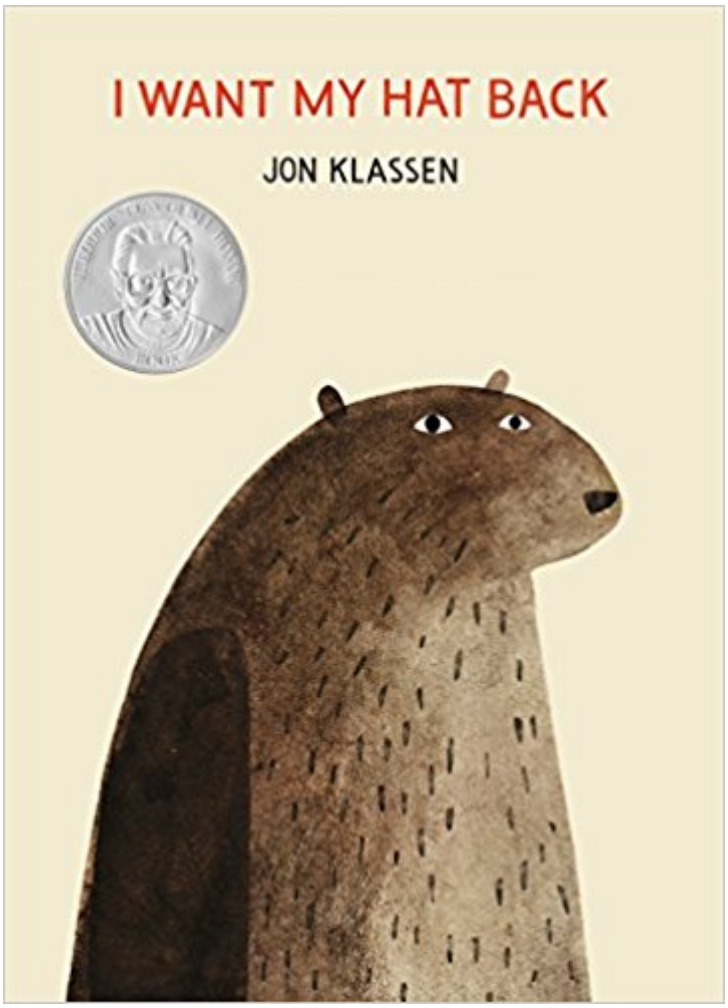
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Synopsis

A New York Times Best Illustrated Children’s Book of 2011!A picture-book delight by a rising talent tells a cumulative tale with a mischievous twist.The bear’s hat is gone, and he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no, some more elaborately than others. But just as the bear begins to despond, a deer comes by and asks a simple question that sparks the bear’s memory and renews his search with a vengeance. Told completely in dialogue, this delicious take on the classic repetitive tale plays out in sly illustrations laced with visual humor-- and winks at the reader with a wry irreverence that will have kids of all ages thrilled to be in on the joke.

Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

You know, bears may stand for adults in some way, because they’re big, they’re ungainly, they’re goofy. They’re like most of us grownups. But the bear in this book paws down; he’s got to be the dimmest, most slow-witted, brilliantly stupid bear to come along in years. I really love him.Ã¢â ¬â •NPR Weekend EditionA marvelous book in the true dictionary sense of "marvel": it is a wonderful and astonishing thing, the kind of book that makes child laugh and adult chuckle, and both smile in appreciation. A charmingly wicked little book.Ã¢â ¬â •The New York TimesFour pages into this charmer, every kindergartner will know where the bear’s missing hat is - but they’ll never

predict the hilarious revenge he takes on the thief.Ã¢â ¬â •People MagazineDeliberately understated, with delectable results... Skillful characterizations; though they’re simply drawn and have little to say, each animal emerges fully realized.Ã¢â ¬â •Publishers Weekly (starred review)

Jon Klassen received the 2010 Canadian Governor General’s Award for his illustrations in Caroline Stutson’s CAT’S NIGHT OUT. He also created illustrations for the popular series THE INCORRIGIBLE CHILDREN OF ASHTON PLACE and served as an illustrator on the animated feature film Coraline. I WANT MY HAT BACK is the first book he has both written and illustrated. Originally from Niagara Falls, Canada, he lives in Los Angeles.

Of the children’s books we’ve purchased so far, and there have been many, this one has been the most entertaining for the adults. Beautiful art, an excellent and twisted sense of humor, yet still holds the attention of our 14 month old. I love kids books that don’t talk down to everybody. Well deserving of its awards. Only wish it had come in board book format.

The ending might be upsetting for the smallest of children, but the older kids loved the wicked twist at the end and the illustrations were wonderful.

Fun to read with children! Good to start a conversation "what do you think.... what would you do...."

As Psyche pointed out (Jan 16, 2016 review), this is basically the same story as This Is Not My Hat. I prefer the latter book because the ending is more ambiguous; maybe the big fish ate the little fish, maybe he didn’t. Great illustrations.

Love this book. My 2 year old got this for Christmas and I thought it might be a bit advanced but he loves it. It’s clever for adults but he loves it nonetheless.

My son loves this book and for me I enjoy the throwback feel of the pictures and story. Being an adult and being able to laugh with my son while reading makes this book completely worth it.

These books are so cute. They can be read to babies, and will serve as 1st books for when they are old enough to read themselves.

This is the cutest, funniest book. We checked it out at the library so often, we had to just buy t it.

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