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The last time Eddie went for a walk in the woods, he had the biggest surprise of his life! There was a bear the size of a house in there! Now Eddie's mom is in the mood to picnic in the wood--and she insists there aren't any bears in there, (except Eddie's teddy, Freddie). But when Mom forgets the blueberry pie, she runs home to get it while Eddie waits in the woods all alone! What happens next? Just guess! Hold on to your teddies, because Jez Alborough is back with another hilarious story about little Eddie and that oversized bear--and this time he's hungry!

## **It's the Bear! Details**

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# From Reader Review It's the Bear! for online ebook

## Kerry says

Zoe's favorite!!!!

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## Vivian says

This is a great story to share in a "Teddy Bear" story time or party because it begins with a picnic!

Follow the reading with a game of "Ring Around the Teddy" (which I adapted from "Ring Around the Rosie").

Ring around the Teddy.

The bears are getting ready --

PICNIC! PICNIC!

We all fall down.

If all the children have a teddy bear you can sing and do these actions:

Put Your Finger on Your Bear, on your bear

Put your finger on your bear, on your bear

Put your finger on your bear, (now think of a phrase that rhymes, such as "why not leave it there?" or "now put it on your hair").

repeat with other verses: ear / leave it for a year, chin / it's where the food slips in, nose / before it starts to grow, cheek / leave it for a week

(follow this link for the tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grlBa...> )

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## Connor Rodriguez says

Eddie and his mom go into the woods to have a picnic, but Eddie is afraid because of the big bear that lives in the woods. Eddie's mom tells him that there is no bear and begins to lay out the picnic as she realizes that she has forgotten the dessert; she goes back home to get the dessert and leaves Eddie all alone. The big bear approaches the picnic and Eddie quickly hides in the basket, as the bear sits on the basket and begins to eat the food. The bear is startled when he sees a screaming Eddie upon opening the basket in search for some dessert. Eddie's mom quickly returns and reassures Eddie that there is no bear, however upon turning around she is even more startled to see the big bear eating her pie and she quickly grabs Eddie and makes a run for it. The major theme of this story is that animals are just as afraid of humans as we are of them and so we should be aware of this when outdoors. I rate this book a 4 out of 5 stars, because it has a good story line, but could have elaborated more on the human and wild animal interaction. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book because the author did a great job building up a sense of suspense within me through the use of exaggerated images, such as making the bear unreasonably huge and making the boy and his mother small compared to their wooded surroundings. Further, the author's employment of diction and syntax added to the overall effects of the story as he included words in uppercase and spaced sentences to connect the reader and emphasize points of importance. I recommend this book to young readers because it is a great example of a

suspenseful story that teaches a valuable lesson about wild animals to the reader.

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### **Lea says**

This story is about a little boy, Eddie, and his mother going into a forest for a picnic together. Eddie is frightened of the forest because a giant bear lives in it, but his mother dismisses the fright. After unpacking the food, his mother finds that she forgot the dessert so she leaves Eddie alone and heads back to grab it. Eddie is scared and thinks that he hears something, so he hides in the picnic basket. The giant bear then comes and eats the food, and then opens the basket to find a terrified Eddie. The child screams for his mother and she comes back, notices the bear, and runs off with Eddie.

The images are very descriptive in this story. Even if there weren't many words, the reader can notice and understand a lot of the emotions and situations from just looking at the characters. Eddie looks very frightened, his mother just looks happy and oblivious, and the bear looks surprised and curious. The images also take up a full page sometimes, other times using vertical and horizontal panels.

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### **Bailee McClard says**

Loved it as a child!

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### **Lynley says**

A mother takes a little boy for a picnic in the woods. (Eddy has his Teddy, named Freddy.) The mother goes back to the car for the forgotten blueberry pie. Eddy is scared of bears, but his mother tells him not to be silly. While she's away he hears a big voice, 'I smell food!' and a huge bear arrives on the scene. (The bear is clutching its own teddy.) The boy jumps inside the picnic hamper. The bear sits on that and gobbles up all the food. Wondering what's for dessert, he looks inside. The huge bear is as frightened as the boy. The mother comes back and doesn't notice the huge bear, not until the boy points it out. At this point it becomes less clear that this is all in Eddy's mind, because the mother sees the bear and they go running back to the car. She drops the blueberry pie, and the bear eats it up.

The illustrations of the forest are beautifully detailed. I read this 8 times in one day at the request of my two year old, who still loves it. She used to grab my arm when the little boy realises his mother's gone missing.

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### **Carolyn Jeziorski says**

I read this to some preschoolers. They were convinced the bear would eat everyone (and seemed disappointed when he didn't). They also immediately started talking about Goldilocks when I read the title.

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## **Emily Dunne says**

This is my first review of a picture book, and I have to admit I found it enjoyable analyzing the illustrations, language and characters as a whole. I can imagine this simplistic yet exciting story would command a child's attention from the opening of the book as the vibrant and detailed illustrations coincide with a lively story line. The main protagonist in the story is Eddy, who is apprehensive of entering the woods for a picnic with his mother due to the "great big bear that lives there". Once his mother realizes she has forgotten the blueberry pie, she returns home, leaving him alone in the forest where he encounters the bear.

The rhyming language in this book, makes it an exciting read and adds to the flow of the story, so that when one rhyme and page is finished, a child may be eagerly anticipating the next. The text is large, with injects of Bold, capital letters and much punctuation. This automatically will create excitement in the child and engages the child's attention even further in the story.

The illustrations of the scenic woods are colorful and create a pleasant setting for this silly and exciting story to take place. The mixture and lay out of frames, which consist of both horizontal, vertical and full panels on others definitely add to the suspense of the story.

The expressions on the characters themselves are full of emotion which hook the readers in and allow them to become connected with the character's even more. It is funny to see that the Bear appears to be just as frightened as Eddy when he see's him, gripping his teddy, terrified of what might come next. It is clear that the visual's complements the story in creating a humorous tale for children to read and creating a rich aesthetic as a whole.

I imagine this book would be extremely good to read aloud to children in the classroom, one which everyone can partake in some way or another. It would also be an excellent drama project to undertake with a small group involving the narrator, mother, Eddy and the Bear. Overall, an exciting enjoyable picture book for children ages 4-7.

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## **Mandy says**

Summary:

Eddie and Mom go for a picnic in the woods, but Eddie is scared he will run into a bear.

This funny book will have kids squealing with Eddie and parents thinking twice before dismissing their child's fears.

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## **Emily says**

Sequel to "Where's my Teddy." An innocent picnic turns into a terrifying experience for little Eddie when Mom leaves him alone in the woods for a minute to get the forgotten blueberry pie. Although there aren't any big bears in THIS forest, somehow there IS this one BIG bear, a very hungry bear. He's holding his own teddy bear, which is adorable. He does what hungry bears do...eat all your food. Eddie is sure he's going to

be dessert, but somehow mom saves the day. The bear gets the blueberry pie and Eddie doesn't get eaten for dessert, so toddlers listening to this story will be saved from a traumatic ending. The illustrations are a little dated but they are bright and cheerful and I don't think they are the stuff of nightmares.

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### **Naomi says**

A really cute and humorous series about a big, scary bear who ends up to be not that scary given that he carries a big ole teddy bear and his little human friend who can't get enough of the big guy. Illustrations are vibrant and match the story. Love the illustration for bear. I didn't find this book as funny as some of the others in the series.

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### **Amy says**

Another fantastic book by Jez Alborough! The story is funny and easy to read with rhyming. For some reason the bear sitting on the picnic basket is very funny my daughter laughs every time.

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### **Kelly says**

It was just okay. Mom and boy go on a picnic. The boy is afraid there will be bears. There is. Mom doesn't believe him.

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### **Melanie says**

Eddie and his mom are out for a picnic. Eddie didn't want to come. He's sure there will be a bear. His mother tells him that, of course, there are no bears. Mom quickly realizes that she's forgotten to pack the blueberry pie for dessert. She runs back to grab it while Eddie waits, in a panic, sitting on top of the picnic basket.

You'll never guess who shows up!

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### **Abigail says**

I have this book memorized

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