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## Old Hat, New Hat Details

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### Mrs. Downs says

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### Connie says

This is one of the earlier Berenstain Bear books, and it shows. Despite the cover, the bears on the \*inside\* of this book are less stylized and cutesy than the bears in the newer books, and the story is an early reader instead of a longer read-aloud.

It's a cute little story about a cub suffering from "grass is greener" syndrome, but unable to decide which hat to get. Eventually he decides his old one is perfect - you saw that coming!

There are only a few words per page, with a basic vocabulary, so this one is perfect little-little ones learning to talk. I do find that many of the words in this book are too uncommon, too long, or follow too odd spelling rules for this book to really function as an early reader. But it's so funny that I don't think that really matters.

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### Calista says

Fun, Fun, Fun. I wish I could have read this as a child and experienced this story then. Yet, my niece and nephew both were able to experience. They both had so much fun with this. My niece read the story out loud to us and the nephew laughed and laughed at the hats which made the rest of us laugh too.

Simple story about hats and the hats are drawn with such character and humor. The whole thing works so well. I think this is one of the best Bears books.

The kids gave an enthusiastic 5 stars for this book. The arts was almost perfect, same with the simple story. The perfect story for a 3-7 year old.

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### Alexrob2012 says

"Old hat new hat" that's a good book, its so good that I read it again recently. That book had a few things that I like, like rhymes rhythm and detail. Things like that really make a book or story interesting.

First the rhyme, it was very well thought out. I like the way they combine the rhyme with the details/adjectives. "Too big, too small." Perfect combinations in a children's book. And it just flows with the

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rhythm.

Second the rhythm; I like the rhythm because it just keeps you flowing with the book. I like when books keep me into them instead of boring me like most books. And its easier to learn in song and not be bored when your doing it.

Third the detail/adjectives like big, small, flat, and tall. In a children story you should give them something to learn. Or if some one reads it to their child as a bedtime story the child needs something to ask and interest them.

Wrap up. Rhyme, rhythm, and adjectives are part of the best things of this book. I recommend this to all children 7 and down maybe 8 years of age because it is a nice book. So read this book its helpful for adjectives.

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### **Carlee Yardley says**

My number 1 favourite book to read to the kids is Old Hat New Hat! The text is so predictable and they love reading along. "Too big, too small. Too flat, too tall." And maybe because it brings back fun childhood memories. It was always one of my favourite books, along with Are You My Mother! I may be slightly obsessed with old classic children's books and if I can get my kids to like the books I used to like, then I get to relive them all over again!

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### **Millie Taylor says**

One of my favorites for a first reader. My daughter loved this book as a toddler and still enjoys it at ten. It never gets old.

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### **T.Kay Browning says**

Atticus says: "this is weird book cause he didn't want his old hat, he saw so many new hats but he didn't like them, so he take his old hat"

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### **SaraLaLa says**

In Old Hat, New Hat a Berenstain Bear walks into a store in hopes of buying a new hat. While shopping, the reader gets exposed to a slew of adjectives and silly pictures of a variety of hats. In the end, the reader gets to see that new isn't always better.

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## **Tyresha says**

‘Too big, Too small’. This book introduces children to different shapes and different sizes. Mr Bear is looking for a new hat because his hat is raggedy and old. He enters a hat shop and tries some on with wonderful different colours and patterns but nothing seems to quite take his fancy until...

The book looks at a situation that the children can relate to for example going shopping and gets them to think about what they like and being able to give their opinions or make their own decisions on certain things. This book is ideal for use of key vocabulary and could be perfect for a Maths lesson.

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## **SarahC says**

The cutest book! Great for little kids.

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## **Erica says**

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## **David Sarkies says**

### **The old is sometimes the best**

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This is an attack against the crass consumerism of our age and how the good, faithful, and familiar are at times better than the wonderful new item that is blasted by advertising logos that are constantly splattered across our vision. The story is about how a young bear, wearing his favourite hat, is wondering through the city and sees a beautiful new hat in the window of a hat store and decides that he wants to get rid of his old tatty hat in favour of something fancy and new.

However, as our little bear begins to explore the cornucopia of hats that make up this hat store, he discovers that each and every hat that is shown to him is just too gaudy, too colourful, or simply too silly (though at no point in the book do we discover that a hat is too expensive, or whether the young bear actually has the money to purchase a new hat, or has to whip out his visa or mastercard and pay for it on credit).

After going through all of the hats that are available in this hat store the young bear suddenly spies a hat that he finds to be perfect. Much to the disgust and disappointment of the store owner, the perfect hat is the faithful old tatty hat that he walked in with, and we can even see the anger and disgust on the store owner's face as the little bear models himself in front of the mirror and then walks out of the store the proud owner of his old hat (for which he did not have to pay a cent).

### **Shannon (Giraffe Days) says**

The kids love this book, and actually, so do I! I wouldn't mind getting some more of these.

I don't really remember this series of books from when I was a kid, though the bears and style of illustration do look familiar. Can't say if I ever read this when I was a kid, but it's lots of fun and thankfully, one of the few books I honestly don't mind reading over and over again.

The text is very plain - just "new hat" "tall hat" etc, but you can flesh out the story very easily by adding to the narration - or not, as you like. The toddlers love following the story as the bear tries on all different kinds of hats (Hugh does his funny little grunt-laugh that he's been doing recently, that always makes it sound like he gets the joke). And it's no surprise that the toddlers love playing with the random hats we have, putting them on and showing off in them. There's just something about hats, I guess. ;)

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### **Stephany Hensley says**

This is a cute story of a young boy bear who wants a new hat. He goes into the store with his old hat This is a book intended for k-2nd grade, as a Bernstein bear book. This is a colorful picture book, that has a dominant theme of teaching kids to appreciate what they have. I rated this book well because it was a cute way of showing children to appreciate certain things, as small as to your hat. This child wanted something new, as do ,any children. Although they have tons of toys they want more, until they realize the toys they already have are good enough.

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### **Kristen says**

I rated this one a 5 because I think that's what my almost 2-year-old would rate it if he knew how! He loves loves loves this book. And not just in the toddler way, where they want the same book over and over until they find a new one that they want over and over - this one keeps coming back. I think one of the reasons is that "hat" was one of his first words, so he can "read" along with this book. But he also likes the balloon hat, the silly hat, etc. This is a fun, enjoyable book, and uses lots of different adjectives to describe the various hats.

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