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Bear in Love

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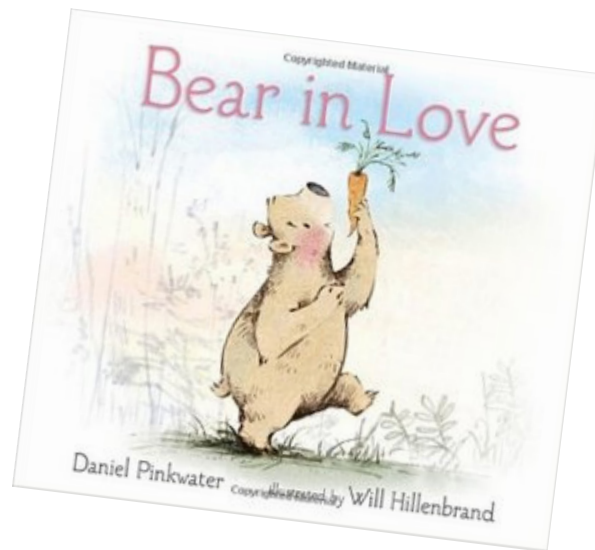
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Book Review

Title: Bear in Love
Author: Daniel Pinkwater
Illustrator: Daniel Pinkwater
Reviewer: Aylea Stephens
Publisher: Candlewick Press
Publication Year: 1997
ISBN: 9780763645694
Number of Pages: 40
Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Dependable



Review

Bear usually wakes up every morning and goes to find food, but one day someone has already left him something to eat! As the days go by, more carrots are added to the pile and Bear starts to leave presents of his own. He keeps leaving presents of his own and hoping to stay awake to meet his mysterious friend, but he keeps falling asleep. Finally, he meets the bunny that has been leaving him the presents and they become friends.

The illustrations are the best, most charming part of the book. Even without the story, the illustrations make it worth browsing through the book. The title of the book is confusing, making the older reader wonder if the Bear is in love with carrots or if Bear falls in love with the bunny. In general, the book is sappy, but still charming enough that readers will think it's a nice story. The message about sharing and exchanging gifts and about friendship make this a sweet book for storytime for young animal fans.