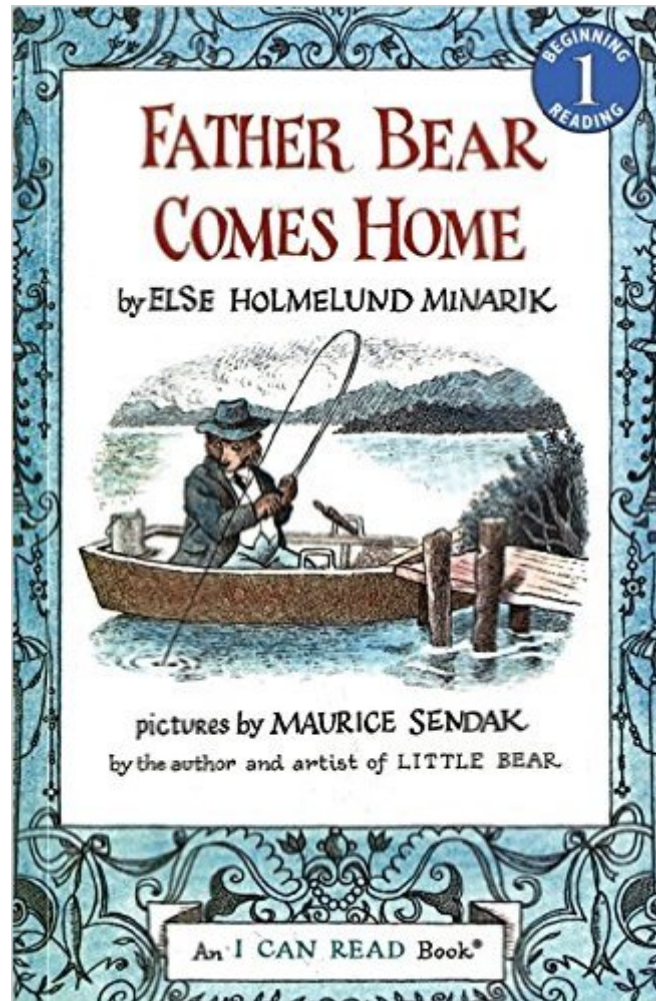


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# Father Bear Comes Home (I Can Read Level 1)



## Synopsis

Little Bear™s father is finally coming home from a long fishing trip. Little Bear is very excited to see him even if he doesn't bring the mermaid Little Bear has been hoping for!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

We really enjoyed the other little bear books. My 4 year old loved the original "little bear". But this one fell very short from what I expected. The story is not very pleasant, and father bear really rubs me the wrong way. In the story, father bear after being gone for a long time returns home, sits on his chair, and then yells at little bear when he's simply having fun with his friends (trying to rid himself of hiccups). Little bear gets so frightened by his father yelling at him, that his hiccups suddenly disappear. At first, I thought father bear would start laughing, thinking he scared little bear on purpose, but no, father bear is just a grump that couldn't be bothered with his little bear, and just wants to shout and be left alone to read the paper. Not the family message you want to share with your little ones. I say, stick with "little bear" and skip this one, as father bear is a mean character that you'd probably rather be gone.

Our 3YO is starting to be able to read simple words and he is very excited to try and read a book on his own. These books are a little advanced for what we needed but they are nice simple stories that encourage young minds to imagine and explore, just like Little Bear in the stories. If you have a pre-reader who likes more complex stories, or if you are reading it for the 10th time, you will find them very simple and perhaps a little frustrating, but as a way of encouraging your burgeoning new reader they are great! I am also a big fan of the fact that the colours used in the illustrations are muted. It means that your small person is not distracted from the work of reading. These are great books.

The Little Bear saga are truly classic. From the artwork and storylines you think you are reading a Victorian era storybook. No, your grandmother didn't read these stories to you. Soon enough we will be reading them to our grandchildren. Buy the hardback versions, your grandkids will love them.

I purchased *Father Bear Comes Home* as a gift for my two year old for Easter. He absolutely loves the show *Little Bear* and the books just as much so for special occasions we have been adding the books series to his collection. Each book has short chapter stories, just like in the show. Some with little lessons, all absolutely adorable. *Little Bear* is a very wholesome series I would recommend to anyone with children. It is not annoying like a lot of the children television programs. The books arrived in great shape and will be well loved in our home.

My son (Almost 3) loves these books! In fact they are his favorite! He was a huge fan of the show first but loves every one of these stories just the same. These stories are so warm and quaint and they all flow along nicely with the next. Maurice Sendak's illustrations are beautiful as always. From fishing for octopus, dreaming of mermaids and trying to get rid of hiccups (my son giggles at every "hic") these stories are sure to make your little one smile. These books will be forever treasured in my house. I hope my son doesn't wear them out too much because I would love to keep them for his children one day.

My daughter loves *Little Bear* and she loves chapter stories, which this one provides. It's a good night time story as they are short, but interesting. It's a good lead-in to longer stories which will require finishing the next night....classic and endearing.

Reason for Reading: My son read aloud to me. Comments: As per any *Little Bear* book this is

divided into four chapters each containing a stand alone story and yet they all flow together nicely. In the first story. Owl and Little Bear catch a fish for dinner then sit on a big log and pretend they are out on the ocean catching large and unusual fish until Mother finally comes looking for them and her fish. In the second story, Father Bear comes home but Little Bear imagines what if he brought home a mermaid and then as he meets each of his friends they follow along each expecting to meet the mermaid Father has brought home. In the third story Father Bear is quietly reading his paper and Little Bear has the hiccups, all his friends have ideas how to get rid of them but they don't work, then Father Bear roars asking what all the noise is about. Finally, the book comes full circle as Father, Mother and Little Bear go down to the river for a picnic and Little Bear and his friends wonder if there is a mermaid in the river and imagine what she would be like. An enchanting book in the series, wonderful art by Sendak. My son is very familiar with these characters from the cartoon and has read a couple of the books now and continues to enjoy reading the stories, which are just at the perfect level for his reading abilities at the moment. There are occasional full pages of text but still plenty of half pages of text shared with a picture. A classic!

I loved this book. I Could read it over and over and never get bored. I like all of the Little bear books. They let me use my imagination. Just keep on writing more, okay!

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