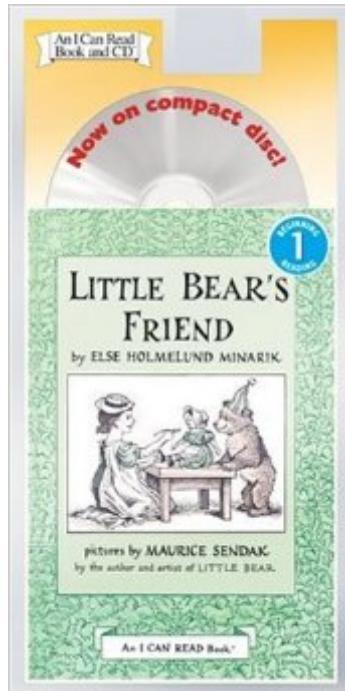


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# Little Bear's Friend (An I Can Read Book And CD)



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## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

My kids have been captivated by this book from the time they were barely old enough to look at the pictures. My oldest is almost five, and she still asks me to read this book, even though she has it memorized! It is a charming tale of Little Bear's visit to his grandparents' house. The love in this bear family is so heartwarming, and the sense of fun so nicely realized that adults will love it too. Maurice Sendak's illustrations, which have a 19th Century feel, are the perfect complement to this story. My only complaint is I can't find this book in hardback, and our paperback version is worn out! Two other books in this series - Little Bear and Little Bear's Friend are also great for kids from age 2

to around 7.

Little lost robins, ghastly goblins, and a grandmother's home-cooked meal delight Little Bear during a visit to his grandparents' house. Minarik's easy reader book features short chapters with simple sentences and a large typeface; the beautiful illustrations expand upon the storyline while providing a moderate level of text support. Never-ending rows of knick-knacks, perpetual laps to sit upon, and ceaseless supplies of home-baked goods enchant Little Bear as he soaks up the love around him like a sponge. Sendak's simple, yet descriptive ink drawings further engage readers in this refreshing tale; they are indeed worthy of the Caldecott Honor Book award which decorates the cover. This book is ideal for both upper and lower elementary school readers. Its four chapters are episodic, making them perfect stopping points for the lower elementary school reader. Moreover, when read in its entirety, Little Bear's Visit provides the older child with a large sense of accomplishment. Grandfather's campfire-ghost tale may potentially frighten even older readers; however, a clear use of foreshadowing and an explicit, upbeat resolution sufficiently reassure young readers while maintaining older children's excitement. Relevant to children across cultures, Little Bear's Visit uses hugs and loving words in order to effectively model tender adult-child relationships. This charming chapter narrative for beginning readers will give Little Bear a special place in the hearts of young children everywhere.

I am amazed at the sort of complex storytelling that Ms. Minarik can accomplish with fairly simple words. [Why can't more modern authors accomplish the same?!?] In this book, Little Bear finds two new friends, a little girl named Emily and her doll, Lucy. Together they have adventures which include going to a party, a broken arm for Lucy, and tragedy of tragedies... Emily's having to go away at the end of summer to attend school. Five Stars. Wonderful storytelling. Good Read-aloud. I would estimate that this "I Can Read" book is on the first grade level. [Other sources list it as a second grade reader: 2.2 Level.] Principally the difficulty lies not in the vocabulary but in the fact that there is quite a bit of dialog and more words per page than is found in Ms. Minarik's earlier stories.

These stories about Little Bear and his friend Emily are a charming introduction to the world of reading for beginners. Little Bear is a sweet child to his mother and father and a good friend to Duck, Hen, Owl and Cat. Minarik's simple narrative will be easy enough for early readers, and Sendak's illustrations will hold their attention. The four stories are: Little Bear and Emily, about the friends' meeting; Duck, Baby Sitter; The Party at Owl's House, in which Lucy falls from a tree; and

"Your Friend, Little Bear", about Little Bear's coping when Emily goes away for the school year.

Little Bear visits Grandma and Grandpa Bear. Tells a story about Little Bear's mom and a story about a scared Goblin. I'm 9 and still like this book.

As a little girl in the early 1960's, Little Bear's Friend was one of my favorite books. What a joy to discover that this old friend is still available for my three year old daughter to enjoy!

There are four separate but related stories in this "I CAN READ Book" and they are all delightful. They flow from one to the other so that first story has Little Bear visiting his grandparents, while the second and third stories are tales that Little Bear's grandmother and then grandfather tell him. And the final story has Little Bear's parents coming to take him home after a wonderful, but tiring day of fun. To parents and other caregivers this structure means is that we can read/or be read to big chunks or small. *Contents: Grandmother and Grandfather Bear; Mother Bear's Robin-Goblin Story; Not Tired; Now my children like all these stories but their favorite is the one about the goblin who jumps out of his shoes. It never fails to get a howl of laughter from them.* Five Stars. Great artwork by Maurice Sendak. The stories are heart touching and humorous. The book is a Great Read-aloud and a more challenging reader for young children. The reading level on this book is higher than some of the other Little Bear books and it is listed as 2.3 or suitable for a child reading at the second grade level. There is more vocabulary, more dialog, and more text per page. ~a review by Pam T.~

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