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Eddy and the Bear are both feeling sad. They both wish they had a friend to talk to. All they've got are their teddies, and teddies can't talk. Or can they?

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Shemona says

‘My friend Bear’ by Jez Alborough is a great text to read to all as it entails themes of friendship and loneliness. The story consists of two main characters, one being a little boy named Eddy who owns a teddy called Freddy. Eddy is lonely and wishes he has someone to talk to as his teddy bear is just a toy who never replies. The other character is ‘Bear’ who is equally upset due to his lack of friends. Both characters come across each other in the middle of the woods and at first are quite scared of one another. They then realise how both are in need of a friend and share a joke which overcomes their initial apprehension. They become friends, play games and plan to meet on the next day. It is a story which would be great for PSHE and friendship week in schools as well as in the EYFS and Key Stage 1. The story has ABAB rhyming couplet throughout the text which would be great when introducing children to rhyme.

NinaB says

My favorite book to read to my kids when they were little.

Tracy Morton says

I was looking at this book for my teddy bear storytime but discovered that it would be an excellent book for a friendship storytime too.

Elizabeth Tyree says

a very cute book about friendship

Alexsandra Diaz says

In this book two character Eddy and his friend bear both have teddy bears but feel lonely because they have no one to talk to. Each of the see that they are upset with the teddy bears because they don’t talk back, so they decide that bear will talk to Eddy. The bear then realizes that it was Eddy who he was talking too and laughs because he realizes they were friends all along. This book is a great example of how we sometimes feel lonely but do not realize that we have a friend close by the entire time. It is a journey from loneliness to happiness. It is a great book about friendship and how it can be right in front of you but you don’t always know it. This story is a fictional because the little boy Eddy talks to a bear who is his best friend.

Kate Reynolds says

Solid 4 stars. Cute, rhyming story with a good-hearted message. Pictures were bright and engaging.

Lindsey Duncan says

This book a book about being lonely and wanting to talk to someone. I think students will be able to relate to this.

Kelci Cox-Griswold says

Eddie and his teddy named Freddie meet a bear and his teddy in the woods. Eddie and the bear make friends and they are not as lonely as they used to be. This is a really cute story about friendship. I think that kids would love it.

Fazeena says

My friend bear is story about Eddy and a bear who feel lonely and sad as they don't have any friends that they can talk to and spend time with. They talk to their teddies but unfortunately the teddies don't talk back so they get very lonely. Eddy sees that the bear is upset because he does not have any friends and he has no one to talk to. Eddy pretends to be the bear and tells him not to be upset and that he can talk to him if he wants to. The bear thinks that his teddy is talking which in reality is Eddy. When the bear finds out that it was Eddy, he feels a little bit silly and starts to laugh. This marks the start of the friendship between Eddy and the bear.

This book is interesting as it is about two people who are lonely and their journey to happiness. I like the illustrations used and how the Eddies and the teddies name rhyme. The book is interesting to read to the whole class as well as using for guided reading sessions. This book can be used during friendship week as the class can discuss how they can be friends with everyone and how to be caring towards them. This book can be read by all ages.

Amanda says

I read this with Pre-K when we were talking about friendship. I loved this book! It was a last-minute pick and it worked out great.

Amanda Bishop says

The nostalgia is strong with this one. I remember my mom reading this to me when I was little. My copy is old, and a bit battered, but I'm proud to say I still have it with me, all these years later.

Kelly says

Reading this book through a child's eyes, I loved it. It was fun and silly, easy to follow (even though there is a communication mix-up!), and had nice illustrations.

Dalton Prather says

I use to have a friend bear. He ate all my honey!

Naomi says

A really cute and humorous series about a big, scary bear who ends up to be not that scary given that he carries a big ole teddy bear and his little human friend who can't get enough of the big guy. Illustrations are vibrant and match the story. Love the illustration for bear. I didn't find this book as funny as some of the others in the series. This book is my favorite overall in the series because it teaches kids about not prejudging people and not putting on a "fake" face or being authentic and comfortable in one's own skin.

Katy says

This one is a bit longer than the other two of this set. They work really well as a trio.
