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Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!

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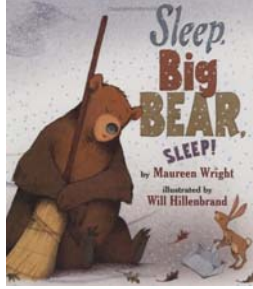
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Wright, Maureen. *Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!*. Illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. Marshall Cavendish, 2009. ISBN 9780761455608. \$16.99. 32 p.

Reviewer: Ruth-Anne Brown

Reading Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Picture book; Fiction;

Subject: Stories in rhyme--Juvenile fiction; Bears--Juvenile fiction; Winter--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

Old Man Winter tries to tell Big Bear to prepare for his long sleep, but Big Bear does not hear very well. He mistakes the instructions as going for a drive in a jeep, sweeping, leaping, diving deep, and climbing a steep mountain. After this long journey of tasks, Father Winter loses his patience and yells "It's winter time, now go to bed!" A surprised Big Bear enters his cozy den and plans to not open his eyes until spring comes again.

Hillenbrand sets each drowsy scene with his colored pencil and mixed media illustrations. Big Bear's interactions with humans are sure to make children laugh as each new page shows the bear and his rabbit friend growing more and more tired. The rhyming text and mutedly colored illustrations are sure to lull any child to sleep.

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