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When the impish Mouse comes to spend the night, Bear is in for a rude — and very funny — awakening in this irresistible new story starring the unlikely pair.

Bear must have absolute quiet when he goes to bed. He likes to set out his glass of water, adjust his nightcap, fluff his favorite pillow, and then drift peacefully to sleep. But the effervescent Mouse, small and gray and bright-eyed, finds it terribly hard to be as quiet as a . . . well, you know. With masterfully paced slapstick humor, droll repartee, and comic visual details, the curmudgeonly Bear and his irrepressible friend Mouse return in a third wry adventure that will have readers of all ages laughing in recognition.

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Sarah says

The third book in the Bear and Mouse series is very reminiscent of the first two. I think Mouse is still a manipulative character, but it's not manipulative to a bad point or anything like that. I find it funny that Bear is always persuaded in the end by Mouse.

Leslie says

This will be fun to share at our new Pajama Storytime!

Crissy says

We like bear and mouse. :)

Tierney says

Adorable tale about a bear who's very particular when it comes to his bedtime routine, until he learns to share his space with an overnight houseguest, Mouse. Friendship and humor and lovely illustrations.

Alicia says

I love the personality of these two characters. The dialogue makes for a great readaloud. Children who keep their parents up at night will recognize bear's frustration, but everyone will find amusement in the situation.

Christine Grant says

Bear needs ABSOLUTE quiet to go to sleep so an overnight visit from mouse causes all sorts of trouble. Humorous but a little long for some of the younger preschool children.

La Coccinelle says

A Bedtime for Bear is more about friendship than the synopsis would lead one to believe. You might think that this is a story about Mouse being annoying and preventing Bear from going to sleep, and it is... at first. But then, when Bear hears a noise, we see how good of a friend Mouse really is; he checks under the bed and

behind the curtains and in the closet, and when Bear suggests that Mouse might benefit from a story to calm his nerves, Mouse readily agrees (even though the reader can clearly see that all of this reassurance is for Bear's benefit). It's a really sweet story.

The illustrations are pretty cute, with great expressions on the characters' faces. My only complaint is that the writing is a bit clunky in places. Other than that, though, this is a great bedtime picture book.

Quotable moment:

Lizz Pippin says

I read this for family reading night. The pictures are great for a story time activity but the print can be small and difficult to read. The story itself is a lot of fun. I had a ton of fun reading the story and thought it fit well for the event. It also makes for a great bedtime story.

Luisa Knight says

Ages: 3 - 7

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Iztok says

K medvedu, ki je navajen spati sam se povabi mala drobcena siva miška. Skupaj igrata damo in pijeta kakav nato pa se odpravita v posteljo. Medved sicer opravi svojo spalno rutino, a ga miškine priprave na spanje vržejo povsem iz tira. Ne more zaspati, povsod sliši glasove in škripanje. Zbudi miško in miška sama od sebe preveri, ?e se kje skriva kaj nezaželenega. Nato medved pove miški pravljico in skupaj utoneta v prijeten spanec.

Slikanica ima ?udovite ilustracije in ne pretirano moralisti?no zgodbo o temu, da kompromisi niso slaba stvar in da nam lahko prijatelji pomagajo, ko smo prestrašeni in sami. Redno na sporedu. Naši dvoletnici, ki je trenutno v fazi, ko vse knjige bere 'sama' je dovolj zanimiva, da potrpi do konca.

Ali bi knjigo kupil za doma?o knjižnico? DA

Sweet on Books says

Reclusive, persnickety Bear is back, and so is his other half, sunny and persistent Mouse. For those of you new to Bear and Mouse adventures, all I can say is lucky you! "A Bedtime for Bear" is the third collaboration that brings back this hilarious odd couple. In this installment, Bear has invited Mouse over for a sleepover - let the games begin!

Bear (unsurprisingly) needs things "just so" in order to fall asleep. Mouse, on the other had, is curious about all things and has LOADS of questions. Finally, just when Bear thinks he is going to lose his mind, Mouse falls asleep. Bear begins to relax, but what is that he hears? What is that rustle? Bear finds himself very much awake and afraid and has to wake Mouse up for a little comfort. And not a moment too soon. As always, Bear comes around to realizing that having a friend present is always better than being alone with your rigid routine.

Becker does it again. She has written a brilliantly amusing story for children that doesn't condescend. Her humor is sophisticated and so is the vocabulary she has chosen. The illustrations are fantastic, Bear and Mouse absolutely embody their personalities in these pictures. My five year old adores this book and all of the Bear and Mouse adventures (see below for the others). These books are definitely worth purchasing and having on your bookshelf at home for many shared readings.

Kelly says

The story was okay. It's a bedtime story highlighting a bear and a mouse. But right about in the middle I feel like I missed several pages - the story makes a major skip. Strange. But it was a nice story.

Martha says

In A Bedtime for Bear, Bear and Mouse share their first eventful sleepover together. As usual curmudgeonly Bear needs everything "just right." After an entertaining game of checkers with Mouse, they retire to Bear's bedroom. Bear fluffs his pillow, dons a nightcap and drinks his glass of water before settling into his big comfy bed. On his night table, a shelf is opened, transformed into a matching comfy bed for Mouse. Every sound Mouse makes annoys melodramatic Bear. When Mouse falls fast asleep, Bear continues to hear sounds. Mouse comes to the rescue once again, searching for the imaginary culprit who is making the sounds, to calm down his friend. The last page has Mouse wearing earmuffs to drown out Bears LOUD snoring. Another winner about friendship and sleep overs.

Abigail says

Mouse knows best once again in this third entertaining picture-book chronicling the friendship between that irrepressible bundle of murine charm and his rather persnickety, somewhat curmudgeonly ursine friend, Bear. Bear, who likes his bedtime to be just so - sleeping cap positioned just right, glass of water in the correct place, and most of all: absolute silence - finds the presence of Mouse disturbing, on the night of their first sleepover. After the predictable conflicts over noise, it is Mouse who gets to sleep first, only to be

awakened by Bear, who thinks he's heard something in the dark. Clever Mouse finds a way to reassure his friend, all while letting him save face, and pretend that it is Mouse who is fearful...

Like the previous two titles in this series, A Visitor for Bear and A Birthday for Bear, A Bedtime for Bear pairs a delightfully perceptive tale from American author Bonny Becker with amusing, expressive artwork from Canadian illustrator Kady MacDonald Denton. This "odd couple friendship" tale-type seems quite popular right now in the world of picture-books - one need only think of Jory John and Benji Davies' Goodnight Already! and its sequels, for a prominent example - but Becker and Denton are the masters in the field. Somehow they always manage to create a confection of a picture-book, one that reduces me to helpless giggling at times, but also manages to be quite heartwarming. Denton's watercolor, ink and gouache illustrations capture the slyly humorous back-and-forth between the two characters perfectly, while the text maintains the ideal pacing, keeping the reader engaged. Recommended to anyone who has read and enjoyed other stories about Bear and Mouse, and to anyone looking for picture-books featuring unlikely friendships.

Michaela Baillie says

This story is about a bear who is very picky about his bedtime. He has a house guest, a mouse, and bear is very worried that his peace and quiet will be disturbed. In the end, we learn that sometimes the biggest bear can be afraid of the smallest noises and needs a mouse to save the day, or night. I would probably use this book in a K or 1st grade class. It is a cute story and can be used as a reminder that there are times where everyone is scared.
