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It's a cold, snowy night, and a big, soft bear sleeps soundly in his cave. A small hare wanders by, and since his ears are so cold, he snuggles up in the bear's cozy den. Before long, a fox comes along with the same idea. "You may come in," says the hare, "but don't wake up the bear!" As the night wears on, the nest of sleeping animals expands until a mouse with a cold curls up right in the bear's ear-and wakes him up with a loud sneeze! Warm, playful illustrations and a repeating refrain make this bedtime book perfect for year-round reading.

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elizabeth says

Nice for kids less than 6

Rhyming, repetition...good for the little kids. Keeps them really interested. I'd recommend it. It's also not too long. Thanks so much

Alice says

I like the pictures in this book, I like the warm snugly feeling of all the forest creatures cuddling up with a sleeping bear.. "BUT DON'T WAKE the BEAR" .but it only takes one (a mouse of course...mice are evil) to ruin everyone's warm, cozy sleep.

Adriel Botelho says

Loved it!

Hannah Hanson says

Nice book

My son who is only 11 mts old has really enjoyed being read this book. :-) Cute story! I might just buy the real copy for him.

Nikki says

My daughter read this at story time. I was so impressed with her improved reading. We really enjoyed the story.

Heidi-Marie says

This is a cute build on story, and one that the kids could start to help in the telling because of its repetitiveness. I like the illustrations. Someone mentioned that a basic flannel of the Mitten could be used for this as well. Definitely worth trying in preschool storytime.

1/22/14 The kids and parents both loved this. I didn't do a flannel, just read the book and had the kids join me

in "Don't wake up the bear!" (Whispering of course.) I had them be the bear in waking up and growling, too. They were very involved and were interested for the entire book. Yay! A great addition for the snow/winter theme.

Linda Edwards says

Big sleeping bear

The drawings in the book are charming, the story is cute until the end. I would have liked a different ending. I gave this 4 stars because I like to see some sort of message in childrens books and I feel that is missing in this one. Maybe for the ending, more about sharing, either all the other animals huddled together for warmth or maybe even the bear allowing them to stay. I guess it is sort of a surprise ending. I think the younger set would still enjoy it, especially if you whispered the rabbits words.

Amanda says

We borrowed this book from the library. I read this book one time to my 2.5 year old and I think I am going to read it again to him tonight, I enjoyed it that much. It was a good book to be animated with and to teach about "whispering" and "not waking" someone up. I just had a baby (who is 5 months now) and can sometimes be easy to stir, and my son is sometimes OVER THE TOP with his voice.

At one point, being the reader, I was scared that they were showing the bear to be really scary and dangerous when he was woken up (I guess to show that someone can be mad when they are woken up by someone else being too loud?) and my first thought was that the bear was going to eat them! Well, my son did guess the ending (the bear was hungry!) but he ended up eating berries at the end.

Christine Grant says

Hibernation Story Time. Cute story about animals joining a sleeping bear during the winter.

Angela Lambkin says

What a cute story of how they all got along so well until...

The very small font size. Great story as well as the illustrations. Therefore I wish to rate and recommend this for five stars, for kids ages 3-7 and or in grades P-2. I received this for free using KU, and in return, here is my honest review.

Super work Marjorie! By Sunny.

Raquyyah Griffin says

Not engaging

Weak my 3 year olds were not interested in the story at all. Illustrations were good. But needs more of a story line.

Nancy says

The illustrations were naturalistic and lovely. The bear was the first animal introduced, and then other animals want to snuggle up with the warm cozy bear, but each animal says " Don't wake up the bear!" This was a fun way to introduce different animals, and I loved the illustrations.

Kayla says

This book would be great for beginning readers because of the use of repetition. Even if the children were unsure of what the name of the animal was in the book they could easily figure it out by using the illustrations. All of the animals were cuddled up to the bear since they were cold and he was sound asleep. Finally the little mouse that was snug in the bears ear sneezed and woke up the bear. The animals ran because the bear was hungry. They realized the bear just wanted some berries from the tree, not to eat them!

Jane says

Don't Wake Up the Bear! is an excellent book to read to groups of preschool age children and have them interact with the book as you read it with them. The phrase *Don't Wake Up the Bears!* is repeated on most pages and once the children hear the book a few times they start whispering it with the reader. The illustrations are beautiful and attractive to young children. The cadence is fun for the children to get into and keeps their attention. This is an excellent book to read before nap hour to calm down the group for a quiet time. It would be a good bedtime book for children too.

I have owned a copy for a number of years and *Don't Wake Up the Bears!* is one of my favorite books to use with groups of children.

Stacey says

Very charming book.

My 4 and 5 year old daughter's really enjoyed this book. They both asked me to put it in my night time reading rotation.

