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When he follows his nose through the woods, Cub discovers a backyard tea party...with cookies! He is just about to dig in when the hostess of the tea party shows up. And she has several strong opinions on how Tea Party *must* be played. Cub tries to follow her rules . . . but just how much can one bear take, even for cookies?

A laugh-out-loud funny look at the required give-and-take of playtime, *Tea Party Rules* is an *eventual* friendship story that will delight grubby cubs, fancy girls, and cookie lovers everywhere.

Tea Party Rules Details

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Wendy says

I can strongly relate to the feeling of REALLY WANTING COOKIES.

Kathryn says

Cute, humorous, and I think kids will get a big kick out the case of "mistaken identity". Plus, there's a tea party in the woods. And cookies. What's not to like? ;-)

SheriC (PM) says

Cub will put up with almost anything to eat cookies, but he can't suppress his essential bear nature forever. I'm not sure what the moral is here, or if there is one, but poor little Cub is so relatable, and the illustrations are great.

Hardcover, borrowed from my public library

Cheryl says

3.5 stars because of the not-so-fancy surprise ending and because of the cat... but overall I, personally, wasn't wowed... not sure why not, plz judge for yourself.

Hannah Birk says

This book has been chosen because of the lesson that it carries underneath all the fun of the bear at a tea party. I enjoyed it because of the creative way that following the rules comes about. This book is one of my family favorites that we read to my young sister who enjoys listening just as much as we enjoy reading.

Melki says

I had no idea there *were* rules for tea parties until I came upon my son, then three years old, playing with his action figures and overheard the following:

"Can I come to your tea party?" asked the heavily-muscled plastic man with the eyepatch.

"No!" replied the equally muscled plastic man sporting the red Mohawk. He then proceeded to kick the crap out of the unwelcome guest.

Obviously there had been a breach of protocol. A rule had been broken. Retribution was swift and severe.

**This dog has committed the grave error of drooling on the fine linen.
The cats are about to pounce.**

In this adorable book, a real little bear stumbles upon a small table all set for tea and **cookies!** When the little girl/hostess returns, he pretends to be her stuffed bear in the hopes of obtaining the yummy comestibles. He sits all stiff-legged as she gives him a bath and dresses him in a frilly pink frock.

Will our hero be able to follow the rules and hold it together long enough taste those delectable goodies?

It just goes to show that some of us, I mean some BEARS, will do anything for cookies.

Oh, yeah. Been there, done that.

Debra says

Dyckman is wrangling to be my go to author when I need a good book with this tea party story of a bossy girl and a bear. The bear accepts the rules for a tea party in order to get the cookies that were on the table in the yard. The rules are adorably illustrated by K.G. Campbell and will certainly appeal to the listeners of the story in story time. This would be a book that will be cherished even if you do not already have a Tea Party theme planned. I would use this book with Teddy Bear Picnic themes, too, as the teddy bear is pushed off the chair in the beginning and appears often. The expressions of the cat are priceless, too, and should not be missed!

Margie says

When you combine the delightful humor of author Ame Dyckman with the equally lively, laughter-inducing artwork of K. G. Campbell, you get a picture book readers will want to read over and over again...with plenty of cookies.

My full review: <http://bit.ly/GImujZ>

Megan Davis says

Picked this little gem up at Goodwill and was not disappointed.

This sweet story combines humor with a subtle lesson or two, and the illustrations are adorable. What's not to like about a cookie-obsessed bear and the bossy little girl whose tea party he attends?

Nicola says

Miss 3 and I like to explore different books and authors at the library, sometimes around particular topics or themes. We try to get different ones out every week or so; it's fun for both of us to have the variety and to look at a mix of new & favourite authors.

This was a random picture book that I chose. A bear cub pretends to be a toy bear so that he can go to the tea party and eat cookies but first he has to endure all kinds of preparations and dress up (rather like a younger sibling).

Suzanne says

Okay, I admit it. I am sometimes a bit of a book snob. I like children's books, but I LOVE big novels, regardless of whether they are juvenile or adult. Consequently, when this pastelly-colored children's picture book came in, I thought, "hugh. I guess I'll read it so I know what it is about." I loved the silly picture book Tea Party Rules by Ame Dyckman.

Bear follows his nose through the forest until he discovers a tea party set up with COOKIES! Bear wants cookies. So he nudges the bear sitting on chair and discovers that he's not real! Good! Bear takes the stuffed bear's place. What ensues is a humorous tale of the little girl whose party he's invited himself to. She proceeds to notice that her "bear" needs cleaning, dressing, prettying, etc. Bear puts up with it because he wants COOKIES!

This was a beautiful, sweet, and funny book that all children and adults will love.

Shannon says

I'd love to hear Ame read this aloud. Would also pair well with Peter Brown's Lucy Bear books.

Hailey Lavender says

When I first saw the title of this book, I was not quite sure what it was going to be about, but I ended up loving this book and the story! The illustrations in this story seem to be drawn with colored pencils because in many of the illustrations lines from the pencils coloring in images can be seen. The book uses a variety of colors, but they are all muted and calming, making the illustrations very pleasing to look at. Because of the humor that is conveyed through the illustrations, this book would fall into the artistic style of cartoon, since the ultimate goal of the style is to emphasize the humor in the story. The humor is mostly conveyed through

the actions of the bear in this story, like when he tries to practice the tea party rules on the teddy bear. Dyckman utilizes a couple different methods when arranging the illustrations on the pages. A double-page spread is used, but spot art is also used. On several of the pages, there are a few smaller, individual illustrations. This technique allows the reader to see specifics of a given event to enhance the story instead of just seeing an event as a whole. It shows how the event developed. This book is directed towards an audience age 3-5 years, but I think 3 is a little young. I think it could also be a beneficial for children that are 6 and maybe 7 as well. It teaches children social rules and how to interact with another person effectively. I would use this book in my classroom if and when I saw some behavior issues popping up, like if children were not sharing or if they were just overall having issues playing together. I could sit down with my class and use this book as a way to teach how we should treat and play with our friends. This book is a great resource to guide children's development of their socialization skills.

Marissa Elera says

Everything about this picture book is spot on! Perfectly arched storyline, classic looking but hilarious illustration, humor, whimsy. I am very impressed. This is a book I wish I had written.

Julie Grasso says

Very cool, cute story in Ame Dyckman manner. 3.5 year old thinks its a hoot, we love bears inner dialogue, reminds me a little bit of Oh No George. Very hard to beat Boy + Bot, but Ms Dyckman has once again produced another fun story that kids will enjoy+++
