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Paddington in the Garden

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Review

While Paddington is in the garden making a list of all of the nice things about being a bear and living with the Browns, he realizes that one of the nicest things of all is the garden. Jonathan, Judy, and Paddington each have a piece of the garden to take care of, and Paddington discovers that gardening is much harder than it looks. He buys a book and then sits at a high spot so that he can see the garden area from a distance and his jar of marmalade gets covered by construction equipment. With some help from the construction workers, he gets his marmalade back and finds a unique way to make the garden just right for him.

Paddington is back in a usual story about how he accidentally gets into trouble, but does his best to make amends and otherwise fix the situation. This picture book makes Paddington available for fans that are old or young. The illustrations beautifully capture this classic children’s character and his adventure in trying to create the perfect garden. For old fans of Paddington and those new to the adventures of this marmalade-loving bear, Paddington in the Garden will be a delight to read.