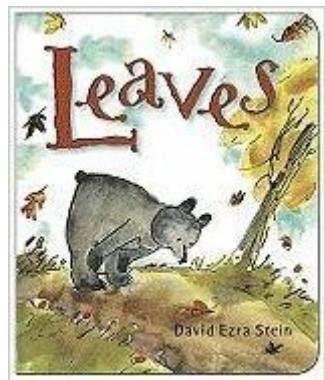


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# Leaves



## Synopsis

This simple, charming story of a young bear's first autumn is perfectly suited to board book format. Bear is surprised when the leaves start falling off the trees, but when he tries to reattach them, it doesn't work. Eventually, he gets sleepy, and burrows into the fallen leaves for a long nap. When he wakes up, it's spring-and there are suddenly brand-new leaves all around, seeming to welcome him. With its childlike main character and graceful illustrations, *Leaves* is a great way to teach the youngest children about the changing seasons.

## Book Information

Board book: 30 pages

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Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

Through the eyes of a young bear, David Ezra Stein captures the bittersweet feelings of autumn. With the heart and vocabulary that a toddler will understand, the bear expresses wonder and concern for the falling leaves. It is a simple story, beautifully written and illustrated, that my 3 year old begs to hear over and over.

I Love this book, and wish I could give it a hundred stars. The illustrations capture the rich colors of autumn and the emotions of a new little bear who has never seen the leaves fall. Best of all it was so true to childhood and a little boy I once knew who wanted to put the leaves back on the trees and was joyful when he discovered that the leaves came back. To read this book is to experience the wonder of childhood the way a child does. Take a bow, David Ezra Stein.

After having this out from the library continuously for...well, a really long time...we finally purchased a copy for our youngest child. It's short, simple, and sweet story with endearing colored sketches. All three children (ages 5, 2, and 8m) gather round when we read it. The 5 year old can also read it to her siblings, and it makes a satisfying early reader since it is familiar to her, yet without the contrived simplicity of many early readers.

I bought this book to read to my son for fall. The reviews were pretty positive, but I find it pretty boring. He is also absolutely not impressed, he is not interested in this story. He is 2,5 yrs. Maybe nice to read it at the library instead of buying it.

I bought this book for my niece's first birthday because, like her, it is the bear's first year and he is discovering all things wonderful about his own little world! He loves the leaves so much, he even tries to put them back on the tree! It's a wonderful example of how a great story does not need a lot of words to be told. The pictures are fabulous.

This is a book in which a young bear cub frolics through his first year of life, but then notices -- the leaves are beginning to fall! He tries sticking them back on the tree, but that's not satisfying. He ponders what else to do, but as he ponders he grows sleepy, so he gathers up the leaves, carries them into a cave, and goes to sleep. When he awakes, the now-bigger bear sees leaf buds on the trees. He welcomes them and feels they welcome him. A very short text with beautiful illustrations and a powerful message: there is a cycle to life, and satisfaction comes from living in tune with nature.

My son enjoyed Hop by Ezra Stein so much, that I decided to purchase this book for him. He absolutely loves it (it helps that he loves bears in the first place). It's also a quick read and is easy for him to understand.

My 2.5 year old enjoys this book, though it isn't one of her top favorites. It's a very sweet story with beautiful illustrations, however there are not very many words on each page so it falls on the reader to keep a toddler engaged. We enjoy finding the animals on each page and counting leaves.

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