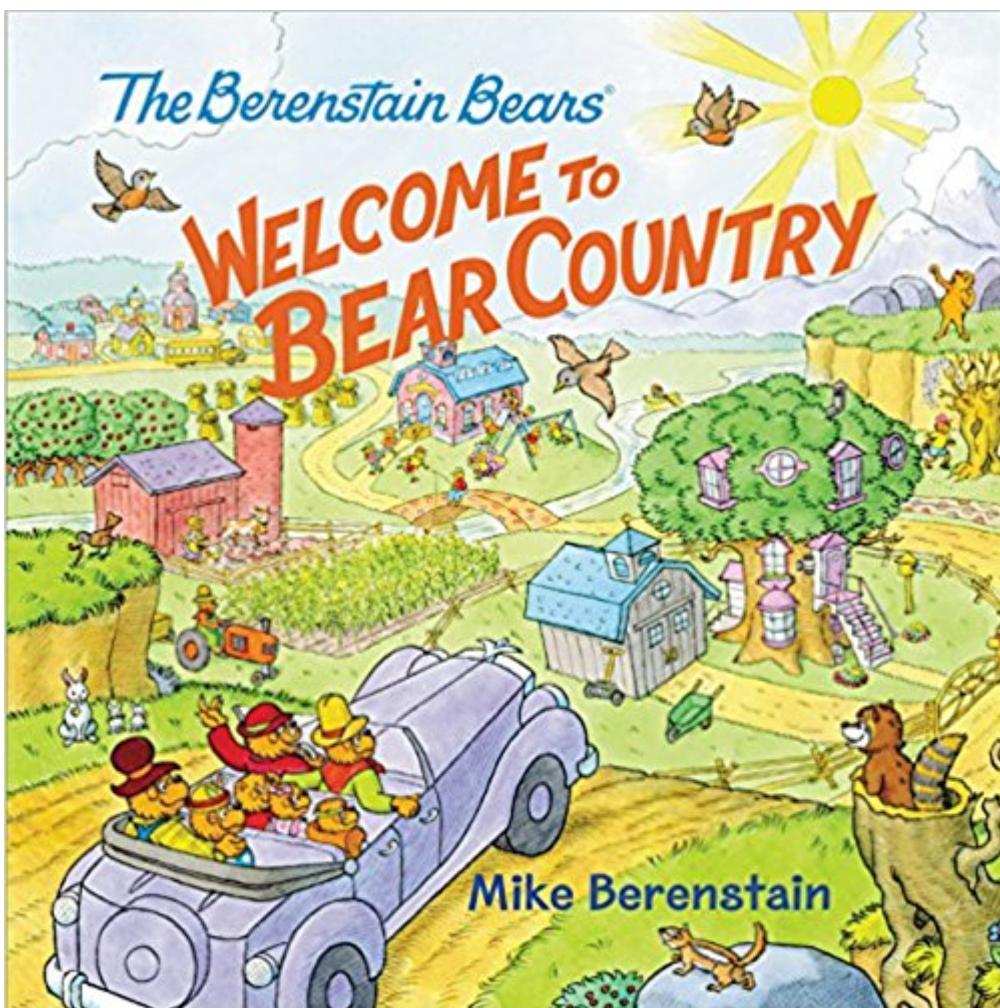


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# The Berenstain Bears: Welcome To Bear Country



## **Synopsis**

Take a tour of Bear Country with the Berenstain Bears as they show Cousin Tex around all the wonderful sights in this bargain-priced paperback storybook. They visit everything from Bear Town, museums, caves, and even Bear Country's most prized highlight "the Old Honey Tree! The Berenstain Bears: Welcome to Bear Country is another exciting addition to the classic New York Times bestselling series.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Welcome to Bear Country! Explore the world of the Berenstain Bears, where Brother, Sister, and Honey visit exhibits, investigate caves, and return to the coziest place in town "their tree house! This book is perfect for anyone who ever wondered what it would be like to spend a great day visiting with the Berenstain Bears.

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I agree with the other reviews. I can think of better ways to show people around Bear Country without the annoying cousin from Texas. He ruined the entire story with every word he said.

As an adult, it's fun for me to see more of Bear Country, since I grew up reading this series. I was so excited to receive the new book, but was quickly disappointed by the lackluster storyline. I would have liked to see the Bear family going through the town, stopping into the different shops, restaurants, schools, etc. and introducing the people who work there, describing their workplaces and respective jobs. Instead, the plot commences with a long lost cousin of the Bear Family visiting, and they go through the town comparing everything with "The West" where the cousin is from. I realize this is a kids book, but it's just not that interesting.

Grandson loves these books!

Grandkids love these books. Great stories by Christian writers and they always have something for kids to learn from. Definitely recommend these books! I've been buying them for years and will continue as long as I have little ones around!

Great book

Apparently the Berenstain Bears lived in the 1800's, because cousin Tex (who takes up HALF of every page with thought bubbles of "back home") lived in the Wild West. You see a deserted West where towns are small, the sheriff's dealing with the town trouble makers, bulls and horses, etc. The book didn't highlight Bear Country, but rather compared how NOW was different from THEN. As an adult, I was so excited to get a peak into Bear Country, but I was filled with annoyance with every page (Tex, this is about Bear Country, not you and your silly town!). I'm giving two stars because it's a Bernstein bears book and because my son was partial to it based on the same fact. The pictures really are cluttered and not "free" with the beautiful sky because cousin Tex takes up so much of it. I'm really surprised how let down I was. Please, to the writers (and with much love), please get a broad pre-release audience to check before you release. I LOVED the "Under the Sea" book. It was brilliant and informative. You should know though, that all the big kid adults who grew up with the Bernstein bears were really hoping to get a good glimpse into the bear country never written about and only just as amazing or more than that incredible tree house! I'd love this book to be rewritten without Cousin Tex and more buildings actually made in the trees instead of industrialised. It's really

ok to have a book that's just a plain tour of bear Country too! You dont have to try so hard to keep the kids interested. Thank you, Mary

This book really felt like a missed opportunity. My kids have grown up with these books and I thought this would be a fun look back at all the locations that have featured prominently in Berenstain Bears books over the years. I will admit, it was nice to see Giant Bat Cave and The Spooky Old Tree, but the added layer of tedious commentary by visiting Cousin Tex (yes, we get it, Tex, everything's bigger and better back home where you came from) pretty much ruined what could have been a straightforward, nostalgic visit to Bear Country, a place that has existed in the minds and hearts of kids for years and years. I understand the concept of letting us all see the place through the eyes of a newcomer, but Tex and his comments dominated the book. How about a Bear Country Atlas? A Traveler's Guide to Bear Country? Something for kids to pore over on the couch and soak up little details on every page, pointing out landmarks and locations from the stories they've grown up with. I know my kids would love something like, and I'm sure a lot of other kids would too. Good artwork, but beyond the pictures I can't really recommend it.

I was looking forward to this "tour of Bear Country" but was pretty unimpressed. It features Cousin Tex from "out west" who comes to Bear Country for a visit. I guess Bear Country doesn't get many out-of-town visitors because Mayor Honeypot himself drives Tex and the Bear Family around in his limousine to see the sights. The highlight of the book was when they visit the "Spooky Old Tree" from the classic story. This is what I was hoping for - a tour of the classic spots from the storybooks that we've loved since I was a child. I would have loved to see Berry Bush Island, the sweet school house where Sister started Kindergarten, Mama's quilt shop, spots around the village like the dentist and doctor, the waterfall, Skull Rock, spots where the Bears searched for a Christmas tree, and even a visit to the Bears' old cave. Stan and Jan Berenstain crafted a beautiful, intriguing bear world; as a child in the 1980s, I poured over the pictures, imagining what it was like to live there, wondering how the (often shifting) landscape fit together. But Stan and Jan's world doesn't shine through in this tour of Bear Country. This isn't a bad book, by any means, but there's nothing great about it like many of the older, classic Berenstain Bear books. My children didn't ask for a second read, and frankly, I was happy to put it aside.

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