



Max's Bear by Barbro Lindgren illustrated by Eva Eriksson

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Max will quickly find his way into the hearts of many small children. With his dandelion-halo of hair, cute smile, and dressed in a white jumpsuit he looks ready to be picked up for a cuddle.

This simple, yet heartfelt story shows Max playing in bed with his much-loved bear, and watched by his faithful dog who acts out his own frisky behaviour. The dramatic, humorous tale is an astute study of children's emotions and how quickly joy can turn to tears then back to smiles again in a short timespan.

The illustrations showcase the interaction between the three characters. Yet, there's an object in Max's bedroom that plays an integral part in the drama. The bear's plight, Max's despair, and dog's heroic rescue are brilliantly portrayed by the artist.

The board book is sheer pleasure encapsulated in a small, sturdy package. A coating on the pages allows them to be wiped clean after sticky fingers have explored the illustrations.

Parents and toddlers will love all three board books in the set. Other titles are: *Max's Wagon* and *Max's Bath*.

**Reviewed by children's
book author,
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