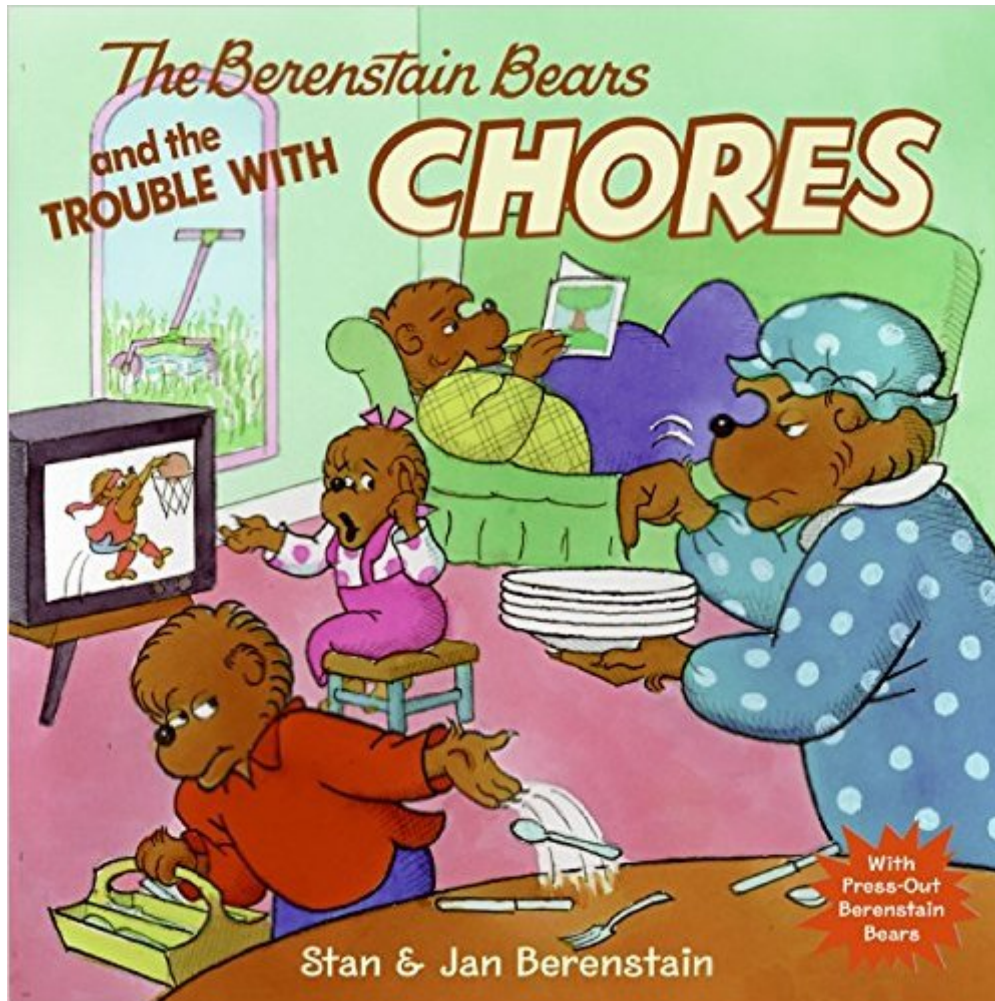


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# The Berenstain Bears And The Trouble With Chores



## Synopsis

Papa Bear and the cubs are having some trouble with choresâthey don't want to do them! When they decide to take a break from cleaning, Mama Bear plays along. But what will happen when the mess builds up . . . and up . . . and up?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

I love all the Berenstain Bears books. They can provide a good starting point for a conversation with your child. Don't look to these books for answers on how to handle a problem. They aren't meant for that. In this one, we see what happens when Mama gets tired of everyone else avoiding their chores, so she avoids hers, too. Once the others see what the house is like, they start to pitch in to help. This book started a good discussion between me and my 7 year old about what chores are and why we should do them. We talked about Mama Bear's feelings when Papa and the cubs didn't do their chores. We also talked about what happened to the tree house when Mama quit doing her chores and how that made everyone else feel. These are great books for reading anytime and are easy for my child to read alone and understand.

My son LOVES Berenstain bears! Loves them. We have at least 75% of the books, some from

when I was a kid. I loved them so much I kept them hoping to read them to my children. Having said that, this one seems out of place in the Berenstain series. The bears look slightly different, like maybe a different artist did it? the message is super strange, basically, mom gets tired of the kids & papa bear not helping around the house so she stops cleaning or doing any kind of chore around the house until they are living in a pit. Picture bugs in the bathtub & dishes piled up in the sink etc.. Finally papa & the kids get tired of living in a filthy house & decide to clean. The strangest part however is the fact that the dog poops regularly in the house throughout the book,... No joke! There are at least 2, maybe 3 pictures of steamy piles of doo in the house. The authors also write that it is a chore to pick up the "leavings" of the dog...in the house! What?! My son totally noticed & was super grossed out. This was the strangest Berenstain Bear book I have ever seen.

The Berenstain Bears series are well known as excellent choices for children. I purchased several and the Berenstain Bears DVD collection for my 2 year old granddaughter. While they were great when I used them for my children, the series is better suited for older children as some of the elements are a bit scary or worrisome. I'd wait until children were Kindergarten and above to purchase these, but they are an essential addition to any grandmother's house!

I'm a longtime fan of the Berenstain Bears and have a huge collection that my 4 and 5 year olds now enjoy. I purchased some new books for the collection, and this was one of them. I really liked the point they were making, but the drawings didn't look like the Bears I'm used to. I'm assuming this might have been one of the last books before Stan passed away, so maybe that is why they don't look quite right. Otherwise, I appreciated the message that everyone needs to pitch in to help mom keep the house clean.

My kids (ages 3, 5, and 7) and I all love any of the Berenstain Bears books, and this was no exception. It is a good reminder that everybody needs to do their chores, and I am not a mean mom for making my kids do theirs :)

Whether you like the Christian undertones of the Berenstain Bears or not, the books themselves have some great lessons to be learned. My 5 year old loves these books. We rent all we can from the library and buy the ones he has to hear over and over. Great way to help explain things to kids in a way that is not lecturing. Yes some can get a bit heavy on the religious side, but not all do and if that is not your thing the basic chores, manners, bullies, etc. books are a good buy.

The Berenstain Bears give children some of the very best stories they will ever read. I grew up with these enjoyable bears in the late 80's, and I really think parents should consider buying a few of these books for their children because they are a lot of fun. One of my favorite moments ever in a Berenstain Bears book is when the bears are riding a bike down a dirt road, and they come across a big mud puddle. They try to ride through it but instead they sink! That moment influenced me to go outside during rainstorms as a child and try to find the biggest puddle to see if I too will sink! Of course walking back inside the house all muddy made my parents angry but that's what being a kid is all about! I also believe many dreams I've had years later (and continue to have to this day) about setting out on an adventure were a result of my childhood obsession with these books.

The child that received this was very happy and was looking forward to the stories. He even had several stories read to him the day he opened it up. The smiles, entertainment, and lessons are worth it.

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