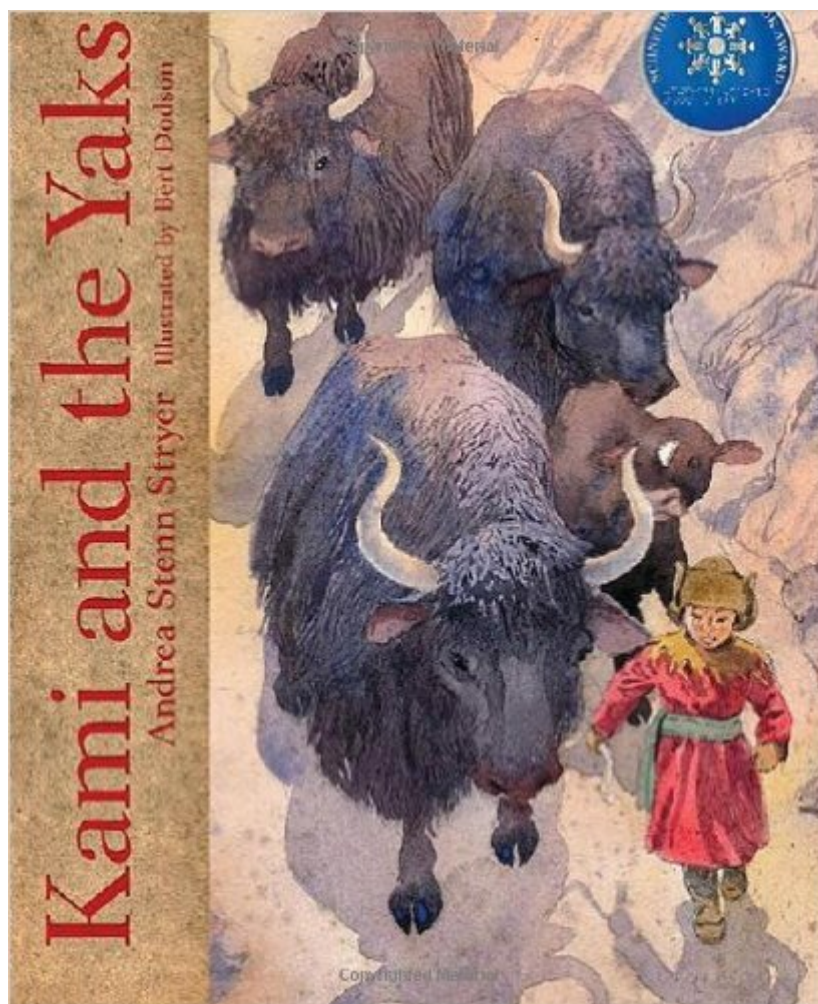


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# Kami And The Yaks



## Synopsis

Just before the start of a new trek, a Sherpa family discovers that their yaks are missing. Young Kami, anxious to help his brother and father maintain their livelihood, sets off by himself to find the wandering herd. A spunky deaf child who is unable to speak, Kami attempts to summon the yaks with his shrill whistle. Failing to rout them, he hustles up the steep mountainside to search the yaks' favorite grazing spots. On the way he encounters the rumblings of a fierce storm which quickly becomes more threatening. Surmounting his fear of being alone in the midst of treacherous lightning and hail, Kami uses his heightened sense of observation to finally locate the yaks. Reunited with their animals, the astonished family is once again able to transport their gear and guide the mountain climbers into the majestic terrain.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This story is about a young Sherpa boy who is deaf. The Sherpa's live in the Himalaya Mountains. They help guide climbers and carry gear or supplies for the people who live in the small villages on the mountainsides. Kami's family makes a living as one of the Sherpa people. They have yaks, which are trained to help with the work load. One day when Kami's father is getting ready to help some climbers, he is unable to find the family yaks. Kami uses a whistle given to him to call one of the yaks even though he can't hear the sound. The yak, Curly Horn, doesn't come to the call so

Kami sets out to look for the yaks himself. During his trek up the high mountains, Kami is confronted by a fierce storm. He finds the courage to keep searching despite being deaf and alone. This is a great picture book for young kids. They learn that no matter what some may call a weakness doesn't need to be in our lives. Deaf, blind, or in a wheelchair, we can all do something to help. We are important and we each have something to offer. Kami's family learns that even their little deaf Sherpa boy can overcome all odds. Stories for Children Editor, VS Grenier

"Hail started to fall. Kami tried to run down the mountain, but the path was now icy with the frozen pebbles. The hail pelted his face, blurring the way." Set in the Himalaya Mountains, this story of courage and perseverance will linger with children as a message to never give up despite the obstacles that may lie ahead. This Schneider Family Award winning book tells the story of Kami, a deaf Sherpa boy living with his family in the Himalayan Mountains in Nepal. His family helps guide climbers up the Himalayan Mountain, and use Yaks to help carry trekking gear up the mountain. When Kami's father and brother cannot find the Yaks, he follows his instinct to find the Yaks. Vivid watercolors masterfully portray the violent mountain weather and terrain, and the sense of urgency of the story. Forks of lightning and blinding snow atop the mountain surround Kami on his search for his Yaks. The worry, determination, and fear depicted in the illustrations, coupled with the text will have readers rooting for Kami to find his heard and stay safe on the journey. A special illustration is Kami using his body and gestures to communicate with his father and brother the word Yak. Kami and the Yaks is a picture book recommended for ages 4-8, but will be enjoyed by others equally as well for its universal message and beautiful illustrations. The reviewer feels the book most appropriate for ages 6-10 and above due to the topic and length of the story. The book has an interesting author's note about the Sherpa people, their life, and relationship with their Yaks. The author has portrayed an accurate and respectful depiction of the Sherpa life. The book serves not only as a multicultural book of interest but also one that includes a disability woven into the story as well. The quality of the book is to be commended. Kami and the Yaks is highly recommended by the reviewer as a story of a young deaf boy's courage set in a fascinating culture.

Very lovely children's book, as promised. Illustrates some of the frustration of being a deaf child.

I get A LOT of books from the library to read to my son. I can say that I can't see how some actually get published. This one is a truly wonderful exception. The pictures are beautiful. It is well-written, and it is a wonderful story. I can't recommend this more. It teaches about culture as well as being

able to overcome any perceived disadvantage. A similar book for adults is Touch the Top of the World by Eric Weihenmayer who climbed Everest blind-one of the best books I have ever read. Both books are very inspiring. Happy reading!

Lovely story, touching and warm. The illustrations are also beautiful. I highly recommend this book, it takes the child traveling to another part of the world

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