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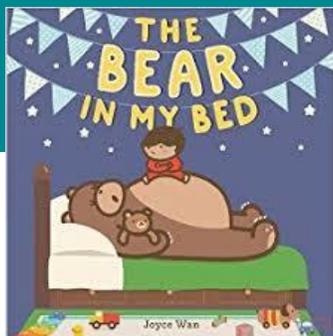
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Book Review

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Rating

Dependable

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Toddler

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Walking into his room, a little boy is surprised by a bear sleeping in his bed! And no, it's not his teddy. The pair spend the evening getting ready for bed by picking up toys, brushing teeth, using the potty, having a bath, and putting their pajamas on. But bear doesn't quite seem to get the idea. Instead, he takes toys out of their box, puts his toothbrush up his nose, and puts underwear on his head. When it comes time to get in bed, there isn't enough room! Luckily, this boy is handy and gets to work building a bunk bed so they can both sleep soundly.

Toddlers will love reading this book, as almost every page has a routine they will be familiar with. The illustrations are crisp and the objects well defined for this type of identification. The main subject for each page's illustration has exceedingly thick dark outlines, which sometimes distracts from the object itself and can make it nearly unrecognizable. For example, on the page where they brush their teeth, the fingers, brush, and bristles all have thick outlining in a small area of the page, making them difficult to distinguish. However, the theme and layout of the book are apt for the audience, even though mom and dad will likely find it unstimulating. The book has paper pages, which may be short-lived with some toddlers.