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#### **Editorial Review**

#### From School Library Journal

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Bears and Hare's game of hide-and-seek provides plenty of opportunities for readers to play along. When Bear hides, Hare counts. The numbers 1–10, presented in bold watercolor strokes, dance across a two-page spread. Bear is large, so Hare and readers laugh at his insufficient hiding locations. The players switch, but Bear has a lot of trouble finding Hare. The search takes so long that Bear decides to take a nap under a blanket, thereby hiding himself quite well by accident. When Hare becomes worried about not finding Bear, children will be pleased that they know the answer and inevitably will want to shout out helpful directions to Hare. Expressive artwork, rendered in pencil, watercolor, and wax crayons, emphasizes unique qualities about each character. The strokes are light and fluffy-looking for Hare, while darker colors and thicker lines suggest Bear's heavier presence. Uncluttered white backgrounds allow children to follow the action easily. Although not a board book, the story is printed on thick, sturdy pages to help it stand up to repeated readings. — Lucinda Whitehurst (Booklist online February 12, 2016)

In their third book (Bear & Hare Go Fishing, rev. 7/15; Bear & Hare: Snow!), the two friends play hide-and-seek. Hare counts to ten (and easy-to-see numerals dance across double-page spreads each time a character counts). "Where's Bear?" Not hard to find, that's for sure: behind a lamp, a small pile of books, and finally a glass fish tank. "Oh, Bear!" Images of big, bulky Bear in woefully inadequate hiding spots will tickle storytime audiences, as will those of Bear searching for Hare in a teapot ("No"), under a rug ("No!"), behind a framed picture ("NO!"). At this point in the story, young listeners will eagerly scan Gravett's expressive

pencil, watercolor, and wax-crayon illustrations for visual humor. When Bear checks under the blanket on the bed, they will likely notice Hare's ears poking out from the part of it that's on the floor. A small drama adds just enough tension: Hare crawls out from under the blanket (which now covers a big, bulky form on the bed) and can't find Bear. Frantic searching ensues; Hare's desperate plea— "I WANT BEAR!"—wakes up the lump on the bed and reunites the two pals. Gravett's pacing of both the minimal text and amiable art makes this a satisfying read-aloud find. (The Horn Book Magazine March/April 2016)

#### About the Author

Emily Gravett is the author of many critically acclaimed books, including the Kate Greenaway Award—winning Wolves and Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears. She is also the author and illustrator of Bear & Hare Go Fishing, Bear & Hare—Snow!, Again! (shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Award), Wolf Won't Bite!, Blue Chameleon, The Rabbit Problem, Dogs, Spells, The Odd Egg, Monkey and Me, Orange Pear Apple Bear, and Meerkat Mail. She lives in Brighton, England, with her family. Visit her at EmilyGravett.com.

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