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Teacher Notes and Activities

Bearly There

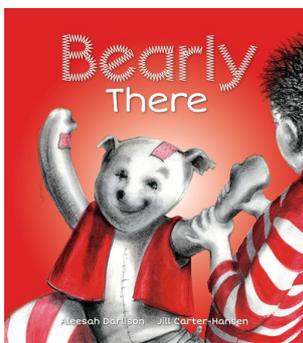
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Bearly There had been Blake's teddy forever. Which is why he was barely there.

But when a naughty new teddy arrives on the scene, Bearly's world changes forever. *Bearly There* is an exquisitely humorous story about a boy and his bears, about new friends and old, about love and loyalty.



Teacher Notes taken from those prepared by the publisher, Windy Hollow Publishing.

Themes:

- Love
- Friendship
- Teddy Bears

Discussion Points:

Before reading:

- What do you think this book may be about?
- What do you notice about the spelling of the title? Why do you think Bearly is spelt that way?

After reading:

- Why do you think Blake is so attached to Bearly?
- Why do you think Winston behaved so badly?
- Do you have a similar story about one of your toys?
- In *Bearly There*, Bearly is like an old friend to Blake and Winston is like a new student at school. Have you ever been in the situation where you have felt left out like Bearly did? What other situations can you think of that might be similar to the story?
- Why do you think the illustrator used only red and black?

Activities:

- Try writing the story from Bearly's point of view. What does he think about Winston? Why does he go missing?
- Now write the story from Winston's point of view.
- Experiment with illustrations using only black and white with one other accent colour.
- Make felt bears. Use a template to cut out two bear shapes and then the children can place some stuffing in the middle and sew around the edges with wool or thick cotton. Stick on some eyes and a felt mouth. (You can make this as easy or complicated as you like or feel the children are ready for). Look on the internet for other simple teddy sewing ideas.
- Have a teddy bears picnic.
- Bring in your favourite teddy bear story.