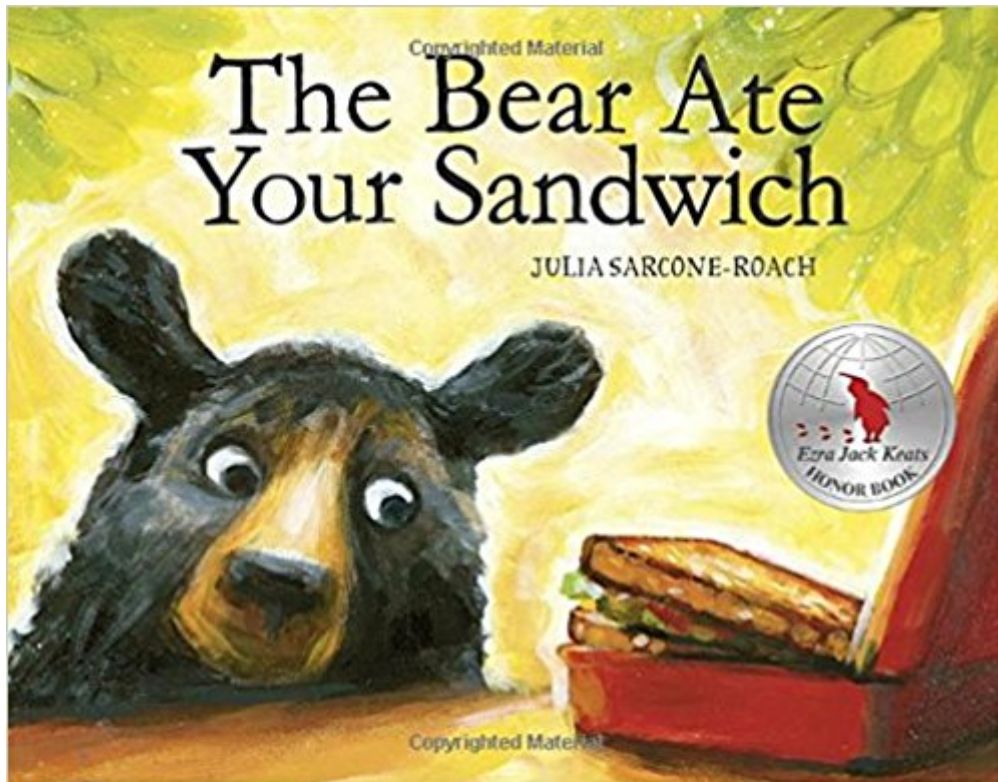




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# The Bear Ate Your Sandwich



## Synopsis

Bear meets sandwich, adventure ensues. . . . A sly classic-in-the-making for fans of Jon Klassen, Peter Brown, and Mo Willems. "By now I think you know what happened to your sandwich. But you may not know how it happened. So let me tell you. It all started with the bear . . . " So begins Julia Sarcone-Roach's delicious tale of a bear, lost in the city, who happens upon an unattended sandwich in the park. The bear's journey from forest to city and back home again is full of happy accidents, funny encounters, and sensory delights. The story is so engrossing, it's not until the very end that we begin to suspect this is a TALL tale. The wonderfully told story, spectacular illustrations, and surprise ending make this Julia Sarcone-Roach's best book to date. You'll want to share it with your friends (and keep a close eye on your lunch). Praise for *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich*: \*\*\*Winner of an Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Honor Award!\*\*\* "This story is mischief-making at its finest. And just like a good sandwich, it's hard to resist." -Book Page "Charming" "The Wall Street Journal" "While the bear storyline is entertaining in itself, the ending twist will equally delight kids who love to spot untruths, and a second reading for hints as to the narrator's credibility may well be in order." -The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, Starred review

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## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2 "It all started with the bear," begins this story of what happened to a sandwich. Bear wakes up to the delectable aroma of freshly picked berries. He sniffs out a red truck, the back of which is filled with boxes of perfectly harvested berries. After having a berry party, Bear falls asleep. The truck drives him to a new forest—the city. When Bear begins to explore, he sees things in the city framed by his own experiences: a telephone pole becomes a tree, and bricks on the side of a building make great bark for scratching. In a park, he finds a lunchbox with a delicious sandwich, which he eats ravenously. When he climbs a tree, he can see his forest home in the distance and desperately wants to return. Somehow, he finds a boat, which carries him to the familiar sights and sounds of home. "So that's what happened to [the] sandwich." This is a fun story that children will enjoy, though they'll need to suspend logic a bit. The illustrations in this book are terrific: color-drenched and bold slashes that cover the pages. The funny Bear is sympathetic and is only doing what bears do—eating and sleeping. And making us laugh. This book is a fine addition to any collection. —Mary Hazelton, formerly at Warren & Waldoboro Elementary Schools, ME

"This enjoyable romp is sure to elicit giggles... Young readers and listeners will laugh out loud as they closely examine the pictures and find the jokes in this highly interactive urban adventure." - Kirkus Review "Entertaining tale about the fate of a missing sandwich" —Horn Book (Starred review) "Lush, color-drenched paintings..." —"charming" - Wall Street Journal "This story is mischief-making at its finest. And just like a good sandwich, it's hard to resist." - Book Page "This enjoyable romp is sure to elicit giggles... Young readers and listeners will laugh out loud as they closely examine the pictures and find the jokes in this highly interactive urban adventure." —Kirkus Reviews "To her credit, the question of the narrator's identity and reliability may not come up for readers until book's end. If they do wonder, the diverting story and illustrations help to keep it a surprise. After the bear returns to the forest, the silver-tongued narrator's subterfuge quickly falls apart, and the truth is unleashed (œRuff! Ruff! Ruff! Ruff! Ruff!œ). The book stands up to repeat readings; the illustrations (and endpapers) beg for more attention." —Horn Book, Starred review "Lush, color-drenched paintings..." —"charming" —Wall Street Journal "This story is mischief-making at its finest. And just like a good sandwich, it's hard to resist." —Book Page "While the bear storyline is entertaining in itself, the ending twist will equally delight kids who love to spot untruths, and a second reading for hints as to the narrator's credibility may well be in order." —The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, Starred review "The illustrations in this book are terrific: color-drenched and bold slashes that cover the pages." -- School Library Journal, Starred review

Wonderful, imaginative children's book with beautifully detailed illustrations. My 3-year-old LOVES this book (although she still believes the bear ate the sandwich), and I don't mind reading it repeatedly. It's sweet, funny, and we like to look for the bear and talk about what he's doing in the scenes on each page. The only small nit I would have is that I usually have to add a little narration to explain that the bear gets on a boat at the end (it's pictured, but she doesn't really understand what's being shown. Otherwise, she still interprets the bear's perception literally (she thinks the tall tree is actually a tall tree, and not the electrical pole it actually is, for example). This is one of our absolute favorites though--great book.

Summary: A bear finds a pick-up truck filled with berries, eats them all, then promptly falls asleep. He wakes up in the city, where he smells interesting smells, finds fun places to climb and play, and eventually discovers a sandwich that he eats. Caught in the act by a pack of dogs, he runs away, finds a boat, and makes the trip back to his forest home. On the last page, the reader discovers who has been telling the story, throwing an element of doubt into the whole tale. Pros: Kindergarteners and first graders would love this story. When you find out who is telling the story at the end, this could become a good example of persuasive writing. Cons: The illustrations were colorful and fun, but a little blurry for my middle-aged eyes.

This book is so cute I could read it a dozen times a day and not tire of it. The pictures are hilarious and a great complement to the narrative. My grandson who is three requests it every time he comes over. I highly recommend this book.

This is a cute story of a bear that accidentally winds up in a city (that looks suspiciously like New York), does some exploring, finds a sandwich on a park bench, eats it, and eventually winds up back in his forest home. This is a very, very simple story but it is pure delight for a toddler. The full-page illustrations are a joy to see and the simple story line has a touch of adventure. I sent this book as a birthday gift to a 3-year old and he is delighted with it. It has become his favorite book and his mother says that almost every night he climbs on her lap with this book and insists that they both read it. He's much taken with the beautiful illustrations. The hardcover edition is a large 9"x11" and has a dust jacket which it does not need since the picture on the dust jacket is the same as on the glossy board cover. It's probably best to take the off the dust jacket and put it away somewhere since it won't last long in a toddler's hands.

Such a cute story! I had to explain to my 4 year old grandson at the end of the story that the dog was blaming the bear for eating the sandwich because he didn't pick up on that. However, he thought it was funny and we had to read it over and over again.

This book was a gift for my grandson. He enjoyed it tremendously. I think that it gave him a perspective on sharing and being honest with people.

Great book, lots of fun. My nephews absolutely love it. My mom, their grandmother has taken it with her to school and it is a big hit in her Kindergarten classroom. The story is fantastic and the illustrations are colorful and eye-catching. An excellent book, to be sure. I'd love to see it in a "board book" style, just for durability around really young children.

This was such a fun book to read for the first time! My 3 year old knew immediately what happened when we got to the end of the book and thought it was the funniest thing! We read it several nights in a row and then I think the luster wore off. We'll pull it out in a month and he'll love it again :)

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