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Bear's many animal friends try to help him get to sleep in time for winter hibernation in this companion story to *Bear Snores On*.

It's winter, and deep in the forest, Bear should be fast asleep. But when his friends come by to check on him, they realize that Bear is still awake! They brew him hot tea and sing him lullabies, but nothing seems to work. Can Bear get to bed? Or will he be up all winter?

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Tonja Drecker says

Bears should hibernate during the winter, but this poor bear can't get to sleep. The other animals from the forest pass by, concerned for him. Each one tries to find a way to help him finally fall asleep, but nothing seems to work. If nothing changes, the bear is in for a horrible winter.

This is a sweet, calming story with a good portion of friendship thrown in. It's easy to feel sorry for the bear as he tosses and turns. The inability to go to sleep is also something kids can identify with, and they'll think back to the difficulties it caused them. But it's the growing visitation from bear's friends which make this such a touching read. They tumble in one after the other, each with the concern clear. It also adds for a tiny dash of humor as bear's cave fills with animals, each wanting to help, but causing more commotion in the process.

The illustrations have a more traditional feel and bring across the gentleness nicely. The animals are wonderfully portrayed, and it's a treat to gaze at each scene.

It's a lovely book to read at bedtime and sure to become one to be read again and again.

I received a complimentary copy and found it so lovely that I wanted to leave my honest thoughts.

Katie says

Another story featuring Bear and his forest friends. This time bear is all ready to hibernate, but he can't sleep. This friends keep showing up to check on him and are concerned that he isn't asleep. Nothing they try helps him to settle into slumber. Finally, he tells them all he is bored, and he will tell them a story, a new story. This helps him fall asleep and his friends wander off.

I think my favorite part of this book was the inside of each cover, in the front the bear is awake and staring out into the snow. In the back, he is sleeping peacefully, cuddled up in his quilt.

Erin says

Another wonderful story about Bear and his merry band of woodland friends. I just love this series so much because Bear is such a great, relatable character. This time around, Bear should be sleeping but he can't! Winter has come to the forest and bears hibernate, you know! Will Bear's friends rally 'round and help him get to sleep? Of course they will! Well written text that flows beautifully with the familiar repeated line throughout that entices little ones to follow along and complete the line for you each time it comes up. I can't wait to see what Bear gets up to next!

Tommie Branscum says

Just another solid entry in this series. Read aloud to PreK and they really liked it. It felt a lot like another one in the series about sleeping too and I would be interested to read them both back to back to see what the differences really are.

Barbra says

I love all the stories about Bear and this one doesn't disappoint. With its beautiful bold pictures Bear's stories always contain the message of friendship, teamwork and empathy. In this book Bear is supposed to be hibernating but he just isn't tired. As all his woodland friends try to help, it's finally Bear's own storytelling that puts him to sleep. A wonderful addition to any elementary classroom to discuss how to be a caring friend and hibernation.

Amanda says

A few bumps in the rhyming but otherwise my favorite one so far! I love the method that Bear uses to finally find a way to fall asleep. I also love the way that Bear's friends come together and support Bear in the search for sleep.

Alicia says

I had to ILL a copy of the newest Bear book by Wilson and Chapman because I adore Bear and all his animal friends as they work through a problem- in this case, Bear can't fall asleep so they chat, make mint tea, drink warm milk, then finally settle in for a story before FINALLY Bear falls asleep under his colorful and warm blanket inside his den while the snow falls outside.

The warm color palette and fantastically artistic and realistic animal friends make the book. I can always depend on the font and placement of text to be standard and comfortable. My favorite Bear stories continue!

Anthony says

It's the middle of winter and Bear is unable to fall to sleep. All of his woodland friends stop by his den to help him with his problem, but nothing helps. Warm milk, counting sheep, snuggling under his quilt, but nothing helps. How does Bear finally doze off to sleep?

Aeicha says

In *Bear Can't Sleep*, author Karma Wilson and illustrator Jane Chapman weave a humorous and cozy tale

that will charm little readers with its sweet rhymes, amusing pictures, and surprising conclusion.

Margaux says

This is a great companion to *Bear Snores On*, one of my favorites for Storytime. This time, while his friends insist that he should be hibernating for the winter (annoyingly, in my opinion, since when someone *tells you* to think/do something it makes it that much harder), bear can't seem to fall asleep. And we get the famous refrain at the end, while his friends can't sleep, bear snores on.

Oh bear.

Pam says

Bear can't fall asleep. The other animals gather round and come up with methods to put him to sleep. Nothing works and he doesn't hibernate. Then he tells everyone a story and falls asleep before the end. The others sneak off and let him sleep.

Readers will connect with these characters from Wilson's series.

Detailed illustrations support the text.

Fun read to connect with science lessons on hibernation.

Amy says

It's winter and bear needs to hibernate, but he just can't fall asleep. He tosses, turns, stares at the wall, but nothing helps. Soon all his friends join in to try and help. Mouse makes mint tea, rabbit warms some milk, and even Wren sings a lullaby, but he still can't fall asleep. Will anyone be able help bear?

In the continuation of the Bear Book series, *Bear Can't Sleep* is filled with snuggles and friendship. With its rhyming words and adorable illustrations, readers will not be able to help fall in love. Warming the hearts of everyone who reads the series, Bear and his friends teach the importance of working together to overcome any problem.

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Christine says

I just love this picture book series and this brand new installment does not disappoint! Any picture book I don't get sick of re-reading is a parenting win, in my opinion. This one is perfect for winter — but as with the others which are also seasonal, we will likely read it year round.

Kathryn (Nine Pages) says

Review originally published on my blog *Nine Pages* .

Bear's considerate friends stop into his cave to see that he is warm and comfortable when he should be hibernating. But Bear can't sleep, despite his best intentions, earnest attempts, and his friends' acts of kindness. The friends try building up the fire and turning down the lights. They make him warm milk to drink. They sing him a lullaby. But nothing is working. So Bear gives up and decides that since they are here and he is not asleep, he will tell them a story—a new story. And just before the end, he falls asleep, snoring. The friends will have to wait till Spring to hear the end. As with most of these stories, Chapman's soft, warm, realistic illustrations are the star. This would make a good bedtime story.

A Allen says

In this Bear book, all of Bear's friends try to help him get to sleep; they warm milk and sing him a lullaby. But bear can't sleep! I like that this Bear book teaches readers that bears hibernate and it has a bit where bear counts to 4; it is always nice when a book includes counting without being a counting book. Eventually, bear decides to start telling a story because he is bored but Bear is snoring before he finishes it. This isn't my favorite Bear book because it doesn't have much of a lesson, but it was okay and kids who enjoy Bear books will like it. I will read it to my class until it is due back at the library.
