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From the beloved creator of *The Snowman* comes an enchanting big book featuring 124 beautiful pastel illustration panels. A huge, snowy white bear arrives mysteriously one cold winter night and crawls into bed with Tilly. The next morning, Tilly sets about making her polar bear friend welcome and excitedly reports her progress in "civilizing" him to her bemused parents. They are sure Tilly has an imaginary friend. But is he imaginary? Whether or not, his story is irresistible.

The Bear Details

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Aoife Hassett says

Raymond Briggs is one of my favorite picture book creators. He is probably best known for "The Snowman" which was made into an animation where the artwork stayed true to Briggs' recognisable style. I find his books appealing to children of all ages and to adults. They are all written with a sensitivity to the world children inhabit and this is very true of "The Bear".

Tilly is visited by a bear in the night. This is not a cute, cuddly bear but a very real bear who comes with very real problems! Among other themes, this book explores the fact that wild animals cannot be tamed and must be treated with respect and caution. It also explores familial relationships and the blurred lines between imagination and reality. The illustrations have a soft, dream-like quality making this a calming book to read, suitable for story time and the end of the day in a KS1 classroom. There is plenty of room for interpretation and prediction by the children while you are reading the story to them.

Jonathan says

A sweet story about a polar bear that comes to stay at Tilly's house for a day before heading off home.

Rogene Carter says

What a stunning, stunning, book.

Jorie Turner says

Summary: Teby has a dream about a giant polar bear entering her room through a window and spending the day with her. Teby gets the experience of a lifetime spending the day loving this bear, cleaning up after it, and trying to talk to her parents about her friend.

Response: The pictures in this book were what told the entire story. Teby was a great character, and the bear reminded me of when I was a little girl and used my imagination to create a world outside of my own.

Rebekah Choat says

Love the pictures, could do without the text.

Bettie? says

[Bettie's Books (hide spoiler)]

Ken says

My son seemed to like this book. I wasn't as impressed though. The pictures were well done though.

Mslogar says

cute story about a Polar Bear trying to live in a little girls house.

Heikki Lahnaoja says

Upeasti kuvitettu, mutta tarina jäi vähän puolitiehen.

Natalie Kuzma says

I absolutely love this book. It is an amazing story and I congratulate the author on this great job.

T Crockett says

Minimal words, but the illustrations are so rich that it works. Surprisingly heart tugging. Read it with a 2nd grader and we both really enjoyed it. Of course younger children would enjoy it too. I love that the child knows more than the parents without the parents being fools.

Ashley says

I loved the illustrations in this book and the idea of it, but I thought the part about the bear coming in through the girl's window could be a bit frightening. More disturbing was the language the girl uses to talk to the bear towards the end, telling him that she "hates" him and that he's awful and even calling him "stupid" at one point. Not sure any of that was necessary for little people who repeat most things they hear. The premise is that a polar bear comes through a little girl's window and she decides to keep it and her parents play along because, in fact, it is somewhat an imaginary bear.

Artemis says

I listened to 'The Bear' on audio tape a lot when I was little, and I remember it well today, even more so than Raymond Briggs' other works for children. A warm (despite the cold content) and touching little story that contains the familiar Briggs themes of care, responsibility, and letting go: from the point of view of Tilly, a little girl protagonist.

Final Score: 4/5

Arlene says

EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT CHILDREN'S BOOK! IT IS A BOOK THAT MEL AND I HAVE READ AND RE-READ!

Maria Bulfamante says

Such a cute book, I defiantly would recommend reading them!
