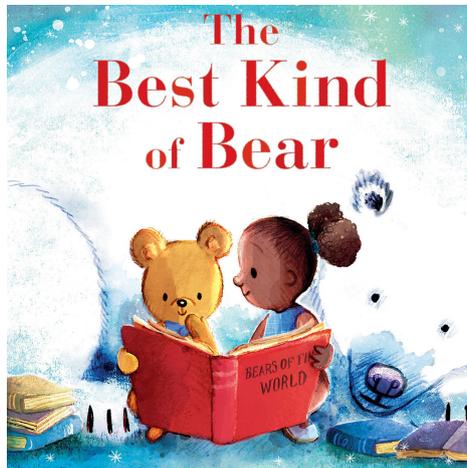


# EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Recommended Age Group: Preschool



## Book Highlight:

# The Best Kind of Bear

*By Greg Gormley with illustrations by David Barrow*

When Nelly asks Bear what kind of bear he is, he isn't entirely sure how to answer. So off he goes to find out. But none of the different bears he meets on his travels are like him. Disheartened, he returns to Nelly . . . only to discover what kind of bear he is – her own special bear!

## Questions to Ask While Reading

Asking questions while reading is a great way to support your child's learning. Ask questions that draw your child's attention to details in the story, encourage your child to make predictions, help your child understand new words, and support your child in recognizing similarities and differences between the story and their life. Try these out to get started!

### Birth - 3 Years Old

What kind of bear do you think Bear is?

Where is your tummy?

Where is bear now? Show me!

What is wonderful about you?

### 3 - 5 Years Old

What is it called when bears sleep for 6 months?

Why do you think the polar bear is able to stay outside in the cold?

What does 'spectacled' mean?

What is wonderful about you?

# Activities to Keep Children Engaged



Scan to see a video of  
*The Best Kind of Bear*  
being read.

## Foster a love of reading through fun activities!

- Which stuffed animal is your child's favorite? Talk with your child about all the things they love about their stuffed animal and what makes it special.
- Bears are interesting animals. Scan the QR code to check out this video and learn a little more about bears!
- At the beginning of the story, Bear is in the library doing research to learn more about the different types of bears. Take a trip to the library with your child and explore the non-fiction (factual) book section. Learning how to use books to find information is an important skill that you can help your child start building now.



## Vocabulary from the book:

**Suppose:** to assume to be true

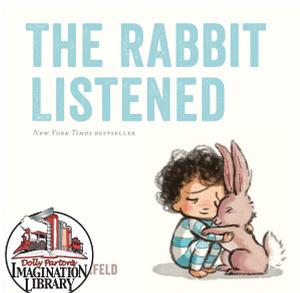
**Travel:** to journey from place to place

**Fed up:** annoyed, all done with something

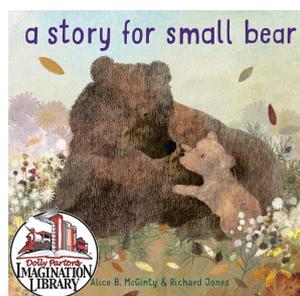
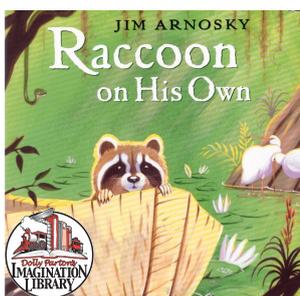
**Definitely:** without a doubt, certainly

**Attach:** to connect or fasten

## If your child likes this book, try these next!



*"The seeds of dreams are often found in books and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world."*  
~ Dolly Parton



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