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William's Winter Nap

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Illustrated by Chuck Groenick

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On a cold winter night, William is ready to sleep when he hears some tapping on his front door. A chipmunk begs to spend the night in William's cozy cabin, and William agrees. As both try to fall asleep, they are awakened by a porcupine, then a beaver and then, a raccoon. They all squeeze into bed and are about to fall asleep when a lonely bear knocks on the door. At first, the group doesn't want the bear to join, fearing that he will take up all the room. However, after seeing the bear walk away into the snowy night, the group relents, and everyone is able to sleep soundly in the warm and safe house. The themes of inclusivity and kindness are gently but effectively shown through this beautiful story, and the gorgeous illustrations add depth to the simple story. This book could easily fit in classroom units on winter, kindness, or hibernation.

Recommended

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