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Book Review

Bear & Duck #4: All Right Already!: A Snowy Story

The first snow has fallen over night and Duck is SO excited! He rushes to his friend and neighbor's house, Bear, to get him to come and play in the white world outside. Bear, however, is in the tub and couldn't be less interested in going out into the cold. Duck drags him outside still in his towel and shower cap. Duck gives Bear several ideas of games they can play in the snow, all of which bear rejects and duck plays by himself anyway. When they return indoors, Bear starts to sneeze. Duck wants to be of service and is over-the-top oversolicitous of his now exhausted friend. Duck eventually returns to his own home and discovers that he is also sick. He wants his friend Bear to come take care of him. Poor Bear heads nextdoor hoping to some day move.

Very cute interplay happens between Bear and Duck. Everyone would probably want to clobber Duck or enjoy a nice roast Duck by the time Duck is done. Duck is quite inconsiderate and selfish. Bear is unusually longsuffering for someone of his superior size and maturity. And diet. These two characters will give parents an opportunity to talk with children about being considerate to friends and family members even when they are excited. How to be a bear and not a duck is an important thing to learn and this story provides that opportunity. The illustration are in bright, cheerful color and combine with limited text to appeal to young readers/listeners with a humorous tone. This is a fun winter story that would be perfect for the dour days of January.

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Rating

Excellent

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