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Bear Snores On

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Wilson, Karma. *Bear Snores On*. Illustrated by Jane Chapman. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2002. ISBN 0689831870. \$16.00. Unpaginated.

Reviewer: Vicky M. Turner

Reading Level: Preschool; Primary;

Rating: Outstanding;

Genre: Humorous stories;

Subject: Bears--Juvenile fiction; Animals--Juvenile fiction; Parties--Juvenile fiction;

Bear has settled down for his long winter's nap. He is warm and snug in his cave, but other forest animals are cold and hungry. First Mouse ventures in, starts a small fire and begins to get warm. Hare brings corn for popping, badger brings honey nuts, and so on until the cave is alive with warm friendly animals--and the bear snores on! That is until a small fleck of pepper floats toward his nose. After a loud sneeze, bear is put out that the others are having a party without him, and in the end he is the only one awake in the lair.

Fanciful illustrations add to a delightful cumulative retelling of a tale reminiscent of *The Mitten*.