Getting a Grip on Winter Boots by Kody Reid

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It is a classic snow scene; people wearing inappropriate footwear when there is ice and snow underfoot. Whilst seeing people slipping and sliding all over the place can be comical, the reality is that these weather conditions should not be taken lightly. Given that there is always a good few months of the year when it is mushy or glacial on the ground, in the UK and other parts of Europe and beyond, it is worth investing in a good solid shoe. Only then can you stride out confidently knowing that you have a firm grip and can go about your day and business as usual.

Even when there is not snow falling, rain can make grass slippery and it is easy to skid in mud on country walks if the area is a bit boggy or waterlogged. Even walking on the beach might require more than flip flops much of the year. Rather than buying a multitude of different footwear for different occasions you could add on a shoe accessory, such as a spike, which gives you the security of having that extra grip. Whilst this is certainly handy it is useful to have a quality pair of winter boots that not only offer you a firm footing but keep you nice and warm too. Fleece lined styles are snug as you traipse through snow, and rubber soles give you added protection. There are other features which are designed with practicality in mind too, such as zippers so that you can easily slip your footwear on and off. This is especially useful if your fingers are a little numb from the cold.

People often moan about the weather and decide to stay indoors when it looks a bit bleak outdoors. However, all climates and conditions can be great to go out in. The landscape looks different, not to mention the plants and the animal life. Going on a walk through a rural area when there is fresh snow is invigorating and looks magical. The only reason people really complain is because they are not adequately kitted out. It is foolhardy not to be prepared, as everybody knows that summery days do fade each year. It would be far better for parents to get some robust runarounds for their kids, knowing that they are not going to have soggy socks and feet, or cuts and bruises from bumps and scrapes.

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