

Jamberry

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Dear Family Member,

Reading with your child can open a new world—a world of fantasy and fact, magic and mystery. What a gift for the two of you!

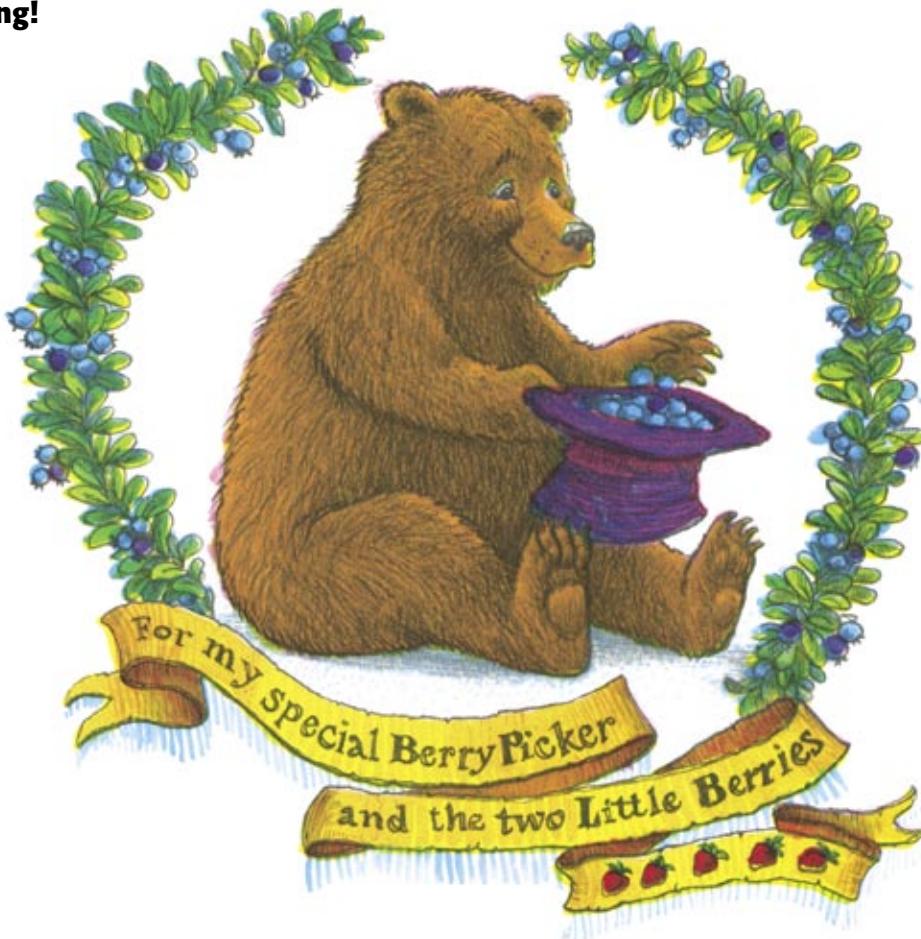
Before you read, look at the picture on the cover. Talk about the different kinds of berries and which ones your child likes. Point to the bear and the boy and tell your child that these two characters will be seen throughout the story.

As you read, take time to look at the pictures with your child. Encourage comments and questions, such as “Look at the pats of butter in the flowers! Did you see what happened to the canoe?” Have your child listen for the rhyming words. Enjoy the nonsense of both the word and the pictures.

After reading the book once, you may be asked to reread it. Your child might want to tell you what is going to happen on the next page. Give lots of praise to him or her for remembering the story. Then, have a special treat—perhaps a peanut butter and Jamberry sandwich!

Reading with your child will better prepare him or her for success in school. The few minutes you share each day will enrich both of your lives forever!

Happy Reading!

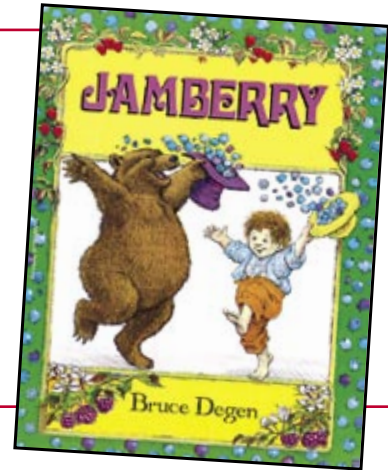


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BOOK SUMMARY

They're off... a boy and an endearing, rhyme-spouting bear, who squires him through a fantastic world of berries. And their adventure comes to a razzamatuzz finale under a starberry sky.



Talking Together

The words in the story are so much fun to hear and say. Try them in a song with your child—just make up the melody and have fun!

Remind your child that the bear put his berries in his hat. Ask: "What kinds of hats did the different animals wear in the story?" Your child might enjoy cutting out pictures of hats from magazines and pasting them on paper.

Doing Things Together

The pictures in *Jamberry* are not only fun to look at but your child can also find a lot of things to count, such as the slices of bread in the "bread" tree, the lambs in the meadow, and the rabbits in the band. Encourage your child to count things around your home, too.

The next time you go food shopping with your child, have him or her look for different kinds of berries. Did he or she see blueberries? Raspberries? Strawberries? Blackberries? No berries?

Reading More Together

Here are some other books by Bruce Degen: *The Magic School Bus Inside the Body* and *The Little Witch and the Riddle*.