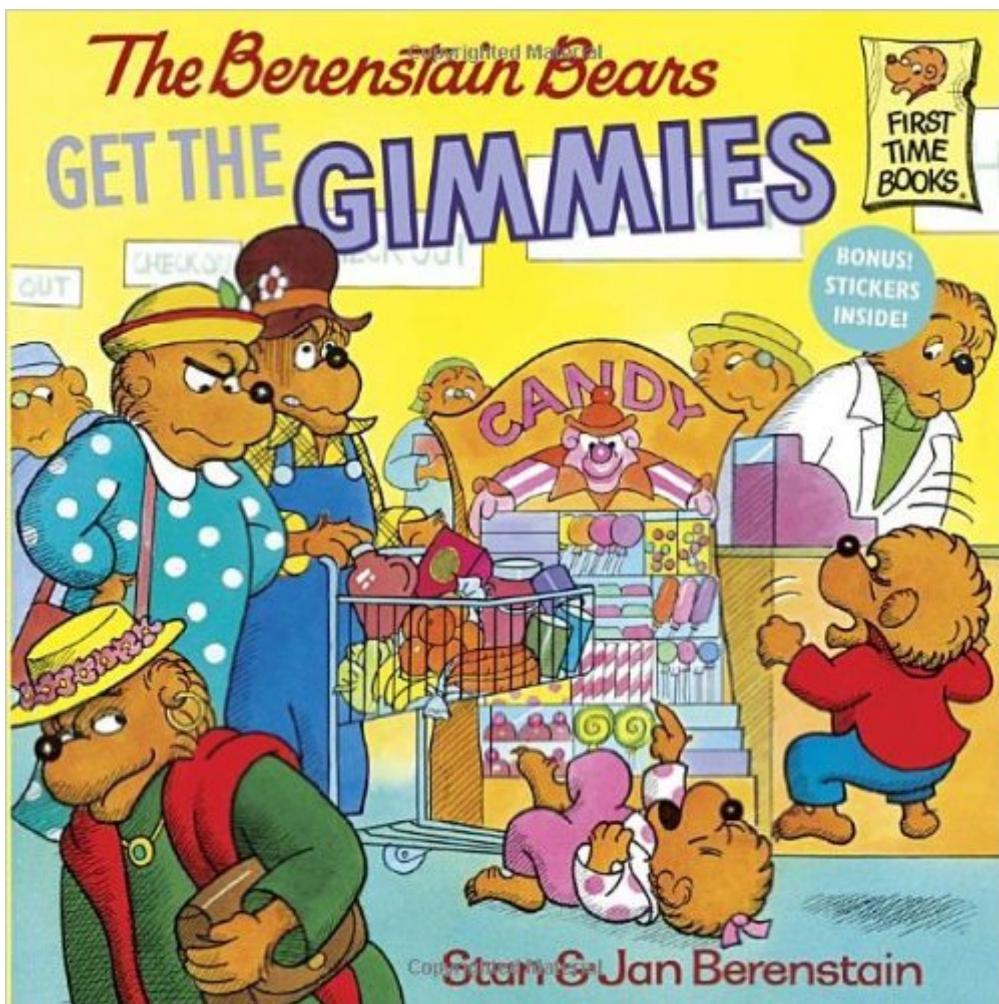


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# The Berenstain Bears Get The Gimmies



## **Synopsis**

Come for a visit in Bear Country with this classic First Time Book® from Stan and Jan Berenstain. Brother and Sister are having a bad case of the "gimmies." • Whenever they don't get what they want, they throw a tantrum. But is this really the best way to handle their emotions? This beloved story is a perfect way to teach children about self-control and the importance of compromise. Includes over 50 bonus stickers!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

I preface this by saying that my children (5 and 3) love the Berenstain Bears, and this title is no exception. The overall message is good: people who want everything will never be satisfied. The main underlying message is good too: parents get \*awfully\* annoyed at being nagged for goodies. The plan the parents implement with the help of the grandbears, and the enthusiasm of the cubs works well for them. A similar version works well for my family too. My only objection is the "superiority" the cubs seem to feel and don't hesitate to express about other "greedy cubs" after they have learned some control over their own greed. They parrot the parents when they see a cub throwing a tantrum and discuss how "embarrassing and awful" that behaviour is. Too bad. I'd rather see the cubs feel empathy for another, to understand how very similar they are to the others, even if

they are currently displaying exemplary behaviour.

This has been one of those books that just sort of sat on the shelf and the kids looked at it. But now Mr. Big Reader First Grader is reading everything he can get his hands on to his younger brother, so it got my attention. First off, and this is not the reason for the two star rating, the vocabulary is adult, the language is very colloquial, and it is DIFFICULT for little readers. I heaped praise on my little guy just for working his way through it. Secondly, and this goes for all the Berenstain books, Papa Bear is not a calm or rational creature. In this book, he is overly indulgent, quick-tempered, and thoughtless. Mama Bear speaks to him like a child. I don't like the family dynamics. Last, I was pleased with the lesson about counting our blessings and not demanding more, more, MORE. But that was erased because the bear family decided that every time they went to the store, Brother and Sister could decide on ONE TREAT EACH. So they cemented the expectation that going to the store equals getting a treat. This is the OPPOSITE of our family's practice, and I think reading this book may have set us back a few paces on family harmony.

I am so disappointed in this book. I had this book as a child & remembered liking it so when my oldest daughter started acting a bit spoiled here & there I thought it might be a good time to introduce this book to her. We have dozens of berenstain Bears books & I am typically a big fan but I just did not agree with the message in this book. A bit of background, both my mother & sister like to bring my children little treats when they come to visit. I wasn't particularly opposed until my oldest starting saying things like "I wonder what grandma will bring us today", etc. I didn't like my kids acting like they expected a treat or worse yet were owed a treat so i needed to stop this before it truly became an issue. This book does not teach your kids that it is wrong to expect a treat, it only teaches them that it is wrong to throw a fit when wanting a treat. The cubs still get to leave the store with a treat each visit, they just need to decide beforehand what they are choosing as their treat. I think that this book would be more helpful if the cubs were taught to not throw a fit even when leaving empty handed.

We really enjoy most Berenstain Bears book because the lessons are appropriate and easy for my 4 year old to understand. Be prepared, however, because I thought this book was going to have the message that you don't get something each time you go to the store but actually, it expresses that it is OK to have something when you go to the store you just have to first decide what it is and you can only have that one thing. Which, you know, is good advice and all, but I guess I was a little

surprised because I have found that usually the message expressed by the Berenstain Bears is that you should be thankful for what you already have. Anyhow, I suppose it makes sense because if you the parent are buying things for the household, or what could seem like for yourself through the eyes of a child, then it would seem unfair that they shouldn't receive a small token themselves. I suppose the book made me reconsider my attitude.

I raised my daughter on The Berenstain Bears' books, and now she's asking for them for her children. I think the story lines are still pertinent to today. This book in particular helped when my daughter was going through the "Gimmies," and now it's helping our granddaughter develop self-control at the supermarket.

We raised 3 children on Berenstain Bears, and they now have families of their own. Each is successful in their chosen life, and we have no doubt Berenstain Bears played a part in it. This order was copies for my grandson, and Christmas morning he will open the 2nd generations exploration of this wonderful group of books.

This book is referred to constantly because my daughter as I'm sure a lot of other children do, get that case of galloping gimmies that gets them in trouble. I just have to ask her what happened when brother and sister bear got the gimmies and she stops whining almost immediately. I love the lessons with Berenstain Bears!

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