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From Reader Review The Berenstain Bears Clean House for online ebook

Jessica says

Super super cute. It's funny how we all want to get rid of everyone else's items but not our own haha. Love the illustrations and story

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★The Berenstain Bears Clean House by Stan Berenstain

This book starts off good. We have the Bear family doing their spring cleaning. Every where they look, there is a lot of junk. They decide, it would be a good idea to have a garage sale. So, they take everything outside, to prep, but everyone has sentimental attachment, and they put it all in the attic.

What? Serious! I don't know why this story took such a stupid turn. It started off good, wanting to get rid of stuff they didn't need. Although since most of it was crappy, torn, ripped junk, they should have thrown it in the trash. Then, instead of the garage sale, they throw all the junk in the attic, to deal with another day.

This is an awful message to send to children. Let's create the next generation, for the show "Hoarders." Why?

Sarah Adamson says

A confusing book - they do a clean up but don't get rid of anything. The title suggests an alternate ending!

Maybe it should be Make Memories or Collect Memories!

Fun story but lacking the moral the title suggests.

Madison says

It maybe that my perspective is different because I live in a place where space is premium. But if it is broken or unused it should be fixed, repurposed or thrown away. An attic is not a place to store broken and unused things.

Becca says

Cleaning their house brings about a lot of trouble for the Berenstain Bears. They want to get rid of stuff they have had forever at a yard sale, but cannot bring themselves to do it. This book could bring up many instances of giving things away to people who need them more, saving things of sentiment, and even just cleaning in particular. Would recommend to 2-3 grade; should be able to read on their own and indulge in the pictures of each family member. Although there is a takeback in the end, with the yard sale not happening, there are other morals that could be brought up after reading this story.

Kristy says

This book is another example of why I tell myself that I should always read my kids' books before I read it to them, along with the 500 other things I should do. I skimmed this book and saw the pages that show each member of the family choosing belongings to sell in a yard sale. I wrongly concluded that this book would help my son understand the idea that belongings have a useful lifespan. I thought the book would normalize the idea of ridding one's belongings that one no longer needs. Boy was I wrong. In the end every member of the family decides that they each love their stuff too much to get rid of anything. Then they store all their stuff in the attic. This was exactly the kind of thing I didn't want my son to think we should do! I won't be keeping this one.

Amanda says

Since we were cleaning today, I thought this was appropriate. It's about spring cleaning, so a little different than just a weekly duty thing. And in the end, they don't end up getting rid of anything. How am I to stop my son from picking up my "save everything" gene without any help?

Cortney says

What a STUPID book! I was angry when I finished reading it to my son.

The Berenstain Bears decide to clean the house. But in each room, they find clutter. They can tell that the clutter is useless- torn, ripped, cracked, broken. So they decide to have a yard sale. But once they get outside to have their yard sale, they look at all their "cherished" items (crap they haven't taken care of in a long time, crap they no longer want). They're sad to see it go, so they haul it up to the attic. The stupid end.

When I finished the book, I told my son that it was a stupid book. Then we talked about how you don't need to hold onto junk that's broken, that you no longer need. Just get rid of it.

I wish I could give this book negative stars.

Kirsti says

I read this to my godchildren last night . . . one of four Berenstain Bears books we read. This one struck me as weird. The Bear family decides that the house is too cluttered, so they decide to have a yard sale to sell all the broken stuff. But everybody loves their old broken stuff, so they store it all in the attic and decide not to have a yard sale. But what about cleaning the attic? the kids ask. We were going to clean the house from top to bottom, right? Mother says, We'll clean the attic another day.

Soooooo, what have we learned?

1) Broken things are for keeping, not for fixing, selling, giving away, donating, repurposing, or recycling.

- 2) Move your stuff to the attic so you don't have to look at it.
- 3) Don't finish a job if it seems difficult and/or boring.

Anyone who has ever visited my home knows that I FULLY AND COMPLETELY AGREE with all these messages. It just seems odd to read them in a children's book, especially one that is part of a series that promotes sharing, having manners, turning off the TV, etc.

So, yeah, pretty good book. But I prefer the Frances the Badger book where Frances's parents let her eat all the junk food she wants.

Kristine Hansen says

The Berenstain Bears start cleaning house. Which is good. They find old broken things they no longer need and decide to have a yard sale. Honestly? A broken bat? A broken lamp? They need a dumpster. No one wants that stuff.

But then the book takes a nasty turn. Everyone decides they like their stuff. So they put it all in the attic and cancel the yard sale.

Meant to be silly, the author forgets that the Berenstain Bears are supposed to teach us something. Here, how to get rid of things we no longer need. The lesson here is a very bad one. I need help decluttering not an excuse to hold onto everything I own! Let's not give our children this problem.

Stupid book.

Jessica says

This book shows how cleaning a house may lead to wanting to keep things that are broken. This was still a fun read!

Lexile Measure: AD38OL
DRA Level: 18

Six Traits: Ideas, Voice

Rosa Cline says

It's a Level 1 reading book, so simple phrases for the beginner readers.

Its Spring in Bear Country and the Bear Family decide to clean house they start with the basement and find some of Papa Bears things and decide to have a yard sale, then they move to the living room area and find some of Mama's things, then move to the cubs' room and find more stuff. They try and have the yard sale but decide that all their things are still precious to them so they take it all back in and put it in the attic with their other items they want to keep.

Ashley Weigand says

I remember reading the Bernstein Bears as a kid and loving them but when I reread this one I was greatly disappointed. In this story the family starts to clean out their house for a yard sale, but when it is time for the actual yard sale nobody wants to sell their stuff. I feel like this sends a bad message to the kids reading this book. It is telling them that they will not have to get rid of their things even if they are broken. This book would be for kids ages 4-6 as it is a very easy read.

Karen says

I liked where this was going - everyone agreed there was too much stuff in the house and they were choosing things that belonged to each person to sell. I thought, "YAY! This will help me convince CC to get rid of some of her stuff!"

Then they decided to just throw everything in the attic instead. ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

Angie says

Synopsis: *"It's time for spring cleaning and the Bear family decides to have a yard sale. Mama Bear goes through the house gathering up all sorts of tattered things—but each tattered thing seems to be someone's favourite tattered thing! Perhaps spring cleaning will just have to wait until next year."*

My Review: I picked this book up to help Munchkin get into spring cleaning mode with the rest of the family. This book initially helps with that, going through the big chores and general clearing out of the house. Unfortunately, the things that everyone decides to clear out end up back in the house. That is not exactly the message I wanted Munchkin to get from the book but it is still a fun story to read. It is also great for those beginning readers, with simple sentences, words and actions.
