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The Bear Who Wasn't There

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Book Review

Title: The Bear Who Wasn't There

Author: LeUyen Pham

Reviewer: Ariel Woodbury

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Publication Year: 2016

ISBN: 9781596439702

Number of Pages: 33

Interest Level: Preschool

Rating: Excellent



Review

Bear doesn't show up for the book about him! But Duck is there to suggest you read the book about him anyway. The other animals in the book suggest some places that you could look for Bear. Bear is not there, but Duck is. Where is Bear? Even the author can't find Bear! Finally, some muddy paw prints lead to Bear!

This entire book, including the jacket cover and title page, jokes about Bear's conspicuous absence. The narration is from the reader's point of view and the characters in the book act like they are participating in the book, much like someone taking part in a play. The author, LeUyen Pham, is also a character. The illustrations aid the comedy by portraying cartoon animals with exaggerated features. This book is a fun read with a satisfying ending.