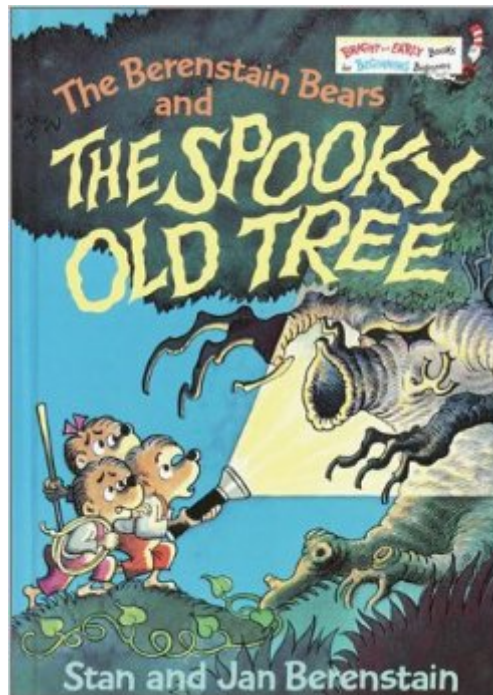


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# The Berenstain Bears And The Spooky Old Tree



## Synopsis

Illus. in full color. Three brave little bears explore the inside of a mysterious old tree and go into, up, through, over, down, and out.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This is one of my favorite children stories of all times. I read this to my preschool class around halloween and they enjoyed it so much they would ask for it year round. It was especially delightful when I bought the cassette. The creaking of the door and stepping into the darkness made the children laugh with delight. I read it to my own son and allowed him to play the tape over and over, he quickly learned all the words. The most delightful memory I have of my son is him trying to imitate the sounds the cassette made. I now would like to pass this story on to my three godsons and I can only find the book not the cassette. What a great fun story for children. It brought a lot of joy and laughter to many children including my own.

Like the others this was the first book that I learned to "read." My parents read it to me so many times that I memorized it before I actually learned to read the words themselves. Unfortunately because it's been my favorite book my three younger sisters, the youngest two being significantly younger, never got to read it because I hid it away. Now that I've found it again here they'll have a

chance to see my favorite book. Of course it ends with one of the best lines in childhood literature, "Home again, safe at last."

I could not have been any older than four when this book was first read to me. I remember it made an impression on me I did find the tree to be Spooky and indeed woke up screaming for more than a month. It wasn't of course until I was in High School that I finally understood it. The book is about the power of imagination more specifically the power that imagination has to make a mundane object i.e the Spooking Old Tree a source of fear. Those are the children's books that stick with you even more than two decades later.

This was one of the first books I had ever read as a child. It was also one of my favorite. I bought it again just to keep on my bookshelf so my and my friends children can enjoy it as much as I do. I HIGHLY recommend this book, not only for those of early childhood ages, but for those who are young at heart.

My mother saved all my childhood books, and I'm so grateful that she did. I'm sure that I would have forgotten books such as this one, despite requesting to have it read to me hundreds of times as a child. Sure enough, now my 3 year old son adores it as much as I did, and requests to have it read to him again and again. It is a nice length (not too long), not too many words on the pages, and the illustrations are great.

I had this book when I was a child and loved it, so I just had to order it for my daughter. She is 3 years old and calls this her spooky tree book. She says it's scary but just begs me to read it to her over and over. She even memorized it within the first week so now we "read" it together. Every time she's full of pretend screams and giggles. So glad I ordered this book.

Kids tend to enjoy suspense as much as adults. This ranks among the best early childhood titles for developing imaginations. Contrasting with so many other Berenstain stories, there isn't an explicit lesson to convey (unless you count teaching children never to explore wilderness in the dark lest they encounter implausible dangers). In fact, here's an article about how good horror can be for audiences of all ages: [...]The benefits of this more open-ended tale are in the potential discussion between parent and child. Why did they go to those woods? Can you find a tree like that in real life? Why was the Great Sleeping Bear so different from the other bears?Read, discuss, and mostly

enjoy this fun little adventure.

This a must have book for children. It was one of my kids favorite and I have now bought it for all of my grandchildren. The questions on the page demand audience participation; I can still hear my kids scream, "Yes, they dare!"

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