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# The Berenstain Bears' Old-Fashioned Christmas

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# Book Review

**Title:** The Berenstain Bears' Old-Fashioned Christmas

**Author:** Jan and Mike Berenstain

**Reviewer:** Amanda Durrant

**Publisher:** Harper

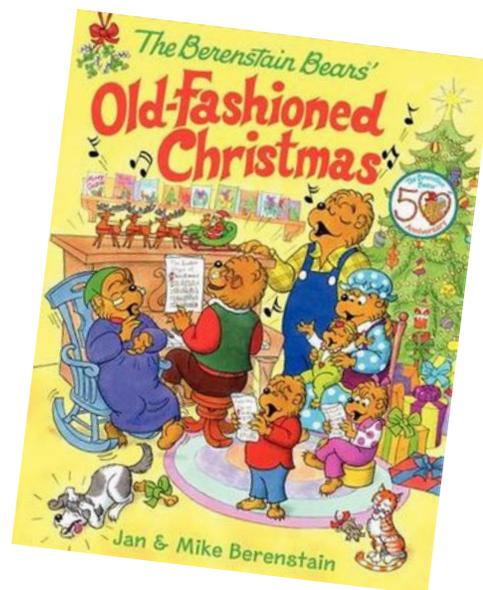
**Publication Year:** 2012

**ISBN:** 9780060574437

**Number of Pages:** 32

**Interest Level:** Primary

**Rating:** Outstanding



## Review

This book follows the adventure of the Berenstain Bear family as they visit Grizzly Gramps and Gran for the holidays. When they get there, the TV is unplugged and the bear cubs get to experience an old-fashioned Christmas. The cubs listen to the player piano, cut down their own Christmas tree from the forest, enjoy a home cooked feast, listen to carolers, and go for a sleigh ride before getting the cookies, milk, and stockings ready for Christmas Eve. The book ends with the Bear family opening presents and celebrating Christmas together.

It is a real treasure that this book puts the focus of Christmas back on family traditions and togetherness and less on gifts and material things. In between the vibrantly illustrated pages are the words of Christmas carols and craft ideas to help families spend time together away from electronics. Kids will really get a kick out of the "country" dialect that Grizzly Gramps and Gran speak throughout the book. The combination of the country dialect and the brightly colored pages full of illustrations will keep children of all ages intrigued.