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# Finding Spring



## **Synopsis**

Instead of hibernating as he should, a little bear cub goes out in search of springâ "and he thinks he's found it! Gloriously illustrated with dioramas and cut-paper collages by the award-winning designer and illustrator Carin Berger, this stunning picture book celebrates the changing of the seasons. A baby bear cub named Maurice is curious about springâ "and he's upset when Mama tells him that before he can experience his first spring, he has to hibernate through his first winter! Mischievous Maurice decides to leave their warm den and go find spring for himself. He asks all his friends for help . . . and finally finds something beautiful and full of magic and light. Spring! He wraps it up and takes it home, determined to show Mama and everyone else. The only problem? When Maurice wakes up, his little piece of spring (a snowball) has melted. This gloriously illustrated book celebrates friendship, curiosity, discovery, and the meaning and beauty of two seasonsâ "winter and spring. Ideal for the classroom, seasonal story times, and bedtime reading.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

A little cub named Maurice has never experienced the spring season. His curiosity gets the best of him when his mother doesnâ "t tell him where he can find spring, so he sets out to find the answer after she goes to sleep for a long winterâ "s nap. When he thinks he has found spring he returns to hibernate with his mother until warmer weather thaws the snow. He awakes to discover spring has

disappeared. So, he sets out with his mother and other forest animals to find spring. Berger opens a forest animal story with a sense of innocence and natural curiosity. My reader found the words easy to learn and colorful paper collages to inspire him to ask many questions about the collages, such as do forest animals really wear clothes and why doesn't the mama bear have clothes on? Do bears get to choose round holes or caves to sleep in? Why do tree leaves have words on them and the cave rocks have numbers? Do trees really have a shadow? Where do squirrels and rabbits really sleep? Above the ground or under the ground? How can I know spring is here? I told him the artist had used recycled paper to make the beautiful pictures, he laughed and said, oh that lady! We have read her other stories that have trash paper pictures. We then discussed other ways to use recycled paper other than make pictures. He thought a game board would be the most fun because he could invite his friends over and tell them about the story. **FINDING SPRING** is a great resource for the home or school library of children between the ages of two through eight. I thought a game board was a great idea for the classroom to draw a map of where Maurice went, then place squares for the different forest animal homes and Decorate the Great Hill as the winner's circle.

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