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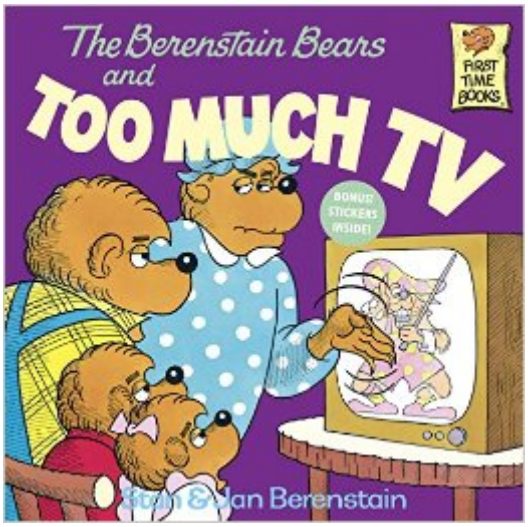

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Synopsis

Come for a visit in Bear Country with this classic First Time BookÂ® from Stan and Jan Berenstain. Papa, Brother, and Sister have a new favorite hobby . . . watching TV. But when Mama feels like they are missing out on all the wonderful things around them, she makes a plan to get them away from the TV and into the outdoors.Â This beloved story is a perfect way to teach children that there can be too much of a good thing. Includes over 50 bonus stickers!

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

What a wonderful find. We were in a rut with my 3 year-old watching too much TV and I read this book to him. It was nice to read about Mama Bear thinking the kids are watching too much TV which is what I have taken to chanting lately. It is funny to realize it is a bit dated as they reference having had a black and white TV and now their current color TV has an antenna. No VCR, DVD, TV video games, cable, or satellites are mentioned here! For that matter, computers are never mentioned either (no "too much computer time"). But the main theme is true: as with these Bears, our kids should be outside more, talking to their parents more, not eating in front of the TV like a zombie, and could be reading books and newspapers more, and watching the stars at night. The Bears go without TV for one week and lo and behold are happy and enjoy each other all week long. I had to laugh when Papa Bear thought he could continue watching his sports even when the Bear Kids

were banned from the TV. This is all-too-much like the scene in our home! At the end, when the Kids can watch TV, they prefer crafts and toys, and even Papa Bear tires of the TV and goes fishing instead. A note: the Bear Kids go to school and homework is seen in a negative light. Time off from school is portrayed as entertainment time rather than learning time. This is a different mindset than the homeschooling family (like us) usually has.

This book is a delightful little story told and illustrated in the quality typical of the Berenstains. It has a clear message without being preachy, and presents the need to balance different activities in our lives. I purchased to give me a starting point to talk to my six-year-old-son about watching too much television, and I will say it fulfilled this purpose admirably. I don't think it's quite as entertaining to children as some of the Berenstains' other works, however. Still, an enjoyable story.

I loved the illustrations in the book and how mama bear was trying to show her family there is more to life than television. BUT when I read this book I couldn't really relate cause I was addicted to tv and it was hard not to be when it was always on. You can tell the book came out in the 80's too since there is no internet and brother bear is playing with a rubik's cube.

When my children were small they loved the Berenstain books. It still is a great pleasure to see these books. One of their finest features is the appealing way the Bears are drawn. They are so bright and colorful.The TV book is a good one, and it has an excellent lesson for the world's children. Too much sitting and watching T.V. dulls the mind and the heart. Children need more time to be outside playing, or with their parents, or reading books, or doing many other things.This book may seem a bit dated as today the couch- potato distractions are more diverse(and perhaps Interactive) than T.V.In any case this little book is a fine and amusing read for children and for parents alike.

I'm so glad that my daughter (age 3) likes this book because I'm about to start a television detox in my home! She calls it the "naughty bears" book hehe. Sends a great message, that there's other things to do than sit and watch tv. Hopefully this will help us get back to watching tv a lot less without too much whining.

I read the Berenstain Bears as a kid and liked them, so I bought a few for my son. However, many of them (including this one) have the same theme: Dad and the kids are doing something wrong.

Mom (the only good one) tries to make them change. The kids do great, but Dad's a selfish idiot with no self-control who needs to be constantly corrected by the rest of the family.Why has the meme from sitcoms reached into children's books? It wouldn't be offensive if it wasn't repeated in multiple books with completely different stories (junk food, manners, etc.).

We watch TV- videos only- and it certainly can be a nice adjunct to other activities in life. OTOH, it needs to be just that- an adjunct to life. If my children start to watch TV out of habit I get the idea that there are lots of other things that can be done- watch the stars, learn to knit- all those things the Bears do during their TV free week.My 5 yo loves these books, and they provide a nice starting point for discussing such things as "too much tv" or other minor things that come up in our lives. They don't provide all the answers, and don't necessarily sway opinion around here, but communication needs to start somewhere. This series of books manages to make it relevent for my children.

The Berestain Bears are up to no good while encountering a rut of being caught up in the middle of too much television. This is a great book that teaches children there is more to life than just watching the old tube. Stan and Jan Berenstain do a marvelous job at telling the story of Mama Bear putting her foot down when her family becomes obsessed with television. There is so much more to life than television. The bear cubs take time to remember how fun it is to play out doors, read a book, or just talk with other family members. This is a must have book for any Berestain Bear lover. The book was purchased at a steal of a price, wound up in my mailbox just days after ordering, and is in wonderful condition.

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