

Eat Up, Bear!

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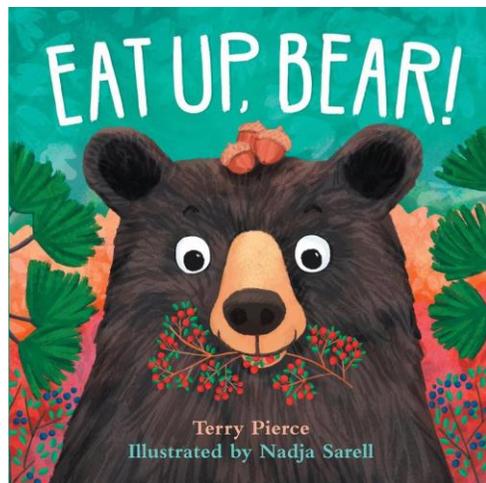
Board book, \$8.99

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Full color illustrations

Babies-3 years



"Many people. Many bears.

Sharing spaces everywhere.

But bears are hungry. Clever, too.

Take care or bears will eat your food!"

Summary

**"A great introduction to enjoying nature without disturbing its rhythms." —
Foreword Reviews**

Curious, hungry black bears just want to eat! Juicy berries, crunchy nuts, tender grubs, sticky honey—that's *good* bear food. But if little park visitors and their families don't watch out, *their* food will be bear food, too! The bouncy rhyming text and vibrant pictures in this board book show how people of all ages can help keep bears safe and thriving.

Before You Read

1. Have you ever been to a National Park?
2. Have ever seen wild animals?
3. What do you think this book will be about?

4. What things do you see on the cover?

After You Read

1. What “good bear food” did you see the bears eating? (berries, grubs, acorns, ants, grass, and fish)

2. What colors are the bears in this book? (Black, brown, cinnamon, blonde)

3. What other wild animals did you see in the book? (chipmunk, robin, squirrels, rainbow trout, red-winged blackbird, ants, and grubs)

4. How did the people help keep bears and other wildlife stay safe and healthy? (use food storage lockers, use bear-proof canisters, cover up ice chests and other food kept in a car, use bear-proof trash cans, and keep food with you or store it in a bear-proof locker)

5. What other ways could you help keep bears and other wildlife safe and healthy? (clear snacks and food trash from your car, secure trash cans or dumpsters after putting trash into it, don't leave food or food trash left unattended—if a trash can or dumpster is full, take your trash with you.)

6. How many different bears appeared in the book? (hint: look at the last page)

7. How many bear sightings did you have in the book? (19)

8. Draw a bear! Using tracing paper, place a sheet on the cover of the book and trace the outline of the bear. Color the bear whatever shade of black or brown you'd like. On the cover, the bear is eating berries. What other kind of “good bear food” could you draw him eating?

Community and Cooperation

1. Take a walk out in nature. What kinds of plants and animals did you see?

2. How can you be a “good steward” to nature? (examples--speak quietly, walk softly, leave wildflowers for the next person to enjoy, ask your parents to drive slowly in wilderness areas)

3. Sit in nature and listen. Find a comfortable spot to sit (my favorite spot as a child was up in a tree!). Be quiet and still for a few minutes. See if birds or other animals start to come out. Why do you think they come out after you settle down?

Black Bear Essentials

For some quick facts about black bears, visit the National Park Service website:

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/bears/black-bears.htm>

To learn more about how to keep bears wild, visit:

<http://keepbearswild.org/>

If you encounter a black bear in the wild, remember that bears are wild animals so they can be dangerous. Stay calm, keep your distance and pay attention. Here are some smart tips on bear encounters:

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/bears/safety.htm#Do>

Suggested reading

Bear-ology by Sylvia Dolson.

A Few Personal Children's Favorites:

Fiction:

Blackberry Banquet by Terry Pierce

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.

Bear Shadow by Frank Asch

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Helen Oxenbury

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear by Audrey Wood

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Bunnybear by Andrea Loney

The Bear Ate Your Sandwich by Julia Sarcone-Roach

A Bear Sat on My Porch Today by Jane Yolen

Bear Came Along by Robert T. Morris

Nonfiction:

Look and Learn: Bears by National Geographic (board book)

All About Bears by National Geographic (pre-reader)

Goodreads Listopia for Best Bear Books:

https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/2371.Best_Bear_Books