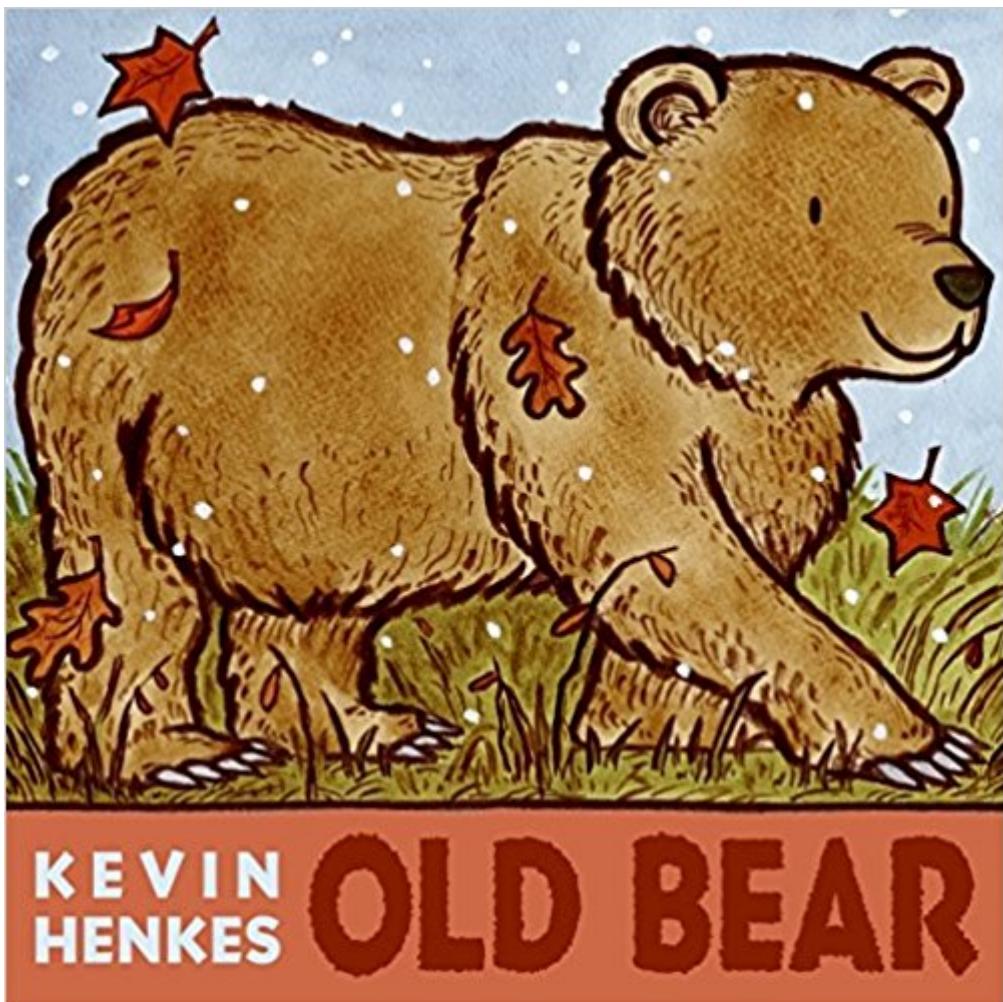


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## Old Bear



## **Synopsis**

Snug and warm, curled and furry, Old Bear sleeps. Red, orange, and brown leaves fly through the air, and it is snowing hard. Old Bear doesn't notice. Old Bear is dreaming about being a cub again. He is dreaming about the beauty of the world. He is dreaming of everything he loves about the forest that is his home. Turn the page and you will see!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Snug and warm, Old Bear sleeps for winter. Dreaming of spring and being a cub again, he travels through a daisy sun summer and yellow and orange autumn to an ice covered winter. Old Bear sleeps and dreams only to melt away the winter into spring. He wakes up to a beautiful spring day, as if no time has passed. This father bear story will be loved by 2-5-year-old children the whole year long.

The brown old bear was snuggled up by the time the snow began to swirl outside his den. The last of the oak and maple leaves began to fall with the first flakes. He started to dream of spring when the lupines, daffodils and tulips sprang from the earth and began to bloom. The butterflies were flitting around and he dreamed that "he was a cub again." Everything was so oversized that he was able to curl up in a crocus. Next he "dreamed that it was summer" and the "sun was a daisy and the

leaves were butterflies." His smiley face looked up to the clouds that were sprinkling blueberries. What a dream! Autumn soon arrived in his dream. The colors of autumn surrounded him and "even the birds and the fish and the water" had those tints. Next he dreamed of winter where everything around him "was covered in ice." The sky was dotted with "stars of all colors." He was still fast asleep, snuggled in his den and protected from the elements. He turned this way and that and that way and this. Yawn! The old bear was waking up. What would he see when he came out of his den? This is one of those lovely, snuggly books that are wonderful to read on a cold winter's night when everyone is anxious for spring to arrive. The storyline and text mesh perfectly and await little hands that will eagerly turn the pages for you when you read. This book and a stuffed brown bear to snuggle up with would be a perfect gift!

I loved this book. Simple idea but richly presented. You could imagine being there with OLD BEAR as he slept and dreamed. Recommended.

Old Bear; Kevin Henkes (2008) Harper Collins Children Late one fall, even before the first snow fall, Old Bear curled up in a den for a long winter's nap. Off into a deep sleep, full of pleasant dreams, he dreams of springtime and his earlier days as a playful cub -- huge colorful flowers as large as trees. Summertime with the sun as big and bright as a giant daisy, and autumn dreams with all the colorful reds, orange and browns. Even the cold winter made him dream of ice and pretty bright stars. When Old Bear finally wakes up it seemed like very little time had passed for him, but yet when he poked his head out of his den it was spring once again. This is a lovely book, full of colorful illustrations (by the author). The story, about changing seasons, colors, and an introduction to animal hibernation, makes this a great choice, especially for pre-school children. 5/5 stars - loved it

Bought this for a little friend of mine and understand that she is incredibly happy when her mother reads it to her at bedtime.

This is one of those books which is written and illustrated for children; a simple book really, but despite its childlike appearance, adults will be more than enchanted by not only the simple prose, but by the wonderful and colorful illustrations. I dare say that the older the adult, the closer will be the identification. Old Bear has fallen asleep for the winter in the warm hole of a hollow tree. The snow begins, bear sleeps and he dreams. How delightful. His dreams take him back to the time when he was a cub and the world was bright and colorful. Trees were budding, flowers blooming,

butterflies abound. Sweet summer days and showers fall and there are blueberries falling from the sky. Autumn comes and the world is filled with yellow, orange and brown and even the birds in the trees and fish in the water take on a fall like cast. And Old Bear awakens. He blinks as he leaves his snuggly burrow. Is it still snowing? He blinks again. Oh my, spring has returned and it takes a moment for him to realize he is no longer dreaming. Bright flowers, butterflies, fluffy clouds...it is a beautiful spring day once again....And life goes on. The author, in addition to perfecting the prose in this one, has used overall color themes to represent the passing seasons. Shades of yellows, browns, blues, yellows and reds blend to tell a story all of their own in addition to the text. With a little imagination the young reader (and adult too) find themselves quite immersed in Old Bear's world. It would be very difficult to find anything amiss in this book. It is an ideal book to snuggle with as you read it with your child or grandchild. This work was first published in 2008 and gets heavy use at our local library...where I found this one. Don Blankenship [TheOzarksdbship@windstream.net](mailto:TheOzarksdbship@windstream.net)

Old Bear sleeps through the winter and dreams of his cubling days. The highly imaginative illustration are just what one would expect of dream images, a daisy for the sun or rainbow colored stars in winter-scape sky. Old Bear wakes from his dreams and peeks outside to see if it's still snowing and finds winter has left and Spring is in full bloom. A feel good story for any bedtime ritual. reviewed by author/illustrator of Watchers and illustrator of Rabbit's Song by S.J. Tucker

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