**Young Hoosier Book Award**  
**Picture Book Evaluation Form**  
*Submitted by Susan Rehtorik, Deborah Reynolds, Karen Webb*

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**BOOK SUMMARY:** A boy makes a boat out of newspaper on a rainy day in this wordless picture book. After a heavy downpour, he puts his boat in the water running along the edge of the road. The boat is quickly swept away, down the storm drain, and into the stream. When he finally finds his saturated boat, he heads home into the arms of his father who prepares him for his next adventure.

**BOOK TALK:** How many of you like to make things out of paper? What sorts of things can you make out of paper? The boy in this story makes a boat out of an old newspaper. After the rain stops, he sends his boat down a stream along the edge of the road. The current is too swift and the boat gets away from him. Will he get his boat back? There are no words, so you get to be the one to tell the story.

**AUTHOR BIO:** Daniel Miyares grew up in South Carolina and earned a BFA in illustration from Ringling College of Art. He has worked for Hallmark cards and various magazines and has served as the author and illustrator for three picture books. Daniel currently lives in Kansas City, Missouri with his wife and their two small children.  
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**ILLUSTRATOR BIO:** See AUTHOR BIO

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**
1. What was the problem in the story?
2. How do you make a sailboat out of newspaper?
3. Where would you sail your sailboat on a rainy day?
4. Why do you think the author/illustrator made everything black and white other than the boy and the boat?
5. What would you make if you were given a piece of newspaper?
6. Can you easily tell the story without the words? Why or why not?
7. How can you tell what the boy was feeling?

**CHALLENGING WORDS:**  
None
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Make a flipbook. Use a piece of paper and fold into a hotdog fold. Then fold it in half again, cut up $\frac{1}{2}$ of it so you have 2 flips. Now write an adventure about your boat floating down a puddle on a rainy day.

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