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This classic Berenstain Bears story is the perfect way to teach children about the importance of family and thoughtfulness!

Come for a visit in Bear Country with this classic First Time Book(R) from Stan and Jan Berenstain. It's Father's Day, and Papa thinks that Mama and the cubs have forgotten all about it . . . but they are actually planning something very special for him. Includes over 50 bonus stickers!

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Emily Garrison says

This book was published in 2003 by Random House Publishers and is a book in the First Time Books series. This story starts off by telling the reader that Papa bear is a very opinionated bear. He has opinions about just about everything! One of his opinions is that Mother's Day is a worthy holiday but he doesn't think much of Fathers Day. In Father's opinion, Father's Day is just a conspiracy to get people to spend money. Papa recommends that the family skips Father's Day this year and the family agrees to his wishes. One day, Papa finds the cubs in the shop rooting around and they tell him they're working on a school project. Papa tells them it's fine, as long as it has nothing to do with Father's Day. As Father's Day draws near, Father begins to change his tune about skipping Fathers Day and tries to announce to Mama that if the cubs want to do something, they can, but the family seems too busy now to really pay attention. Papa is beginning to regret voicing his opinion to skip Fathers Day. Father's Day arrives and Papa wakes up thinking the cubs will surprise him with breakfast or a Father's Day present but he is wrong. When he comes downstairs, Mama and the cubs are getting ready to go to breakfast at a local diner. Papa joins them and when they get there, Papa is surprised. The cubs have organized a Father's Day recognition breakfast with a poster and delicious food, many Papa's had been surprised and all sat at a special table to be recognized. The cubs even wrote Papa a poem and other cubs paid tribute to their Fathers. As they drove home, Papa expressed how thankful he was for the Papa's Day surprise and when they arrived home, Mama and the cubs gave him his own personal surprise, a new Bearcalounger! Papa immediately sat in it and gave baby Honey a bottle.

The life lesson from this story is that it's OK to be recognized for being you! Papa was very against a Father's Day celebration but when Father's Day came, he regretted that opinion. Each of us deserve recognition throughout the year and parents especially, deserve recognition for doing all they do for their children. The cubs and Mama knew this and a very warm message was portrayed in this story.

Derek Mahar says

Sophia enjoyed reading this story more than the last Bernstein Bears book that we read!

Madelyn says

I loved when he got the chair at the end. I like it because it was cute to see the little baby being fed by papa.

Stef says

Papa Bear is very adamant no one do anything for him for Father's Day, but he's so inundated by advertising and marketing schemes for the holiday that he decides maybe it'd be okay if the cubs did something for him after all. The day arrives, and no one is paying him any mind, so he mopes outside to a robin he sees a kindred spirit in. Of course, the cubs and Mama have a surprise for him--a Papa's Day Surprise, if you will:

an all-hail-dads-themed brunch, followed by a gift of a Bearcalounger (oh, these puns!). It was sort of sweet to see Papa get all choked up, but overall this story was pretty bland.

Heather Jo says

megan fall reading 2016, children's book, picture book, series, the berenstain bears, father's day, surprise, love, family, first grade, second grade

Beth says

I love "The Berenstain Bears" series, and I really wanted to like this book too. The Father's Day elements were sweet.

But as far as lessons in ethics, the Bears missed it this time around. Lying is okay when it's in furtherance of keeping secrets? Really? REALLY?

Audryaunna says

A wonderful story about Papa bear who doesn't want a special day.

Miri says

Celebrate Father's day with the Berenstain Bears. Papa scoffs at father's day and says he doesn't want to celebrate, but as the day draws nearer he softens and begins to worry that his family won't celebrate father's day.

Tiny Mendoza says

Made me miss my dad so much!

Amara Tanith says

And now for something completely different: a Berenstain Bears book without a terrible moral!

Papa Bear is a product of... a less emotionally enlightened upbringing, let's call it. He's clearly one of the many men who suffer from the belief that there's something inherently unmasculine about having any feelings whatsoever. So while he thinks mother's day is a great idea, his ingrained sexism leads him to insist that the idea of a day dedicated to celebrating fathers' familial contributions is ridiculous and purely

commercial.

Of course, he ends up succumbing to his human (er, bear?) nature and, you know, having those little things we like to call "feelings" and winds up disappointed that his family so easily complied with his anti-Father's Day spiel. So when Brother and Sister Bear, along with their neighbors, put together a Father's Day celebrating at a local restaurant and surprise Papa Bear, he's thrilled.

It's a cute little story, and I always love to see Berenstain Bears books in which one of the *parents* learns a lesson.
