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Fox loves surprises! When she discovers Goose and Bear making gifts, she hopes that one of the presents is for her. But what if it isn't? Even though hope may turn to disappointment, nothing can stop Fox from making her own spectacular surprise for Goose and Bear. In the end, Fox is overjoyed to find she hasn't been forgotten after all. With her trademark simplicity and humor, Suzanne Bloom shows children once again what it means to be a true friend with this new and utterly charming Goose and Bear—and Fox!—story.

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Christine Turner says

Fox is curious when she sees her friends, Goose and Bear, making presents and hopes that one of them might be for her, but then she worries that they might not be making anything for her and decides to make her own gifts for Goose and Bear.

Subjects

Gifts -- Juvenile fiction.

Bears -- Juvenile fiction

Geese -- Juvenile fiction.

Foxes -- Juvenile fiction

Barbara says

Love the friendship stories of Suzanne Bloom. This is a great PreK-K book for a read aloud session. Heck, I'd read all the bear, goose, fox stories at once. They are great discussion starters and the illustrations are simply charming.

Janet says

A simple story with the three characters bear, goose, and fox giving gifts to each other.

Joella www.cinjoella.com says

A little fox wants to know what Bear is making. "Is it for me? If it's for me, it's too long!" When Bear answers that it isn't for Fox the response of "Oh. That's OK." shows that Fox is pretty disappointed that the surprise isn't for him. And no more luck with the surprise Goose was making. So Fox makes a surprise for Bear and Goose. Of course Bear and Goose were thinking about Fox as well, they just were very good at keeping their surprise secrets.

I liked how this showed how Fox decided to make a surprise for others when he didn't think he would get one. I also liked how Bear and Goose were really thinking of everyone when they were making their gifts.

The text is also pretty short, with lots of wintery-gift-giving illustrations that will make this a good generic holiday read.

Rebecca says

Another sweet and tender story by Suzanne Bloom (author of *A Splendid Friend, Indeed*). Fox **loves** surprises! Is Bear wrapping a present for him? Fox **loves** surprises! Is Goose wrapping a present for him? Fox will make his own surprise and it will be spectacular! Good for read-alouds.

Miss Sarah says

A fox is super excited by what a bear and goose are making and just can't wait for the surprise. Maybe toddler level. Heavy on pictures and light on text. This book had a lot of enthusiasm but I had to go back to understand the ending.

Janet says

Good choice for Toddler Time about surprises, giving gifts. Could also be a good choice for the holidays (though not a holiday book), winter and clothing (the gifts were a scarf, mittens and a sweater).

N says

I think this would be fun to pair with *Thank You, Mr Panda* and see what the kids think of them.

Ana LibrariAna says

A fun Christmas read-a loud for preschool.

Michelle says

Cute...just not my favorite.

Halea says

This Book is about a little fox who thinks his bear and goose friend are both making him surprises. They

both tell him they aren't so he decides to make his own surprise. This is a very silly and cute book with adorable illustrations to match. This would be a great book during Christmas or birthday celebrations.

Angela says

Nice non-specific Winter Holiday book about giving and receiving gifts. Fox is an exuberant (but polite!) toddler who is fascinated with the prospect of getting a "surprise" gift. When he is told that neither gift he sees the adults working on is for him, he makes the lovely choice of making a toddler-appropriate gift for them. Of course, he gets a gift too, in the end.

Bloom is a master of expressing emotion and story through her characters' body language and facial expressions.

Claire says

This is a gorgeous book. Poor fox feeling left out. A lovely ending though.

Anna says

This book is one in Suzanne Bloom's famous Goose and Bear Stories series. Each of the volumes in the series deals with some aspect of friendship. Goose and Bear Stories are good to read out loud to preschool children. The simple and rhythmically repeated sentences portray young children's emotions vividly. This book presents both the delights and the challenges of friendship.

Fox visits Bear and finds him busy making a gift. Fox hopes that the present is for him. He tries to assure Bear that Goose doesn't like surprises. Fox finds Goose also making a surprise gift for Bear but not for him. The story is simple, and the pastel illustrations on each page create warm and charming effect. Illustration enhanced the story by providing extra information about what three characters are making for surprise, which is not in the text. In this exciting tale about surprises and gifts, there is a hope and disappointment.

Melissa says

A bear and a goose who, like any adults confronted with an exuberant young fox cub, can be both patient and a little perturbed. A nice range of emotions here, hinted at in both the spare text and in the strong clear illustrations...Bloom does a whole lot with body language and for such simple arrangements of eyes, brows, and noses, there's a great clarity of facial expressions. Love that Fox comes up with an age-appropriate solution for herself. And I *ALSO* love that this is a gift-giving story WITHOUT Christmas-y wrapping paper. THANK YOU.

We don't have ANY of the other Bear & Goose books at my library; I just put them all on hold to have a look.

