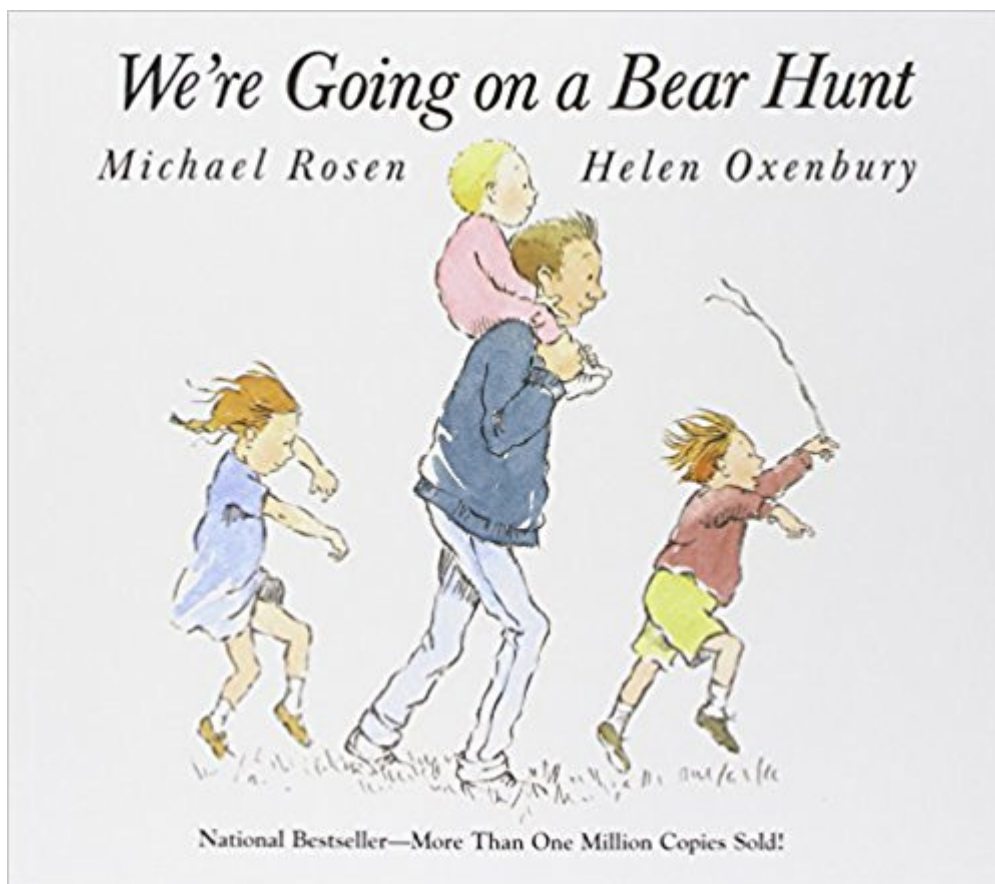


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# We're Going On A Bear Hunt



## Synopsis

Come along on a bear hunt in this award-winning classic from Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one. Will you come too? For more than twenty-five years readers have been swishy swashing and splash splashing through this award-winning favorite. Join in the fun!

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## Customer Reviews

"We're going on a bear hunt. / We're going to catch a big one. / What a beautiful day! / We're not scared." So begins Michael Rosen's award-winning read-aloud romp *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. In this lovely boxed gift edition illustrated by Helen Oxenbury, a small paperback version of the book is packaged with the softest, most fabulous little brown bear we've ever seen. Reenacting "Splash splosh! Splash splosh! Splash splosh!" across the river is much more fun with an actual bear on hand. (Ages 4 and older) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A father and his four children--a toddler, a preschool boy and two older girls--go on the traditional bear hunt based on the old camp chant: "We're going to catch a big one. / What a beautiful day! / We're not scared. / Oh-oh! Grass! / Long, wavy grass. / We can't go over it. / We can't go under it. / Oh, no! / We've got to go through it!" The family skids down a grassy slope, swishes across a river, sludges through mud and, of course, finally sees the bear, who chases them all back to their home.

It's a fantastic journey--was it real or imagined?--with the family's actions (and interaction) adding to the trip a goodnatured, jolly mood. The design of the oversized volume alternates black-and-white drawings with gorgeous full-color watercolor paintings, which Oxenbury uses to wonderful effect. Readers accustomed to her board books will find a different style here, of puddled colors and sweeps of light and shadow. The scale of the pictures and the ease with which the text can be shouted aloud make this ideal for families or groups to share. Ages 4-9. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My son could listen to this story all day. "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" does just that, takes the reader on an adventure they'll never forget. Children love the obstacles the characters run into on their way to finding a bear. Each page has beautifully illustrated pictures with breezy colors. It's good for young children who are learning to talk, as well as, those who are learning to read. The story uses repetitive language which is wonderful for young readers and children who are building their vocabulary. We like to do the actions with the characters as they go through the wilderness and bring the adventure to life. A side note, my son likes to watch the animated version on our kindle through Free Time.

My Dad and younger brother were in a group called The Indian Guides (sort of like cub scouts) and they would sit cross-legged in a circle and say this "story" while slapping their thighs, clapping their hands, and clicking their finger/thumbs. There was a rhythm to it, Dad's would say, "Goin on a Bear Hunt," Kids would "echo" what Dad just said. It ended differently than the book with Dads saying something like, UHOH! Here comes the bear!! and the Dad's would all go after their sons to catch them and hug' em! Lots of fun! This story is so sweet and good for family. Pictures are colorful and engaging for young and older kids alike.

My two year old granddaughter loves this book. Years ago I used to take my "little" brothers on a Bear Hunt. Until recently I did not know there was a book with the title and story. Great investment.

Wow, my son has asked me to read this book so many times that I have literally memorized it. I actually made the story into a song and sing him the book. He enjoys acting along with the bear hunters. He stomps through the mud and splashes through the water; just as the characters do in the story. I also enjoy that alternating pages are black-and-white and then colored. This allows those scenes to really pop and makes them more memorable.

This was my favorite when I was little. I always loved the art, the poetic and rhythmic story, and the feel of the thick pages. My older brothers loved it, too. Now that I'm about to have a little one, I bought the book for my son, and I am SO excited to read it with him. My husband didn't grow up with it, but as soon as he read through it, he fell in love with it, too. It's hard not to enjoy- it's kid-friendly without looking like a rainbow puked in it. The art is enjoyable for all ages. It's just perfect.

I read this to my daughter each night; the repetition of style across the pages seems to calm her, and the alternating color and black/white illustrations are beautiful and she enjoys staring at them while I read. This book lovingly depicts a family going on adventure together and having fun through each step of the journey, which resonates with our desire as parents.

Just a great and fun story for kids and grand parents. I have read it hundreds of times and love of it every time. Just a classic children's book that every child should get to experience.

The phrase "We're going on a bear hunt" starts off each alternate page, and it describes how you can't go over it and you can't go under it, so you have to "go through it"-- followed by a page in full color that makes lots of sounds (e.g. squelsh!) as they move through that medium. The family of five (a father, mother, and three children) travel to a bear cave, and the story tells of what happens when they encounter a real bear! The pictures of their quick departure is my toddler (3 year old)'s favorite part, as she spots the bear in every panel, following them all the way home. Great sturdy board book, would recommend this to any parent!

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