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Bear Stays Up for Christmas

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Wilson, Karma. *Bear Stays Up for Christmas*. Illustrated by Jane Chapman. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2004. ISBN 0689852789. 17.00. 40 pp.

Reviewer: Vicky M. Turner

Reading Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Christmas stories; Picture books;

Subject: Bears-Juvenile Fiction; Christmas-Juvenile Fiction; Friendship-Juvenile Fiction;

Bear and his friends are at it again. This time the mouse, the badger, the raven, the rabbit, the mole, and the beaver all decide to help Bear stay awake for Christmas rather than slip into hibernation. They chop and trim a tree. They bake and pop corn. They cuddle and sing... and Bear stays awake. But in the end all the friends fall asleep and Bear prepares a Christmas like they've never seen before. There's even a surprise visit from Santa.

Done in wonderful rhyme and charming illustrations, this book feels, smells and reads just like one of the happiest Christmas' ever had.