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This first picture book in nationally renowned librarian Nancy Pearl's new Book Crush Rediscoveries series for children and young adults is now available for a new generation of readers. Herman has made plans to visit his aunt Gert, so he sets out in his fur coat for her house. But on his way, a passing bear mistakes Herman for the Bear family's cousin Julius. The bear invites Herman home for a visit, and all the bears think Herman is Cousin Julius! Can Herman convince the Bear family that he is definitely not their cousin and most definitely not a bear? Bernice Myers's classic picture book, first published in 1967, is a timeless treasure that will have young children giggling. An introduction, discussion questions and activities, and further suggested reading from noted librarian Nancy Pearl are included.

Not This Bear Details

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Crystal says

I received this book as part of a first-reads giveaway. I read this book along with my younger sister and she really enjoyed it! I thought the story was cute and creative. I enjoyed the illustrations throughout the book, I loved the fun sketchy style used.

Kelly says

This book was cute...funny story that I enjoyed as much as my students!

Danny says

I won this book as part of Goodreads Giveaways. The edition that I won is part of Book Crush Rediscoveries, a series devoted to reprinting some of the best children's and young adult books originally published from the 1930's to the present. Each book of the series is selected by the noted librarian Nancy Pearl. The book also has discussion questions and a list of recommended further readings. "Not THIS Bear!" is a classic picture book by Bernice Myers first published in 1967. Funny, simple, and creative illustrations. Excited to add this to my classic children's book library!

J. Boo says

An enjoyable comedy of mistaken identity for wee ones. One cold autumn day, young Herman dresses himself in his fuzzy hat and winter jacket and heads off to his Aunt's house. On his way, he is accosted by a bear, who is sure that Herman is actually his Cousin Julius. The bear ignores Herman's protestations, and drags him off to the lair to meet the rest of the bear family. The bears laugh off Herman's attempts to prove that he is not a bear until... well, you can probably guess the solution.

Ran into an original copy in an older lady's moving sale, but I am pleased to see from other reviews that it was recently reprinted. There are sequels to "Not This Bear", and Myers was a prolific author overall. My childhood was contemporaneous; I don't recognize any of Myers' books but I'll be on the lookout now.

DS#1 (7), DD #1 (5) & DS #2 (2) all approved.

Liz Todd says

Wonderful old book that is still a hit today.

This would be a fun intro to inferring. Kids could notice the characters looking for "clues" that Herman is a

child, not a bear.

Paul Hankins says

This copy was a little beat up when I found it, and I pulled it from the West Clark Community Schools warehouse just to return to my childhood. This was one of the books I ordered from the class book orders. I remember loving the simplicity of the illustrations.

Katherine says

This was the most creative book
I read as a child and
I love it!

Rebecca Haidet says

I won this book as part of Goodreads Giveaways.

I had never heard of this book until I entered to win it. I read it and was delighted by it. It is clearly a children's story but with it it gave me ideas for my own children's stories. I just graduated with a BA in English/Creative Writing. I believe children will love this book. It's about a little boy that gets mistaken for a bear. The bears think he is a bear and he goes through different tasks with the bears as they prepare for hibernation. It has pictures that kids will love to look at as well as an interesting story.

Freya Schalla says

I received this book free through Goodreads First Reads. I started reading this book last night and it is amazing! The style in which it is written is magnificent and the book is very poignant to modern day society. This is a book I will read again and again! I highly recommend this book!

Laura-Lynne Smith says

This story of mistaken identity was very fun! Herman's fur coat & hat provide him the opportunity for some fun adventure with bears. The story is well written and lots of fun. I think this one will be re-read a few times.

Mike says

Very cute. This is a classic, and has been given a nice introduction and "discussion" questions by Nancy Pearl of "Book Crush" fame. The simplistic drawings are charming and the story is reasonably funny; kids will like it.

I got a copy in a Goodreads giveaway.

Juliana Lee says

First, let me say, I love books that have been revived. This wonderful picture book was first published in 1971. Now, a whole new generation of readers will love it as much as their parents did. If you remember Herman, you're going to love introducing him to your child or grandchild.

<http://julianaleewriter.com/books-ali...>

Marcia Scurfield says

"Not THIS Bear!" by Bernice Myers was originally published in 1967, the year I graduated from high school. Since I was not myself a child, or the mother of young children, or even yet a young elementary art teacher looking for books to share with kids, it didn't come to my attention. So almost 50 years later, I am now a much older art teacher AND a grandma, so discovering children's books for both purposes is just something that I do.

And this is a charming book that I can use both for teaching art and for sharing with my five grandchildren under 6. I recognize the style of illustration as being from the 60's, but it will also communicate to today's generation of kids. The story of mistaken identity is very funny and reminds me somewhat of another picture book favorite, Eric Kimmel's "The Chanakuh Guest", but will connect to younger listeners.

On a cold winter day, Herman puts on his furry brown coat and hat to go visit his Aunt Gert, but before he arrives he is mistaken by a family of brown bears for their cousin Julius. The more Herman tries to convince them he is a little boy, the more the bears insist he is Julius. Finally when he refuses to hibernate, they take off Herman's hat and coat and discover the truth.

James Son says

This book is about a boy named Little Herman. One day as he is going to his Aunt Gert's house, he becomes very cold. So to keep himself warm, he pulls a long furry coat and a big furry hat over his face. As he is walking, a bear thinks Little Herman is his Cousin Julius, so he pulls poor Herman to his cave. All the bears come thinking Herman is their cousin, and welcomes Little Herman to their cave. Little Herman tries to explain, but the bears don't listen to him. They feed Little Herman food, and watches Little Herman do tricks. Little Herman sings, dances, whistles, and does all sorts of things to convince the bears, he is not a bear. The bears just laugh and have fun. Then while the bears get ready to sleep for the winter, Little Herman yells out that he does not want to sleep. The bears finally believe Little Herman not to be a bear, especially after he

takes his coat and hat off. The bears laugh and let Little Herman leave. Then as Little Herman continues to walk to his grandmas house, a black bear looks and shouts " Cousin Bernard!" Uh oh!

I thought this book had a really funny storyline and contained a lot of creativity. I think kids would love this book, because this book has a lot of goofy characters. The bears in this book was all so goofy and funny, you just had to love them. Also when Little Herman is shown so desperately trying to prove to the bears he is not one of them, I thought was very entertaining. Most children are at the age where they love animals, so how the the bears were displayed in the story, I think kids would really like and would be able to engage with it. Overall, the story was good.

I personally did not like the illustrations of this book. I thought it was little too messy and none of the pictures were clearly drawn. The bears did not really look like bears, and the way the fur was drawn was not really to my taste. However, I can see some kids liking this kind of drawings because, its simple and not too complex. Also this book is very old, so I can understand the drawings being different from what I am used to. Overall, I thought the book was good.

Tony Parsons says

The tale of Herman & his mistaken identity.

My 2 granddaughters will love this book.

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A very awesome book cover, great font, hand drawn colored pictures & writing style. A very well written delightful Children's illustrated funny book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a great set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great children's movie, especially an animated cartoon, or mini TV series. Ages 5-8. A very easy rating of 5 stars.

Thank you for the free Goodreads; Two Lions; hardback book

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