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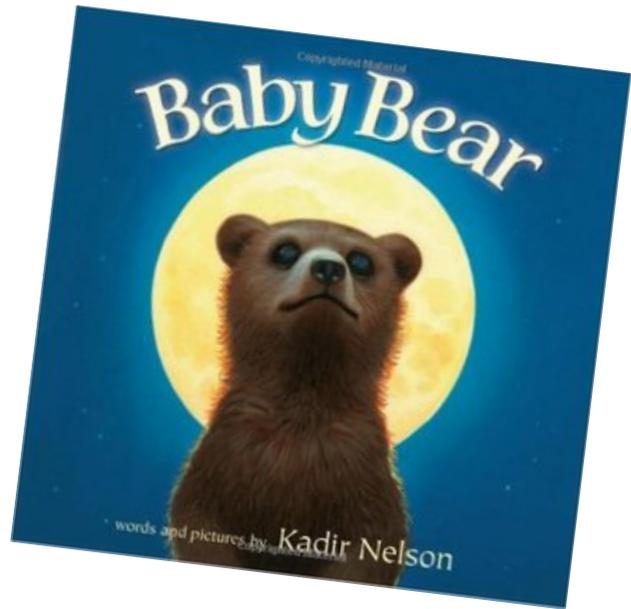
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Book Review

Title: Baby Bear
Author: Kadir Nelson
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Publisher: Balzer + Bray
Publication Year: 2014
ISBN: 9780062241726
Number of Pages: 40
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Outstanding



Review

When Baby Bear loses his way in the forest, he begins asking the other forest creatures if they can help him get home. One by one, they share advice on what they do when they get lost, and each bit of advice seems to lead to Baby Bear meeting another animal who then helps him further along. After chatting with a large mountain lion, a busy frog, a pair of squirrels, a wise moose, a friendly ram, and a loving owl, Baby Bear finds a salmon who finally leads him home.

In this book, the illustrator has marvelously painted the forest and its animals in a majestic light on extra-large pages that add to that effect. Naturally, the baby bear is drawn to be as cute as can be, which will win the hearts of readers starting right at the front cover. With calm, soft colors and equally calm, soft words, this book will bring a peaceful and tranquil mood to its audience. Also, the advice given to Baby Bear contains priceless words of wisdom and exudes a feeling of cooperation, love, and trust. All in all, *Baby Bear* is an outstanding book with brilliant illustrations and a wise message that is sure to be treasured by many.