange for my honest review.

Barbara Ann says

This is a well-illustrated story seeking to portray the benefits of turbine power wrapped up in a humorous story. Some of the language is a bit deprecating, which does not provide the best example for young children. Because Spinner was not properly oiled, he makes a lot of noise while spinning. That inspires some of the townsfolk to throw eggs, flour and mark him with graffiti. When a severe storm cuts the electricity to the town, Spinner gets his chance to shine. An unexpected friend comes to Spinner's rescue.

The story-line itself has quite a bit of text on each page, which makes it somewhat difficult reading for children at the younger end of their 5-11 target age audience, Illustrations are geared to the younger reader, while the vocabulary and length of text are more appropriate for children ages eight and above. I think the author missed an opportunity to explain the fundamentals of how wind turbines operate. This would have added more substance to the book.

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Sarita Vaid says

I'd organised a Meet the Author event at Baku Oxford School, which was a resounding success. Our kids loved the book and enjoyed Mike Ormsby's visit tremendously. Mike has an uncanny sense of humour which appeals to all ages. He's a born teacher, with a natural flair in communicating with the young as well as the old, not only verbally but through his awesome writing style too.

Spinner's theme was perfect and blended beautifully with our Environmental Awareness & Recycling Programme. It's best suited for the Primary children. I'm in the process of reading the Child Witch and we're looking forward to meeting Mike again at our school this year.

Spinner the Winner is a a great read.

Sarita Vaid

Tim says

My kids couldn't get enough of this book. It has been re-read several times and they seemed genuinely excited by the prospect of getting a certain way into it and then leaving it to carry on the next day. They immediately got the concept of what was going on and had empathy for Spinner throughout. I highly recommend it.

Melissa says

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review.

This is a great kids book with wonderful characters. It is an easy-to-read story that will leave the kids wanting it read again and again. I have three boys between 4 and 8 and all three loved it. The eight year old likes to read it to his brothers. Definitely a book to recommend!!

Henry says

My boys loved it...got them thinking about some important themes too

As a Dad with with 2 boys (and a girl, but she can't read :-), boom boom) I'm always looking for books that will wrap them up, this has the energy and entertainment to do just that. The artwork is excellent too.

Kathy Rae says

This is an entertaining 'spin' on wind powered energy, that was a clever way to educate children. Even as an adult who finds wind energy not as efficient as many other sources, I was intrigued by the story line.

Ceren says

I think that this book is for younger people of my age, I think that I would love this if I was 5 or 7.

Ruxandra Biro says

My daughter loved it. She started reading and couldn't stop until she finished it. She loved Spinner and the animals.

The illustration are wonderful too. My daughter kept discovering little ghosts in the castle and other small funny details while reading the book over again. She still likes to look it over from time to time.

Besides, I think it's a good opportunity for children to learn about green energy in a pleasant way.

We're waiting for more of Spinner's adventures!

Elizabeth Coyne says

I read "Spinner the Winner" to a class of Kindergartners in my old elementary school; they loved it! At the end, all the kids told me where they had seen wind turbines, and did turbine hands just like Spinner. Great story capitalizing on better alternatives in the energy sector, which rings so close to home here in Texas, where fracking and oil spills I fear are endangering our future. Great writing, sound story, and the children adore Spinner, Turner, and the animal friends!

Angela says

Spinner the Winner is a delightful book for children about a wind turbine who saves the day. An excellent introduction to green energy...and my first publishing venture! Enjoy!

Adina says

A clever piece of literature with a powerful green message, Spinner-the-Winner is written with eco-friendly enthusiasm and a lot of wit. The story is wonderfully funny, absorbing and ingenious, and the illustrations are great. Spinner the Winner is a definite for any kid. Mine definitely enjoyed it! Happy reading and enjoy the green adventure!

Angela Lambkin says

I chose to give to give this author Mike five stars for such an ingenious work on this story choosing to make this very interesting and colorful and simple for both the very young to us older folks who did not grow up turbines in our loves!

I really liked it for all the above reasons that I have already stated. I recommend this book for both the very young to the older generations who did not grow up with the idea even of turbines being used to generate electricity to us in every facet of our lives. I received this book free and in exchange I am now doing three reviews for the author after having read it. Great work Mike! By Angela

Amber Lea says

I think when people write children's books they start out with lessons in mind, but sometimes they don't stop to think about the unintended messages that come through with things that are simply meant to create tension or further the plot, and they get lazy and don't bother to make things make a lot of sense because meh, kids are kinda dumb, right?

Perhaps there are plenty of kids who might not look too deeply into the story and they might like it for simple reasons (such as certain things about the plot appeal to them, or they like the pictures, or they're focusing on the quality time attached to it), but I wasn't one of those kids. I was one of those pain in the ass kids who felt insulted by a sloppy story...and as an adult I continue scrutinize children's books.

As a side note, it bothers me how much this book jumps around. I feel like I'm missing something with the cut away where the taxi driver crashes into a tree. Is its only purpose to make a weak joke about how the cop is dumb? It feels like there's a page or two missing.

And don't even get me started on this weird mayor situation.

I wanted to like this book because it looks hilariously adorable and there's potential for a good message, but meh. The way I see it, there are so many excellent children's books out there, there's no reason to waste your time with the mediocre ones.

BUT the illustrations are great. The plot is pretty nonsensical, but the artwork itself deserves five stars.

Gulya says

This is such a funny book and it had both me and my seven-year old LOL and think at the same time. With adorable illustrations and sharp but amusing text. At some point we felt ourselves part of that provincial town community-- and even felt the weather change.

Spinner is so sweet--- the guy has a great personality.

The book is amazing. We read it again last night. Leyla (my daughter) just adores it!

Karen says

As a journalist who covers the environment, I'm thrilled to see Spinner the Winner. I grew up an avid reader, and I remember vividly the stories I memorized as a young child. But these are different times, and today's kids need different stories. It's a real trick to introduce youngsters to the pressing problems our planet faces without turning them (or their parents) off. Spinner the Winner effectively informs while keeping the story lively and entertaining... and with fantastic artwork. If more kids learned about real issues through books like this, we might not have such divisiveness in adulthood.

Elsbeth says

Wonderful story with beautiful pictures! My children loved little Spinner!

Mihaela Mv says

My son and I love Morisca. He is so brave and every time when we see him on top of the hill, that reminds

us the story of Morisca.
Thank you,
Mihaela

Tiglea says

I received this book from one best friend as a gift or my kids. The story was entertaining for my kids but also for me (for some other stories for kids I have not enough patience :)). Maybe the explanation is that the story that you can find in "Spinner the Winner" is about the real life and about the environment and is written for children like a funny story with a happy end.

Also the book has many nice illustrations!

P.S. The book that I received was translated in Romanian.
