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### Snowy Bear

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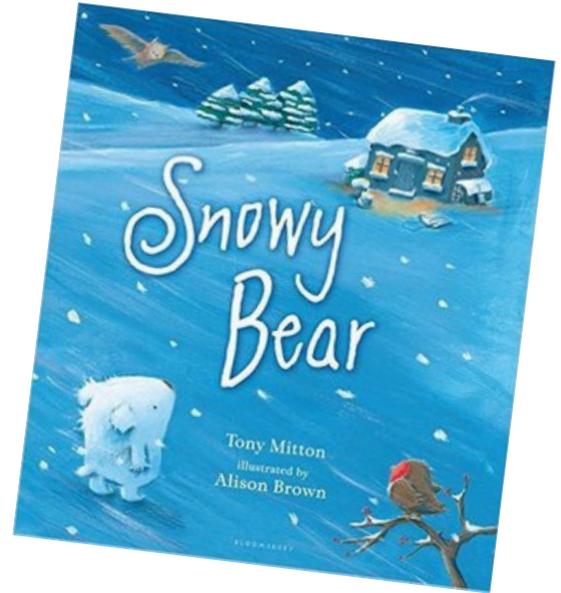
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# Book Review

**Title:** Snowy Bear  
**Author:** Tony Mitton  
**Illustrator:** Alison Brown  
**Reviewer:** Ariel Woodbury  
**Publisher:** Bloomsbury  
**Publication Year:** 2015  
**ISBN:** 9781619639058  
**Number of Pages:** 32  
**Interest Level:** Preschool  
**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

Snowy Bear is all alone out in the snow. He has no place to get away from the cold. He finds a hole that looks dark and dry, but a family of foxes lives there and there isn't any room for Snowy Bear. Then he spots a warm cozy hole in a tree and climbs up to it, but an owl family lives there and they don't have room for Snowy Bear either. So Snowy Bear keeps walking through the cold to look for a home. He sees a small farmhouse with a warm fire inside so he peeks in the door and finds a lonely little girl. Finally, Snowy Bear has found a home. And a friend.

The illustrations in this book are great. The full spread acrylic and colored pencil illustrations are very expressive, it doesn't just look like it's snowing—it looks cold! The rhyming verse and the author's word choice adds to the emotional illicitness of the book. Snowy Bear is "plodding along" through the snow, leaving a "long, weary line" of foot prints and is described as a "poor little shivery bear". Both of these qualities should help readers to connect and empathize with Snowy Bear in this great story about finding where we belong.