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-from the back cover

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Elijah Libert says

I liked it.

Jane says

A perfect book to share with a 5-going-on-6 year old. The dedication reads "To all Grandparents and all Grandchildren." but even parents might enjoy this one. One story is titled "Mother Bear's Robin." I told Brenna that the Robin reminded me of her Daddy, and the Robin's child reminded me of her. "Read the next story," Brenna replied. See, we both enjoyed this one! The illustrations by Maurice Sendak are great, too.

Maria Rowe says

• 1962 Caldecott Honor Book •

This is such a cozy, sweet little book! I love the story of the little bear visiting his grandparents, and the drawings by Maurice Sendak are great as usual. The coloring is a little weird - it's brown and really bright green and the texture looks like crayon which is so strange - I think I would have preferred this with no color at all instead. But the story is really adorable, and I'd highly recommend this one! Very cute, and I'm happy I ran across it.

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Saskia Wong-Smith says

This book is the first book I ever read and finished. Little Bear's Visit is a wonderful story about a bear visiting his grandparents. Little Bear uses his curiosity to learn about all of his grandparents old artifacts. Little Bears is told a story from is Grandmother, a wonderful story about adventure and care for others. This book is a wonderful simple read and is perfect for a stroll down memory lane.

Ashley Steele says

This book is about a bear named "little bear" and he goes to spend the day with his grandparents. He got to look around the house and explore. He was excited to spend time with his grandfather but after being awake for a while, grandfather feel asleep. Little bear didnt want to wake grandfather so, he went outside to visit with his grandmother. She told him a story about a bird that turned out to be one her life long friends. Grandfather woke up after the story, then he told Little bear a silly story about a gnome and his shoes.

Momma and Papa Bear came to pick up Little bear and on the way out the door little bear had so much fun that he feel asleep!

I thought this book was really cute! I really enjoyed the two extra stories inside that Little Bears grandparents told him. The pictures in the book are dated but they are very easy to describe the characters and very descriptive. I would recommend this book to a third grader.

Luann says

What a sweet little story about Little Bear's visit to his grandparents. I especially liked the story his grandfather told him about the goblin. I'm not sure why this book won a Caldecott Honor, though. Maybe I'm just so used to Sendak's illustrations that I don't see anything extraordinary in them. One interesting thing is that the grandparents (who are also bears) are wearing clothes, while Little Bear isn't.

Madison Miller says

Sendak is the illustrator in this novel, and the illustrations are all at the top of the page. There is limited use of color, and hand drawn illustrations that are very realistic with lots of expression matching the text. This book is about a loveable little bear that goes on many adventures, with his grandmother bear helping him along the way. Little bear visits his grandmother and grandfather house for their cooking, and learns all about their history and old artifacts. Little bear is very curious, and has much to learn about his grandmother and grandfather during this story. This book would be a great book in the classroom because most children can relate to the lessons and situations that little bear gets himself into. Another reason why this book would be great in a classroom because little bear learns lots of lessons from the mistakes he makes, and can teach young children those same lessons.

Laura Verret says

Remember *Little Bear's Friend*? Here's another set of stories about the same character!

In this book, Little Bear goes to visit his grandparents at their home. Together they work in the garden, eat cake and cookies, and have all the fun they can think of. In the end, after having a splendid day of story-telling and frolicking, Little Bear's parents come to take him home.

As with *Little Bear's Friend*, Little Bear and co. wear clothes, live in houses, and act mostly like people. In this story Little Bear's grandfather tells him a (non-scary) story about a little goblin.

Conclusion. As effortlessly adorable as *Little Bear's Friend*.

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Angie says

Synopsis: *"Little Bear likes to visit Grandmother and Grandfather Bear. He likes Grandfather's hat and Grandmother's cooking. But most of all, he loves to listen to their stories."*

My Review: Okay so I know I said the last book was the best in the series but I need to amend that and say this was the best in the series. I loved that Grandmother Bear and Grandfather Bear played along with Little Bear and made everything fun during his visit. As it should be when visiting grandparents. I think Munchkin is really going to enjoy this story.

Jen Kahl says

This is a wonderful starter for children who are beginning to read chapter books. A Caldecott Honor Book, it is about a Little Bear visiting his grandparents. When his grandfather falls asleep after a day of fun, Little Bear sits with his grandmother to hear a story about his mother (which is the next chapter, and it's a nice story). When his grandfather awakes, he tells Little Bear a story as well (the next chapter). Then Little Bear falls asleep while waiting for his parents to come. This story is cute, simple, but in my opinion, would keep a child's interest. The illustrations are very neutral in color, kind of nostalgic. I would definitely put this in my classroom collection.

Margaret Chind says

This was quaint and the perfect challenge for my budding reader. She became so excited with the completion of reading each chapter and the book as a whole.

"This book is about Little Bear. Little's Bears Grandmother and Grandfather come to visit. Little Bear enjoys his visit, because he likes his grandmother and grandfather. They play together, tell stories to each other, and take walks with each other." - AppleBlossom, Age 5

Correction to her narration, Little Bear actually goes to visit them, not they come to him.

Madison Godfrey says

This book is about a young boy named little Bear. He visits his grandmother and grandfather house for their cooking. This is a series about little bears adventures. This is a good book to have in a classroom because there are a lot of them and children can relate to them, these are good for practicing reading. I absolutely loved the Little Bear books when I was growing up. There was something about Little Bear that was very homely and nurturing. I think because most of the books are about him finding his way through growing up and figuring out how to do things right after you've made a mistake or done something wrong. These are

very important books because they are all about lesson learning and what you can take away from it all.

Crista says

1962 Caldecott Honor Book

This is a Caldecott winning book that is formatted as a chapter book. Here the illustrator uses what looks like pencil drawings that he then highlights certain parts with colored pencils. The size of the illustration varies from a single image to a detailed two page spread that encompasses three quarters of the space. He brings continuity to the illustrations by adding a subtle, yet decorative, border around each page. The outlines in the gutter get lost, but with the details of the border's corners, you don't notice it. One interesting aspect of the illustrations, that my daughter noticed, is that Little Bear has no clothes and the adults around him do.

Douglas Cootey says

This volume in the Little Bear series is perhaps the most dear, the most nostalgic, and the most dull. By this I mean it wasn't nearly as creative for me as the other volumes. It was full of charm, but not as clever. However, that's only comparatively. It is still an excellent book and a favorite of mine.

The first story was filled with traditional grandparent-style behavior with Grandfather Bear being the comic relief. The second story about Little Bear's mother and her bird was sweet, but a bit saccharine for me. As a child, I remember skipping over it. That may be because I found the story tedious, but it was more likely I was racing ahead to "Goblin Story", the only imaginative & fanciful tale in the book. The last story is sure to bring a chorus of "Aww"s to most readers, as Little Bear fights sleep because he's not really tired.

Certainly, there were moments that stood out for me. The illustration skill was quite remarkable. Unlike the other books in the series, there were no lavish backgrounds and settings. There was just page after page of sumptuously rendered, Victorian outfits, as well as animated faces that made the bears more human than some people I've worked with. Grandfather doing a jig was a highlight for me as a child and an adult. Also, I still enjoy the mock look of worry on the Grandfather's face just before he begins to regale Little Bear with goblin story. The color palette was still limited to three spot colors (Brown, black & green), despite the wonderful rainbow available to printers in 1961. This limited palette, along with Sendak's gorgeous hatchwork, helped the story feel very old-fashioned. As a child, I felt these books were ancient, despite them being only a few years older than me.

Overall, Little Bear's Visit is a charming collection of tales very well suited for bedtime. It might be a bit mundane for my expectations, but I know that all my daughters enjoyed the book, so perhaps my opinion is in the minority. Besides, cynical, gruff Daddies weren't Minarik & Sendak's intended audience.

Katie Fitzgerald says

This is one of the Little Bear books I had never really heard about until I noticed it on the list for this challenge. Interestingly, based on my memory of other books in the series, including Little Bear itself, this one is quite different. It seems much more old-fashioned than the other titles, and somewhat more disconnected. Most of the other books focus on Little Bear's own adventures, but this one delves more into

his grandparents' stories about his mother when she was a girl, and an entirely made-up story about a goblin. Naturally, Sendak excels at depicting the world of a goblin, but in this book he is also surprisingly adept at normal, nearly human facial expressions, which so richly depict the tone and humor of each bear in the family. This isn't my favorite of the Little Bear books, textually, but its illustrations are definitely something special.

Friend of Pixie (F.O.P.) says

My son has a very close relationship with his grandparents and I think he loved seeing that same kind of love between Little Bear and his grandparents. As with the first Little Bear book, I find the adult bears really funny and I love Minarik's realistic dialog. Because my son was only 3 when we first read this, and easily scared, I had to be careful how I read the story that Little Bear's grandfather tells him. But after he heard it several times and knew that everything was going to work out fine, he loved having a suspenseful little shiver over it in the safety of my lap.

Laura says

I enjoyed reading this book, I liked the interaction between little bear and grandfather and grandmother bear, it made me smile, because they did all the sorts of things that grandparents do. The pictures for this book were really quite sweet, even if it does strike you a little odd that the bears are dressed up in old-fashioned clothes and wearing spectacles. I'd recommend this book.

*Taken from my book reviews blog: <http://reviewsatmse.blogspot.com/2008...>

Calista says

There is something so special about this book for me, I'm not sure exactly what it is. I love the art. It is so precious and it highlights the bond between grandparent and grandchild. This book took me back to my childhood with my grandparents.

The story is about the simple joys of being with your grandparents who are different than your parents. It was so lovely. I haven't read this and it now has a special place in my heart. Maurice did a great job on the art and Else has a wonderful story.

The kids both enjoyed this story too. Not like me, but even my niece read it. Good stuff.

Drew Graham says

Little Bear loves visiting his grandparents. He enjoys Grandmother Bear's cooking and looks forward to Grandfather Bear's antics and stories, but he never tires out even after a long and interesting visit.

I've known and enjoyed Little Bear since I was a tot, and it's nice that The Boy (2.5) is quite taken with his

stories -- maybe a little bit too taken with them, based on requests for rapidly repeated readings. There are some kind of odd things about this world that Little Bear inhabits (why do the grownup bears dress in such period finery while LB runs about in naught but fur?), but the illustrations are charming and nostalgic and it just sort of works. We're definitely going to have to introduce some other Little Bear selections to avoid fatigue for this one.

Jenny says

A lovely story of Little Bear and his visit with Grandmother and Grandfather. I remember reading the Little Bear books with my own grandma as a little girl, and as 3/4 of my grandparents have now passed away in the past few years, this felt especially touching to me. I have so many fond memories of visits with my grandparents, activities I did with them, and the love we shared. Both the illustrations and story are wonderful.
