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It's time for Big Bear to hibernate, so Old Man Winter keeps telling him: "Sleep, Big Bear, sleep." But Big Bear doesn't hear very well. He thinks Old Man Winter has told him to drive a jeep, to sweep, and to leap. Big Bear just can't seem to hear what Old Man Winter is saying. Finally, Old Man Winter finds a noisy way to get Big Bear's attention. Cozy illustrations rendered in pencil and mixed media by Will Hillenbrand bring this bedtime story to a fitting conclusion.

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## **From Reader Review Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep! for online ebook**

### **Angelina Kerner says**

This is a beautifully illustrated short book for children with a great message about sleeping. My son lately is having a hard time falling asleep. I see him rubbing his eyes and getting tired but when I put him down for bed, he's suddenly wide awake! He sings and smiles and laughs- it's adorable so I thought to read about book by Maureen.

This short book is funny. It made me smile and laugh because the bear was even willing to clean house when he should have been sleeping!

Good for mothers to share with their kids. Probably for children over one year old though sooner to share is okay because of the illustrations! The bear has a buddy in this one!

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### **Courtney Sady says**

#### **So cute**

My son is only six months old but I really enjoyed reading this book to him. I love this book.

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### **Elaine says**

This book is adorable! I love the sing-song words and you can imagine Old Man Winter's voice! The illustrations are so cute! And the little bunny friend is such an adorable added bonus!

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### **Sam Ryan says**

This is a very amusing picture book where a bear keeps misunderstanding that it's time to go to sleep for the winter. The bear is a very endearing character who comes alive through this book's beautiful illustrations. He has many misadventures in this book that is perfect reading for autumn (or any time).

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### **Jenny says**

Cute story about a bear who is told by "Old Man Winter" to go to sleep but the Big Bear cannot hear well and thinks he is telling him to do other things

Great story time book with lots of rhyming and beautiful illustrations

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## **Lynn Davidson says**

This is a delightful and funny story with equally delightful and funny illustrations. Old Man Winter kept telling Big Bear to sleep because it was hibernation time. Bear, not hearing well, did other things instead, such as sweep, leap, dive deep.  
Lovely book.

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## **Jennifer says**

Poor Bear is a little hard of hearing. So when Old Winter tells him to sleep, he instead rides a jeep, sweeps the floor, dives deep into the water, and goes on other mistaken adventures despite his increasing sleepiness. A silly story it is, and the illustrations are drowsy, gray, and perfect. A natural storytime choice.

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## **Mary says**

Poor Big Bear! He is getting so tired, but he keeps misunderstanding Old Man Winter's instructions to sleep!

First Line: "Old Man Winter from a storm cloud spied his big bear friend in the countryside."

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## **Crystal says**

That was cute and I think the kids would find it funny but it fits a winter theme a bit more than a nap theme.

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## **Kali Hilliard says**

3-4; poetry; If you work at / or raise your kids in a Christian home, there are definitely some biblical references throughout the story. Beautifully told, and easy poetry for kids to enjoy and follow along with!

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## **Kalynda says**

This book is a fun add to a bear or winter animals unit, because the preK-2 audience will laugh at the bear's interpretation of what Old Man Winter is trying to tell him. Each time the bear doesn't hear Old Man Winter's suggestion of "Sleep, Big Bear, sleep", but the bear does hear something...and follows that advice. While this book will be difficult to understand for your English Language Learners (ELLs), concept-wise, the illustrations do help you connect words to actions--for example, "leap".

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## **babyhippoface says**

Big Bear is tired, but he doesn't hear very well, so when Old Man Winter tells him it's time to hibernate, he misunderstands, leading him to do some very un-bear-like things.

Idea is cute, rhyme is gentle, but Will Hillenbrand's illustrations are the high point. Lovely dark blues and grays with speckles of snowy white in the backgrounds, and adorable brown and green animals. Fun book to share with little ones when you're discussing how animals hibernate.

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## **Maudie says**

Genre:Modern Fantasy

Grade:2-3

This is a hilarious book filled with amazing illustrations that goes in multiple directions. I like this book also because it shows the bear and his friend bunny going through all these different adventures and misinterpreting the wind telling the bear to go to bed. It's a very cute and interesting book.

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## **Luann says**

This is funny, but I would have enjoyed it more without the rhyming text. It doesn't really add to the story, and almost takes away from the funny bit of Big Bear misunderstanding Old Man Winter. Old Man Winter keeps saying, "Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep," but Big Bear hears things like "Drive a jeep, Big Bear, drive a jeep" and "Dive deep, Big Bear, dive deep." The illustrations are a lot of fun - especially the cute little rabbit that accompanies Big Bear everywhere throughout the story. This would work great in a lesson on animals in winter or hibernation.

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## **Rebecca says**

A beautifully illustrated book. This book is full of repetition and is the perfect picture book for the young reader, however it does use some interesting words which may be difficult to understand unaided. It would be a great book to take into the classroom to read with the children (Reception - Y2). The book is about a bear going on an adventure before he hibernates for the winter.

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