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BEAR IS A BEAR



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## Bear is . . .

a new friend, a fellow mischief-maker, a protector, and a dreamer.

Through all the many ups and downs of a little girl's childhood, Bear is there to provide love and support. Until it is time to say goodbye . . . and hello again.

*Bear Is a Bear* is a tender and surprising tribute to the beloved companions of our childhoods.



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For my mom,  
who is full of love  
-J.S.

For Leah  
-D.S.

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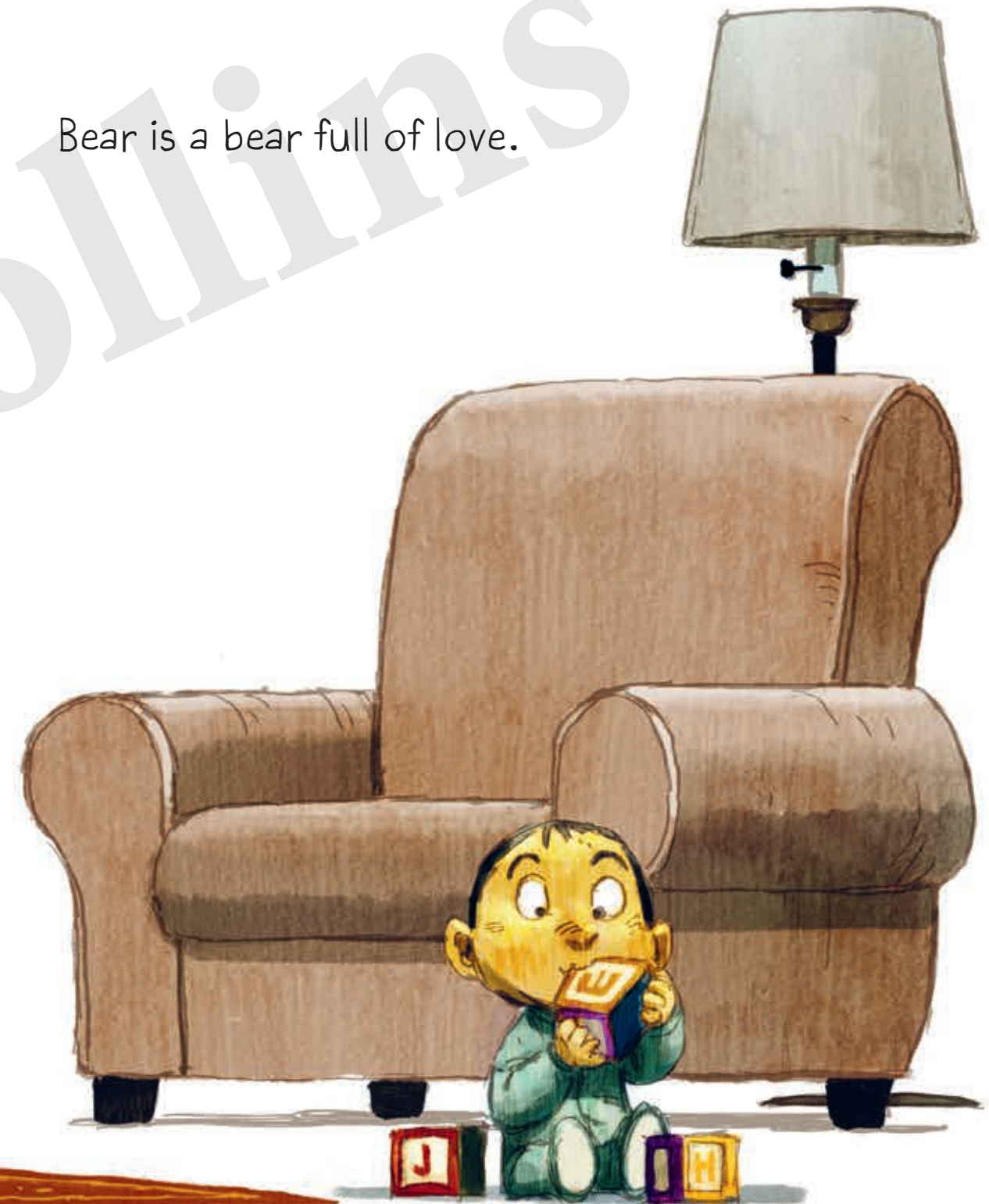






Bear is a bear hopeful and shy.

Bear is a bear full of love.







Bear is a new friend.

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Bear is a snack.



Bear is a tissue.



Bear is a soft, warm pillow.



Bear is a bear covered in fuzz.

Bear is a bear full of love.



Bear is a fancy lady.







Bear is a pirate.



Bear is a ghost.









Bear is a brave protector.

Bear is a bear steadfast and snug.

Bear is a bear full of love.



Bear is a bold explorer.



Bear is a bookworm.



Bear is an artist.





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BEAR IS A BEST FRIEND



Bear is a bear covered in chalk.  
Bear is a bear full of love.



A silhouette of a bear is shown on the left side of the image, looking through a telescope mounted on a tripod. The bear is positioned on a grassy hill. The background is a dark, starry night sky with a large, faint constellation visible. The overall color palette is a deep teal or blue-green.

Bear is a scientist.

Bear is a dreamer.



Bear is a tissue.





Bear is a soft, warm pillow.

Bear is a bear aging and worn.

Bear is a bear full of love.







Bear is a piece of home.

Bear is a scholar.

Bear is a distraction.



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Bear is a memory.

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Bear is a bear covered in dust.

Bear is a bear full of love.





Bear is remembered.





Bear is an old friend.















Bear is a new friend.





Bear is a soft, warm pillow.

Bear is a bear faded and torn.

Bear is a bear full of love.





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