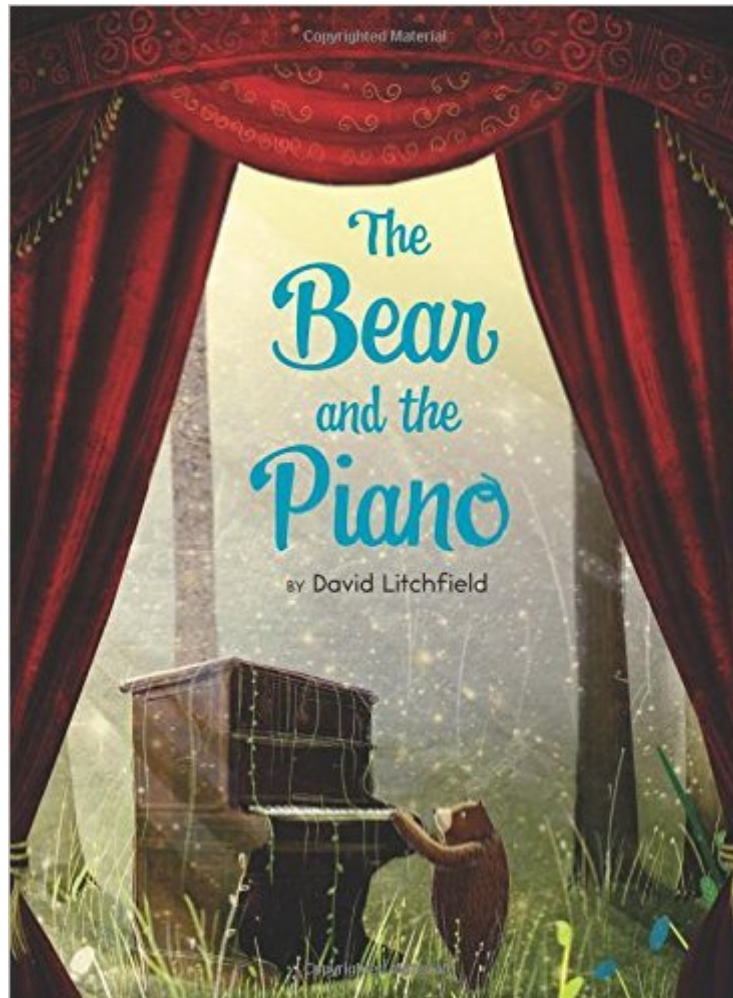


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The Bear And The Piano



Synopsis

One day, a bear cub finds something strange and wonderful in the forest. When he touches the keys, they make a horrible noise. Yet he is drawn back again and again. Eventually, he learns to play beautiful sounds, delighting his woodland friends. Then the bear is invited to share his sounds with new friends in the city. He longs to explore the world beyond his home, and to play bigger and better than before. But he knows that if he leaves, the other bears will be very sad . . . This gorgeously illustrated tale of following one's dreams reminds us of the value of friendship, wherever we go.

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

I bought this book for my grandson, but now I think I will have to buy him his own copy. I am in love with this very big bear. I have an operation coming up in 2 weeks and this book is coming to the hospital with me. Buy this book.

My expectations of children's books are much the same as my expectations of any book: a good plot with good pacing, emotion, and a satisfying ending that doesn't beat you over the head with a trite moral at the end. Many highly rated children's books just fall flat with me, but this one is different. "The Bear and the Piano" is such a sweet, engaging story, and the illustrations add little

details that flesh out the story with multiple readings. Its message is surprisingly adult: that the pursuit of happiness and the pursuit of success are often at odds with one another, that fame can come at the expense of making us feel even more alone. The author wisely doesn't pass judgment on these choices but leaves the reader to find the meaning. A timeless tale from the first reading, offering mature themes for parents and kids to explore together.

One more great children's story that works as an "all ages" tale. The illustrations are cool with lots of stimulating background (concert crowd scenes, trees) and a heartfelt (but not overly sappy) ending. If I had a kid I'd be all over this book- instead I'll just be the "cool" aunt who gives awesome books like this.

Your child may ask for a piano after reading this book. When a woodland bear discovers a piano in the woods - how magical - he teaches himself to play. He plays so well, that when a young girl and her father hears his playing, they ask him to go to New York City with them. The bear plays to sell-out crowds. Who wouldn't love a piano-playing bear? But, after a time, the bear thinks of his home and wants to return to see his bear friends. Will they remember him? Will they still be there? And what about his piano? Let's just say this story ends happily. The illustrations charm. This book can be used as an introduction to listening to some good piano playing music. Love books which entice children to enjoy the world of music and art. This one does.

I purchased this book to share with a three year old and it was very successful. The illustrations encouraged questions. The message of true friendship was done in a warm way which made reader and listener smile. I think this book could be appreciated by a wide age group as the illustration can be studied, as they often contain great detail and the message of enduring friendship is something we can all appreciate.

A bear finds a piano, becomes an artist, and achieves fame and fortune. But, as much as he enjoys the city, the forest and the other bears still have a place in his heart. Well written and well drawn, this book has a heart-warming message. Everyone should have such a bear as a friend!

My five year old son loves to play around on the piano and always says he wants to learn to play "nice" music. We are in the process of teaching him to play and this was the perfect book to explain how patience and practice pays off. Highly recommend!

One day a bear cub found something in the woods: a piano. When he touches the keys, the sounds are terrible. But year after year he comes back and presses the keys again. Eventually he learns to play beautiful sounds on the piano. Soon all of the bears in the forest are listening too. When a girl and her father hear the music, they invite the bear to come to the city with them to play. He agrees even though he knows the other bears will be sad. After playing piano to great acclaim and winning awards and fame, the bear starts to long for the forest again. But can he return to the old piano in the woods and the other bears? Litchfield has created a terrific picture book that tells a full story arc that children and adults will appreciate. The book speaks to the transforming nature of music, the longing for something greater and more, and then the longing to return to one's origins and roots. It is also about talent and setting someone free to pursue their dreams. The entire book has a tugging nature to it, a bear caught between two worlds and the desire for exploration and the continued tie to home. It is beautifully done. Litchfield's illustrations are done in mixed media. They have a translucent and light-filled feel, particularly the forest scenes where sunlight beams in and the page glows. There is a beautiful luminous quality to them, inviting readers deeply into the page and evoking the scent of trees and grass. An exceptional picture book that is musical, nature-filled and grand. Appropriate for ages 4-6.

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