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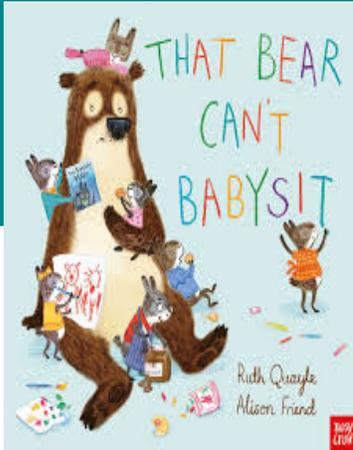
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool, Primary

When Mr. and Mrs. Rabbit post a request for a baby sitter to watch their seven active bunnies they get only one applicant—a bear! Mrs. Rabbit is a bit uncomfortable leaving her brood in the care of an omnivore, but Mr. Rabbit is worried that they will be late for the party. The little bunnies make all kinds of mischief while in the care of the bear, but Bear is really just letting them learn why there are rules. In the end Bear steps in and by the time the Rabbit parents are home six little bunnies are tucked safely in bed, and number seven is found safely snoozing in a head of lettuce!

This story is for parents who wonder if they can safely leave little ones in someone else's care while they enjoy a night out. It is also good for children who like to break the rules with a babysitter. And it is a great story for wise babysitters who know how to handle big families of sneaky kids! So pretty much everyone will at least get a smile from this tale. The illustrations are soft and warm which keeps the humor from being a little uncomfortable—like the parental decision to leave little rabbits in the care of a creature known to enjoy meat. This is a smile evoking romp through the trials of babysitting and is a suitable for read those who are watching children and those being watched.

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