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For fans of Karma Wilson's *Bear Snores On* comes a whimsical bedtime story about a bear who is absolutely, positively *not* sleepy at all. . . .

Bear and his duck family do *everything* together. That is, until winter arrives. Bear is supposed to hibernate this time of year, but he doesn't want to miss out on any of the fun. But can Bear really stay awake all winter long? Gentle humor and endearing illustrations bring a delightful twist to a bedtime routine that children and their parents will easily recognize.

## Bear Is Not Tired Details

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### Jennifer says

For any child who doesn't like to go to bed - thinking they'll miss out on all the fun! A sweet addition to the duck/bear family series.

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### Tasha says

This is the second book featuring Bear and his adopted family of ducks. In the first book, the bear and ducks had to figure out a home that worked for all of them. In this follow up, bear is getting steadily more and more sleepy as winter approaches. But ducks don't hibernate and Bear worried about missing out on things throughout an entire season. So Bear decided not to sleep, but the ducks started to notice that Bear was acting differently. Bear tried and tried to stay awake, but nothing seemed to work. Finally Mama Duck pulled Bear aside and promised that if he slept through the winter, he would not miss a thing. And it was true!

Gavin has written another winning picture book about the unusual pairing of a family of ducks and a solitary bear. Here the story focuses on Bear and his unique need to sleep through the cold months. It's a story that will speak to families who have people who respond differently to things, who like different activities, but still want to be with one another. Perhaps the ducks' ways of including Bear in everything despite him being asleep will inspire new ways of thinking for human families to stay close even when they are doing different things.

Gavin's art work has a lovely gauzy quality to it, giving Bear his huge softness. Meanwhile the little ducks are done in firmer lines. All of them have personalities that brighten the page and enhance the story. The little ducks are all characters, and it is clear through their body language alone how much all of the animals love one another.

A lovely winter read, perfect for curling up on a cozy couch or snuggled at bedtime. Appropriate for ages 3-5.

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### Ocean says

Original plot line. A fun read about a very tired bear. It's fun to read before bed.

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### Ciara (Lost at Midnight) says

Picked this one up because the author and I share a first name (yay Irish peeps!) and man was it adorable.

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### Trisha Parsons says

This is a good book for introducing hibernation.

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## **Celeste\_pewter says**

As someone who struggled with going to bed when I was little - I was always the kid who worried that I'd miss out on something, once I was asleep - I love seeing a book that addresses that very dilemma in Bear is Not Tired.

Author/illustrator Ciara Gavin revisits Bear from her popular 2015 title Room for Bear, who has continued to live happily with his duck family. However, winter has settled in, and Bear is reluctant to go to sleep. He's worried about missing out on winter activities with the rest of the family...

What's fantastic about this continuation to Bear's tale, is Gavin's candid recognition of what Bear is afraid to miss out on, as winter begins settling in.

Bear's concerns about missing out on the events are taken seriously, which is an important idea for younger readers to comprehend, especially as they begin to learn how to convey their ideas and wishes to the adults around them.

Garvin's emphasis on the family's efforts to come to a compromise, by first helping Bear stay up and then figuring out an alternative solution when that doesn't work, is also fantastic as well. Not only is it delightful to see the various ways that the ducks try to help Bear, but it's also a gentle nod that there are always alternative solutions, especially if the first one doesn't work.

With watercolor illustrations using a warm palette, and small details - e.g. a tender scene that shows one of the youngest members of the family, trying to include a slumbering Bear - that will make any readers smile, this is a great addition to any young reader's shelf, especially as they work through bedtime and the winter months.

Bottom line: Bear is Not Tired is a great book that reminds readers on the importance of accepting routine, and the fact that there are compromises to ensure that they won't miss out on the fun. Highly recommend for all.

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## **Olivia Slykhuis says**

Love this even more than "Room for Bear"! Wintertime rolls around and bear is supposed to hibernate, but he doesn't want to go to sleep and miss out on all the fun his duck family is having. Mama duck finally comes up with a compromise. Such sweet, funny illustrations and story. Love the little ducks in snowsuits and bear falling asleep in everything. Lovely. Will use for storytimes. 2+

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## **Aliza Werner says**

For fans of BEAR SNORES ON. Bear tries to fight his nature and stay awake with his duck family roommates through winter. Mama Duck persuades him to sleep, promising he won't miss out on anything. The end is so sweet.

### **Cecilia says**

Oh my goodness this book was adorable. The art, the story, and the sweet little characters. <3

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### **Danette says**

3/6/2017 Read with Naomi & Julia.

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### **Ms Threlkeld says**

Ridiculously sweet tale of a bear who desperately tries to stay awake during the winter so he won't miss out on any of the fun his duck family is having. I probably "aaaaahed" at least once every few pages.

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### **Julie says**

3.5

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### **Allison White says**

I didn't really care for this one. The story is cute, but the illustrations left something to be desired. Truthfully, I am weirded out by the ducks spending so much time with the bear when he is hibernating.

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### **Barbara says**

Featuring the same characters from Room for Bear, this picture book is adorable. Bear and his duck family enjoy playing together, and Bear hardly notices any difference between him and his friends/family. But as the seasons change, he realizes that it's time for him to hibernate. Although he tries very hard not to fall asleep, he keeps drifting off. Finally, Mama Duck insists that he follow his nature. As he slumbers in his bed, the ducks gather around him and have fun with their outdoor activities. As she promised, Mama Duck captures all the moments he has missed in a photo album. The front end papers show Bear playing with the ducks during the warm weather while the back ones show Bear drowsing while the fun goes on around him, on top of him, and behind him. The pages of this picture book are filled with love, humor, and acceptance, making this a good read aloud title for sharing with youngsters. And Bear doesn't miss a single moment of fun. Young readers will be tickled by the notion of a huge bear hanging out with those tiny ducklings.

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## **Diane says**

Bear is Not Tired is an adorable book about blended families and accepting the differences of others.

In this story Bear and the Duck family live together as one happy family, doing lots of things together. As winter approached the ducks went along with most of their normal activities, while Bear grew sleepy because bears sleep the winter away. Not wanting to miss anything Bear tried to remain awake but, kept dozing off. Mama duck assured Bear that he wouldn't miss much and so he reluctantly agrees to go to sleep. The rest of the family stays close by while he sleeps away the winter. When spring arrives Bear awakes well rested and the ducks show him of photo album of what they did while he slept the winter away.

The illustrations are so soft looking and lovely and Bear is very cuddly looking. It was nice to read a story that celebrates differences and takes a look at blended families in the animal kingdom.

4.5/5 stars

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