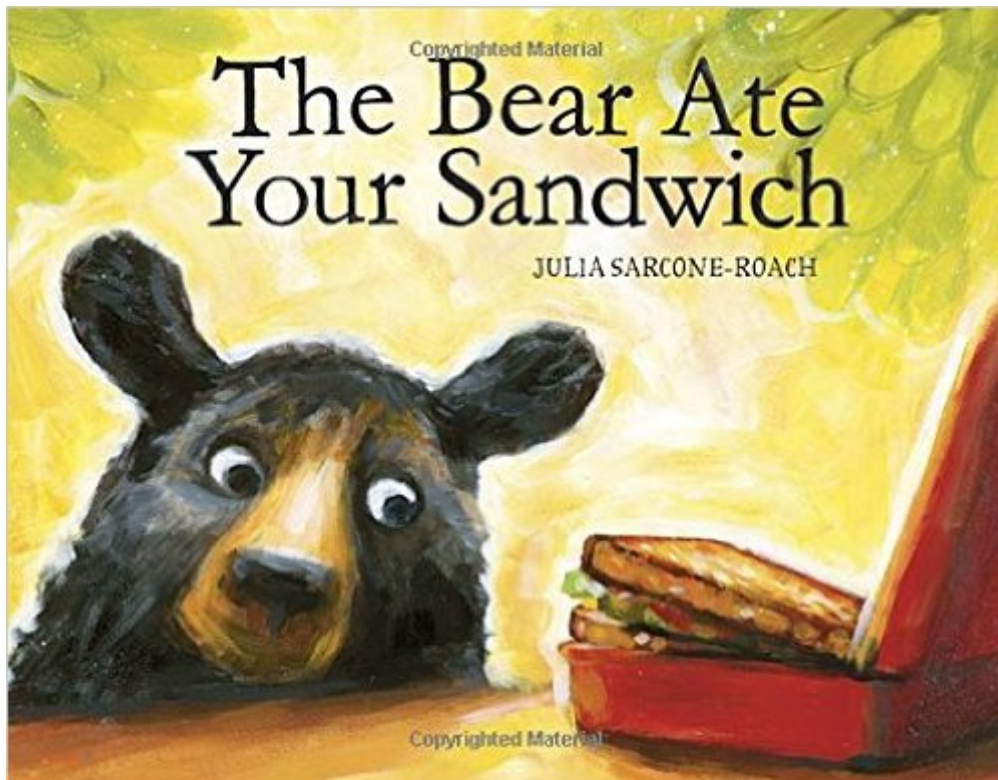


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# The Bear Ate Your Sandwich



## 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*: "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

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

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.

As a children's book writer and illustrator I give this book an enthusiastic five stars. The plot is entirely unique, yet has the familiarity of a story made up by an imaginative, yarn-spinning 6-year old. The illustrations are not just beautiful, but designed as an integral part of the storytelling. On top of a great story and outstanding art, there's a wonderful twist. A fancy-pants reviewer would say the book introduces kids to the idea of an unreliable narrator, but the simple description is that it has a hilarious surprise ending. Buy it, and hang on to your sandwich..

A little girl leaves her sandwich on a park bench while she goes to play. Someone comes along and eats that sandwich. But OF COURSE he didn't eat it. He explains to the girl how it was a bear that ate the sandwich. The story of the bear is quite lengthy including how the bear left the forest and how he spent his time in the city before coming along and finding the delicious sandwich. Then the bear disappears again back into the forest never to be seen again. The illustrations were created in acrylic paint. I docked a star because many of the illustrations are quite muddy making it difficult to discern the details. If all of the illustrations were large like the front cover, this would be a 5star plus rating. The author is obviously a talented artist and the front cover is an example of this. I loved the story. I especially enjoyed how the story of the bear was drawn out with so many details including what he enjoyed about the city and how he saw it as a new forest. The author used humor nicely to help us enjoy the lengthiness of the story. I loved the surprise ending most of all which makes you want to laugh out loud. Ages 4-8 would enjoy this story the most.

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.

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.

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.

Missing your sandwich? Well, the bear may have eaten it. He woke up from hibernation and was hungry. He went looking for food and ended up in the big city. Finally, he saw a sandwich sitting on a park bench. Was it your sandwich? What DID happen to your sandwich? This book offers up some ideas. There's a cute little narrator who may be unreliable who may have sandwich on his breath. An adult may need to give hints to the child as to what actually happened to have the story make sense. I didn't get it the first time I read it, but caught on.

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.

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