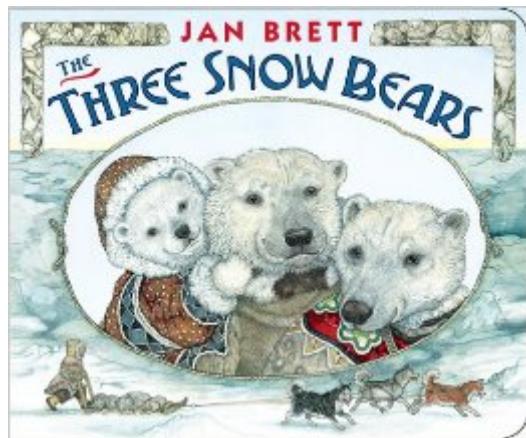


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# The Three Snow Bears



## Synopsis

Jan Brett's #1 New York Times bestseller, now in board book format Jan Brett's board book audience will love this brief version of a favorite tale in which Aloo-ki, an Inuit girl, meets a polar bear family. When Aloo-ki's sled dogs float away on an ice floe, she goes looking for them. She comes upon an igloo with no one home and goes inside. In the meantime, Mama, Papa and Baby Bear swim out and rescue Aloo-ki's dogs. They all go home for breakfast to find a surprise visitor curled up in Baby Bear's bed for a nap.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 1 - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

The pictures in this book are fantastic. For that reason alone, I give it two stars. Story wise, the message it presents is a bit unclear. First off, Aloo-ki decides to stop looking for her sled dogs (who are clearly in peril) and break into someone else's home. Once inside, any concern for her dogs evaporates in favor of free food, some nice new boots and a nap. When the homeowners (three bears) return having rescued her dogs, Aloo-ki escapes with her new boots and lives happily ever after. So wait... are the bears good or bad? If good, why does Aloo-ki run? If bad, why does she happily wave goodbye? Why did she still steal the boots even though the bears helped save her dogs? Why did she need to steal the boots when clearly she already had boots of her own? How does she go from running for her life to waving a "thank you"? Am I missing pages? I get that this is

a retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. I get that this is intended for children and maybe I'm over-thinking this. However, I think that stories for any age group should have a clear moral message that depicts action and consequence--perhaps even more so with kid's books. The message that remains after reading this is that 1) It is okay to shirk responsibility in favor of trivial personal needs, 2) It is okay to take things from others and 3) When you take things from other people they will remain friendly and cheerful. Great pictures and beautifully presented overall but with lazy, morally-ambiguous story telling.

It's a lot of fun looking at Jan Brett books. There are always interesting pictures full of detail and the story is light and fun. Kids of all ages tend to enjoy her books and find something in them. This book is a take on Goldilocks and the Three Bears which substitutes the Arctic for the woods and an Inuit girl for Goldilocks. Everybody is friendly and nobody gets hurt. Very sweet and cute.

My first grade students "devoured" this book. The storyline kept them interested, while they gained new information without knowing it. I gave it as a gift to friends' young children....the adults enjoyed it as much as the "young-uns". This is another hit!

Another wonderful book from Jan Brett. Her illustrations make the book - the story is an adorable twist on Goldilocks and The Three Bears. This book would be a wonderful addition to any child's library or a classroom library!

Once again Jan delivers a beautiful story and continues her gorgeous illustrations that dazzle you with details. After a couple of not so great books, Jan is back on her mark! Nice to have her back on the right track.

I have read this book so many times, I could also say it without opening the book. My great grandson loves it and it has been made more real to him because we were able to download the characters to make a mural. He goes to it every day and tells parts of the story and what is happening. We have looked up Baffin Island on the map (He is very interested in maps and places on them). We are now studying this book and learning about eskimos and igloos and how these people live. I really like the idea that we can download the characters from the internet, as I can't draw. Seeing them makes the lesson more real to a child.

As a Kindergarten teacher I relish a new great book to use with my students at school. This is a wonderful, artistic, multicultural adaptation of the original Three Bears folktail. Thoroughly enjoyed by the kids, as well as, myself. Jan Brett's illustrations keep you coming back for a closer examination as her borders are rich and give clues to what's happening next and while the story moves forward. Rich patterns, vibrant colors and artistry abound. Just plain fun! A welcomed addition to my rich treasury of books.

This is a great take-off from Goldilocks and The Three Bears in which Jan Brett uses polar bears instead of brown bears. It is a wonderful book for teachers to have their students see the how the bears are the same and different.

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