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# Little Bear (An I Can Read Book)



## **Synopsis**

Meet Little Bear, a friend to millions of children. And meet Mother Bear, who is there whenever Little Bear needs her. When it is cold and snowy outside, she finds just the right outfit for Little Bear to play in. When he goes to the moon, she has a hot lunch waiting for him on his return. And, of course, she never forgets his birthday. This classic from Else Holmelund Minarik and Maurice Sendak was written in 1957 and remains as beloved today as it was then. An ALA Notable Children's Book, this Level One I Can Read is full of warm and lovingly playful stories that are perfect for children learning to sound out words and sentences. Supports the Common Core State Standards

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

I recently found that at 42 I still remember the story of Little Bear's birthday soup and his trip to the moon (especially the illustrations) from my own childhood. It's wonderful reading them to my son. These are stories that stay with you always.

Else Minarik's Little Bear is a gentle soul -- a bear cub who is a loving son to his parents, an affectionate charge to his grandparents and a good friend to Owl, Cat, Hen, Duck and Emily, the

little girl who visits in the summer. The stories are filled with quiet humor, affection and imagination as Little Bear and his friends celebrate birthdays, play games, meet new friends and explore their neighborhood. Your young child will love these stories. The book itself is a great value. Cover art lies directly on a sturdy binding, and this volume contains the complete contents of three books: Little Bear, Little Bear's Friend and Little Bear's Visit. That's twelve stories, with charming illustrations by Maurice Sendak. Lovely book, terrific value.

Else Holmelund Minarik's classic "Little Bear" books first appeared in 1957 (along with illustrations by the inimitable Maurice Sendak), and they remain in print today because they are pretty much perfect in every way. Collected in this volume are three separate books: "Little Bear," "Little Bear's Friend," and "Little Bear's Visit." My children are eight and five, but they still enjoy sitting down occasionally and revisiting Little Bear. Throughout the books, Little Bear's mother is presented as the all-knowing, all-loving, kindly parent figure (you can imagine how much any parent secretly enjoys that!). The illustrations perfectly complement the calm, simple tone taken by Minarik in her tales. They present Little Bear as the typical kid: by turns curious, goofy, sad, frustrated, content, sleepy, joyful. We see the illogic involved in so many of the rites of passage of childhood without ever feeling that Little Bear is being made fun of. No, this is a protected, dear, secure universe concocted magically by Minarik and Sendak, and it's a pleasure to visit it every time you open the book.

The Little Bear books are the favorites in our house. Our three year old son and his ten month old sister actually sit and listen while they are being read these books. Mom and dad love them also. We choose these books first over all the others in our bookcase.

Love the text & the Sendak illustrations! So many texts try to teach manners by examples of bad manners. I'd much rather expose my 2-1/2 year-old son to books where the characters behave with sensitivity toward others. I remembered this from my childhood, and was not disappointed when I revisited it. For the same purpose, I also like A.A.Milne (Winnie the Pooh) and Jocelyn's "What do you say, dear" (which is more didactic, but the humorous tone & wild illustrations more than make up for it). Obviously, there's more to Little Bear (and the Winnie the Pooh stories) than sensitivity to others, but the mannerliness of the characters and the great illustrations are a big plus for me.

Little Bear is a book of four simple stories for beginning readers about Little Bear and his mother. In

the first story, "What Will Little Bear Wear?," Little Bear's mother helps him find something to wear to keep him warm outside in the snow. In "Birthday Soup," Little Bear thinks his mother has forgotten his birthday and decides to make birthday soup for his friends. As they sit down to eat their soup, Mother Bear comes in with a birthday cake and tells him that she did not forget his birthday, and never will. "Little Bear Goes to the Moon," features Little Bear going on a pretend trip to the moon wearing his new space helmet. Mother Bear has lunch waiting for him when he returns. In the last story, "Little Bear's Wish," Mother Bear tells Little Bear a bedtime story about all of the adventures he has had, providing a nice culmination to the book. I would recommend this book for ages 3 through 7. Children this age will easily identify with Little Bear's adventures and emotions. They will also enjoy the personification of the animals in the book. In addition, children longing for security will be reassured by the portrayal of Mother Bear's love for Little Bear. This book would be appropriate for parents to read to their young children for enjoyment. Older children who are learning to read will also enjoy the short, simple stories. The simple illustrations throughout the book complement the text perfectly by highlighting Little Bear's adventures. In addition, Maurice Sendak has done an amazing job of expressing the love between Little Bear and his mother with his endearing drawings.

These four stories about Little Bear and his friends are a charming introduction to the world of reading for beginners. Little Bear is a sweet child to his mother and father and a good friend to Duck, Hen and Cat. Minarik's simple narrative will be easy enough for young readers, and Sendak's illustrations will hold their attention. The four stories are: What Will Little Bear Wear?, Birthday Soup, Little Bear Goes to the Moon and Little Bear's Wish. A soothing alternative to ninjas and power rangers.

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