

animals proficient in the water to help her navigate the pool. She can become a crocodile, a dolphin. The black and white illustrations break up the easy-to-read text.

### **Weatherboy**

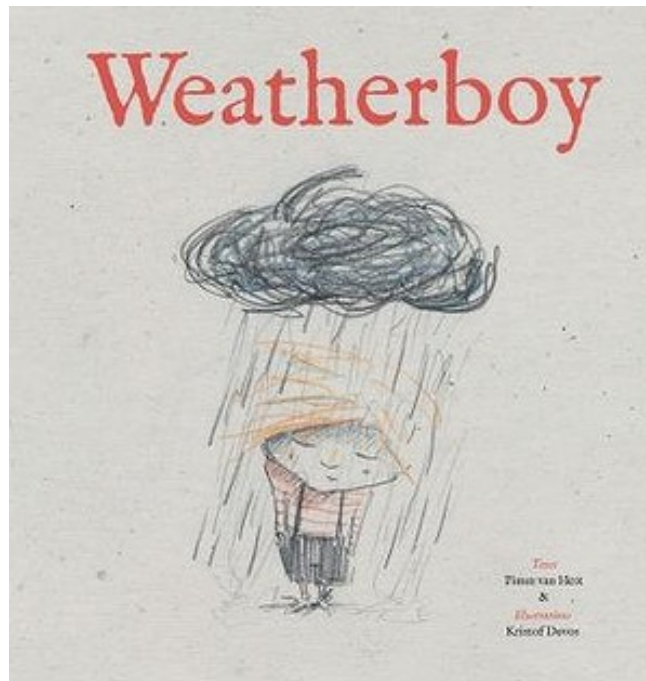
**Pimm Van Hest, illustrations by Kristof Devos**

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Weatherboy is thus nicknamed because his moods seem to affect the weather: when he is cheerful, the sun came out; when he was sad, the clouds cried too. His sneezes bent trees and toppled bicycles. Soon everyone demanded different weather to suit their own needs and the boy is saddened by the responsibility of conflicting desires (his unhappiness causes the whole world to freeze). How he skates on rainbows again is pure whimsy. This picture book, sophisticatedly rendered in sombre tones, is suitable for middle primary upwards.



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