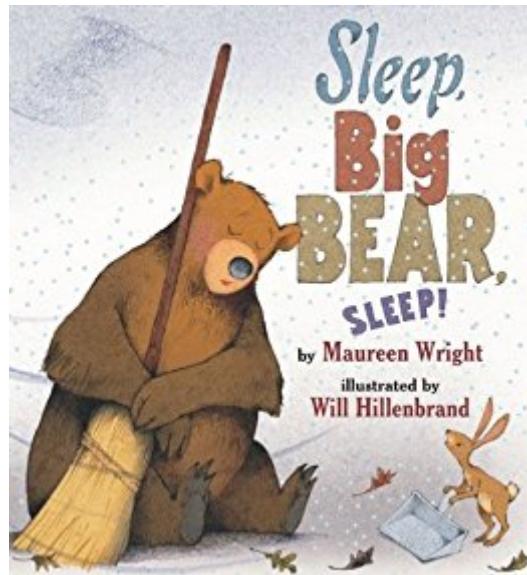


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# Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!



## **Synopsis**

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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## **Customer Reviews**

Maureen Wright, Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep! (Two Lions, 2009)Cute little tale about a slightly-hard-of-hearing bear who keeps misinterpreting old man wind's suggestion that he go hibernate for the winter, sending him off on all sorts of amusing, and occasionally odd, adventures. (No one thought it strange that a bear decided to show up and clean the house?) The illustrations are quite lovely (and, since I picked this one up in ebook form and we usually read it either on a 7" phone or 10" tablet screen, it's relevant) well-suited to electronic delivery. I'm not sure whether that was a specific idea in the mind of illustrator Will Hillenbrand, but it's certainly appreciated in this camp. My only real criticism is that the book takes its conceit maybe one step too

far; the Bean (who's two as I write this) loses steam about four pages before Big Bear finally lies down for a nap. But that is certainly not going to stop me recommending this lovely little tale. \*\*\*  
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Ã¢â€œBut big bear didnÃ¢â€™t hear very well; he couldnÃ¢â€™t sleep in his den in the dell. He thought he heard as twilight fell-Ã¢â€œdrive a jeep, big bear, drive a jeepÃ¢â€œ. Big bear doesnÃ¢â€™t hear very well and each time instead of going to sleep like he should have during winter time, he thinks he is being sent to another mission and to another mission each time, again and againÃ¢â€œinstead of making his own judgment and stop to think what he should really do, or ask, he just follows the orders blindly. It is only after he exhaust himself so much, that he suddenly hear what he should have done long time ago-which is going to sleep. I think this book is about not being afraid to question anything or everyone, even if it is Ã¢â€œold man winterÃ¢â€œ! It is about trusting yourself and your own judgment, and I think kids could relate to it because they tend to question their parents all the time, like they should. The reason I like the character of big bear so much, is that he is very human, he is lovable, funny, very trusting and total to his mission, he doesnÃ¢â€™t give up although he is so tiredÃ¢â€œin fact, you can say he is stubbornÃ¢â€œyes, just like us sometimesÃ¢â€œ! Big bear has a strong will, and I think thatÃ¢â€œs why most children could identify with him and care about him. Eventually, we all want him to stop working so hard and go to winter sleep which was his true will from the beginning. If you and your kid enjoy books with humor, this is a perfect book for you. This book reminds me of Ã¢â€œSneezy the SnowmanÃ¢â€œ, another wonderful book by Maureen Wright.. If you loved this book check out [B007756YHO](#)Ã¢â€œSneeze, Big Bear Sneeze!Ã¢â€œ And experience another big bear adventure. You might want to check out alsoÃ¢â€œThe Dinosaur Who Wanted to FlyÃ¢â€œ as a tale of imagination and bravery for your kids! If you found this review helpful, let the other readers know by clicking "YES" on the HELPFUL VOTE.

This sweet book teaches kids about bear hibernation with cute little "mistakes" that bear makes when he cannot hear what Old Man Winter is telling him to sleep. The illustrations are beautiful too!

My 6 year old granddaughter had plenty of questions about this book, once you stop reading her stories she is asleep in record time so she was curious why the bear would go to sleep...great fun!

I'm not sure how I found this book but it has become one of our most frequently read bedtime

stories. It was an unexpected hit in our home and I'm sure it will be in yours as well.

This is my favorite book to ready to my now three year old at bedtime! It is a fun story to read (with the whispering Old Man Winter and the snoring fumbling bear). It tends to make my J sleepy. The words have a beautiful cadence when read and the illustrations are captivating. We originally bought it as a Kindle book, we now own it in hard back form, and have gifted it to two new babies in our family! Thank you for this beautiful book!

This was a delightful read and enjoyed equally by both my two year old and five year old alike. The illustrations were gorgeous and the rhyming verses amusing and fun for kids.

Probably my 4 yr old granddaughter's favorite book on my kindle. She practically has it memorized. I only get to read the parts that she has forgotten. The gentle rhythm of the rhyming story is very soothing when we read before bed. The artwork is done well and the detail is great. We have fun looking for his bunny friend on each page.

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