

Why is **JAMBERRY** by Bruce Degen a must-read?

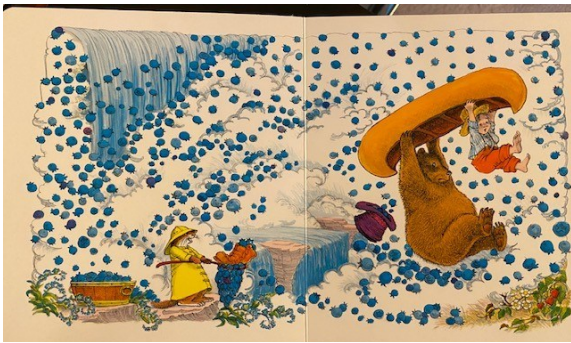
Not only is this book just plain fun, it is an exciting adventure to share together with your child, and it is bursting with language opportunities!

For young children just starting to attend to stories, check out this YouTube FeltBoard story and encourage your child to follow along with the actions.

https://youtu.be/yFns_G4PrPO

Look through the pages:

... *Hatberry Shoeberry In my canoe berry* – it’s hilarious! Have your child put on a hat, find his shoes to identify with the bear and the boy as they do their silly antics (imitation of actions)



... “Oh no!!!” “Whee!” Add in those exclamations for your child to model. This page is ready for exaggerated intonations and inflections with your voice. Be silly – get your whole body into it- imitate a total wipeout, roll on the floor... why? Because it encourages your child to be motivated and anticipate this again during the next read. Anticipation is a developmental learning skill!

... *my berry your berry* - Use your hand to your heart and toward your child when reading this page – help her practice pronouns!

...*quickberry quackberry blackberry clickety clackberry razzamatazzberry* Why are we emphasizing these Nonsense words? It frees your child to explore sounds, even if they are not ready to say the words yet. Practice sound play whenever you can.

...*rumble, ramble bramble jumble* – what a rhyming frenzy! Rhymes help children develop an ear for language. Both rhyme and rhythm help kids hear the sounds and syllables in words, which helps kids learn to read!

And lastly, as if the bear riding with the boy isn’t enough, bunnies in the brass band? Elephants skating on raspberry jam? So fun to model imaginary play. Get out the toy animals and follow along!

Tips for reading to toddlers

- Adapt the story to fit your child’s attention span.
 - You can skip pages and not read all the words.
 - Talk about a few critical things in the middle and the end; that is a successful book reading.
- Think about ways to interact with the book beyond the pages.
 - Make sounds for animals or vehicles. Use exclamations!
 - Be animated and silly.
- Please put the book down, use items around the house to act out a story.