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**A sugary sweet story perfect for families to read together!**

Three bouncing little bear siblings, wrapped tight in their winter clothes, can't wait to tromp through the snow for Baking Day at Grandma's! In a rhyming text that begs to be sung, the bears and their grandma pour and mix and stir--with breaks for hot cocoa and dancing--to create the perfect wintry treat. Then they wrap it up in ribbons to show that sweets are even better when they're shared. With a recipe in the back, this is a perfect family feel-good story for the fall, winter, and any holiday spent with grandparents.

## **Praise for BAKING DAY AT GRANDMA'S**

"This gentle story will leave children feeling warm and fuzzy. It's perfect for individual sharing, storytime, baking time, and pretty much any time."--*School Library Journal*

"A rollicking, rhyming salute to the grandmother-grandchild bond."--*Kirkus Reviews*

## **Baking Day at Grandma's Details**

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## **From Reader Review Baking Day at Grandma's for online ebook**

### **Sylvester says**

6\* art

6\* story

LOVE this book. Just love it. So much fun to read out loud. Squirt says it with me "Baking day! Baking day! Baking day at Grandma's!" And is there anything better?? Making a lovely mess at Grandma's house, listening to Grandma's Victrola and dancing around in aprons - that wonderful smell of baking filling the kitchen (Grandma has a gleaming wood stove, by the way.) Drinking hot cocoa and walking home in the moonlight? COME ON!!! This is the coziest book in the whole wide world. Squirt and I bake and cook together all the time, so the aprons and the timer going off, and peeking in the oven are all familiar things. Awesome book - Grandmas run out and get this quick - it's even got the recipe in the back.

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### **Beth says**

A cute story with rhythm and rhyme that lends itself well to read-alouds, particularly if you're cozied up with grandma on the couch.

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### **Brindi Michele says**

perfect story for winter, between Thanksgiving and Christmas. includes recipe for chocolate cake. sweet book.

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### **Aubry says**

Denise, Anika. (2014). New York: Penguin Group.  
Choice

Three little bears trek through the woods in the snow to have a day at baking at grandma's house. They spend the day baking, drinking hot cocoa, dance and sing the day away with grandma. After the baking is done, they wrap and bag them nicely and take them home. This book is descriptive and makes you feel like you are in the cabin baking with the family. An enjoyable read.

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### **Morgan Echtenkamp says**

This is such a fun book for any young kids who spend time baking with Grandma. The rhyme and rhythm make it very catchy. A recipe is included to make the cake that the bears make in the book.

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### **Mary says**

Charming story about three bear cubs who spend the day at Grandma's baking. The illustrations are just gorgeous, especially the final two-page spread of the cubs heading home at night with a full moon in the sky, snow on the ground, and their cozy house off in the distance. You can almost feel the chill in the air, hear the crunch of the snow beneath their feet, and smell the wood fire from their home.

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### **Niece says**

Perfect for a cold winter story time....kids loved it!

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### **J.D. Spero says**

Definitely a family keepsake. A loving story that will warm your heart. Perfect bedtime reading on chilly winter nights. Ideal gift giving for every grandma out there. Every page is a cherished work of art. An absolute pleasure to read over and over again! My boys and I absolutely LOVE the recipe in the back, too!

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### **Brittany says**

This book came as an Imagination Library copy to my daughter and she loved it. The story and the illustrations are just absolutely perfect! Three little bears go to grandmas house to bake a cake. So cute! I love the aspect of spending time with grandparents!

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### **Stephanie Harchar says**

I love all of Christopher Denise's illustrations. This is just one more for the list. Great for storytime, baking time, grandma's visit!

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### **Jennifer says**

Cute illustrations and nice rhyming scheme. Would be a good choice for a winter storytime.

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### **Courtney Gilmore says**

Great children's book! On the very last page, there is a recipe for Grandmas Rosie's Chocolate Cake. This

book would be fun to read to students and or a group of kids and then baking the cake with them afterwards.

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### **Cathy Mealey says**

Crisp white snow, clear blue sky, and roly-poly bear cubs burst onto the opening pages of this charming story, *Baking Day at Grandma's*. Snuggled in wooly winter hats, mittens and boots, they march eagerly through the snow to Grandma's cozy log cabin. Once inside they warm their toes at the fire then dance with delight, chanting "It's baking day! It's baking day! It's baking day at Grandma's!"

Grandma, a delightful full-size ursine in paisley shawl and reading spectacles, doesn't miss a beat. She capitalizes on their youthful enthusiasm and passes out aprons before consulting her recipe book. "Wooden spoon and measuring cup, mix the batter; stir it up. Fold it gently in the pan, lick the spoon because we can."

Told in bubbling, bouncy rhyme, the cheery tale and its sweet refrain are a song-like ode to special times with grandmothers. The text captures the simple pleasures of sipping cocoa, sketching on frosted window glass, and waltzing across a braided rug to the tunes on an old Victrola. Once the chocolate treats are baked, cooled and decorated, the cubs bundle and label the treats to give away to others. What they keep for themselves are just Grandma's loving hugs and their memories of a special, happy day.

The illustrations are spectacular, especially the outdoor scenes of the shimmering pond reflections, snow-covered birch trees, and soft purple winter night sky. Although the interior images of brown bears in a tan cabin stirring chocolate batter may sound monochromatic, they are warm and lush with sunshine, fire glow and moonlight. Best of all, the bear cubs with tiny eyes and large upturned snouts simply exude camaraderie, glee and good cheer at every turn.

This lovely book, a collaboration between husband and wife, is a gentle, uplifting treat perfect for sharing on a warm lap or over a cup of sweet cocoa. You may even be inspired to try the delicious chocolate cake recipe included at the back of the book!

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### **Tracie says**

Love the illustrations, the bouncy rhyme and the story. It's a win!

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### **Tj Shay says**

A very sweet rhyming text with magical illustrations.

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