

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Bears Don't Read by Emma Chichester Clark

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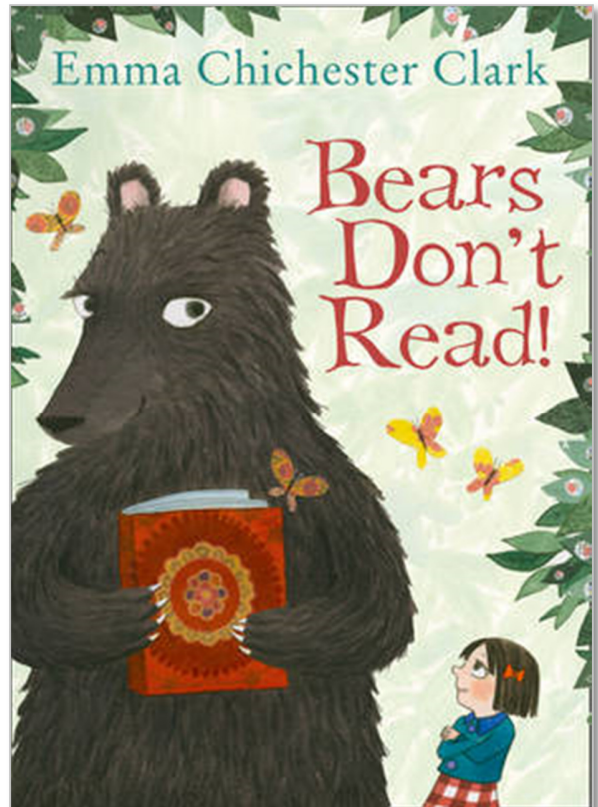
Emma Johnson, age 4

I loved this book!

I really liked the bit where the police surrounded the bear and the pictures are great.

Emma's mum

*This was a lovely book to share as Emma is just about to start school and has started reading on her own. **The illustrations are beautiful and make the story come to life.** It is just the right difficulty that she can almost read it all to herself but has learnt some new words too. We already loved the Blue Kangaroo series by this author so we thought we were going to enjoy it!*



James McNichol, age 4 and mum

On the surface 'Bears Don't Read!' is a story about George ("a gigantic great grizzly bear") who wants to learn how to read, but look a little deeper and it is so much more.

It is the wonderful story of George who wants to learn how to read a book he has found whilst walking in the forest, but it is also about not being afraid to be different and to have your own dreams and to live your own life.

My four year old son and I loved this book and we thought that the illustrations were charming. My son particularly liked the drawing of George sitting on the top of the hill under the full moon.

Eleanor, age 2 and Mummy

*A lovely story about a very determined bear and a helpful kind girl called Clementine. **Bright and colourful with lots to look at and talk about on every page.** I read this with my two year old daughter and she had lots of fun counting how many bears she could see on each page and spotting different things. Her favourite page was when the bear goes into town and everybody runs away screaming. She thought it was quite hysterical and wanted to know why they were so scared of the bear. In her own words 'But he so luvy. We read him a story too?' I think she would have quite happily had a bear join us in the living room for storytime. **It kept her captivated from start to finish** which is not always easy with an easily distracted two year old so this book gets the thumbs up from us.*

Tracey Stanley & Finley McMaster, age 3

*First impression **can not help being impressed with the beautiful illustrations and the detail in the drawings.***

Concept of as an individual you do not always have to conform to the pressures of those in your group is good, especially in today's society where peer pressure is often a source of concern for children and parents alike. It shows you should be confident to follow your own desires and be happy to be different.

***A story that shows the joy of reading** - when George opens the book for the first time, the excitement and anticipation. In the age of ebooks and technology a story that promotes and focuses on "an old fashioned book". I so hope actual paperbased books do not become obsolete, as I struggle to see, in particular with picture books like this one how the magic can be translated on a screen.*

Only negative point, the book is maybe just a bit too wordy for the younger age bracket - my son is three.

Aoife Harrison, age 5

I really liked the bits when the guards came and I liked the pictures most. It was a funny book. I would really like to read more of them.

This book was about a bear and he found a book under a tree and he wants to learn to read. And then he tells his family that he's going to town to ask to show him how to read. When he got to the town everyone started to run and they

called the police. He goes to the school and the guards come and arrest him and make a circle around him. Then he held the book tightly. A little girl came in and she said 'that's my book'. She didn't go away from the bear even when the guards told her to get away. The bear said that he wanted to learn to read and so did the little girl. So they shook hands and each day after school the little girl showed the bear how to learn. Sometimes the chief of the guards came to see how the bear was doing. At the end, the bear realised he could read. He read the whole book. It was about a bear.

Evie Meredith, age 5

Fantastic, funny read! We loved it!

Evie and I loved reading this together. We found it really funny, and a good opportunity to talk about how wonderful it is to be able to read. Great book, highly recommended.