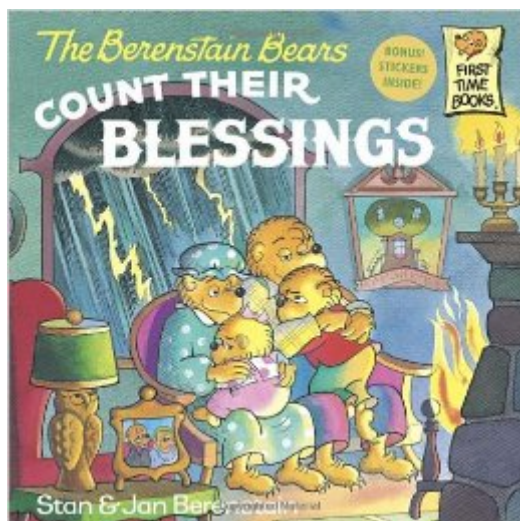


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# The Berenstain Bears Count Their Blessings



## Synopsis

Come for a visit in Bear Country with this classic First Time Book® from Stan and Jan Berenstain. A big storm is rolling through Bear Country! Brother and Sister are scared, but Papa and Mama help the cubs realize that they are all safe and that the whole family should count their blessings. This beloved story is a perfect way to teach children about all the things they should be grateful for. Includes over 50 bonus stickers!

## Book Information

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Series: First Time Books(R)

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Product Dimensions: 8.1 x 0.1 x 8 inches

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Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (36 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

I am totally baffled as to why this Berenstain series is called "First Time Books". Nothing could be further from the truth. The vocabulary is sophisticated (words like 'Killer Koyote', 'Avenger', 'Equestrienne') and there are way too many words per page to make this appropriate even for a first grader. [In fact, at least one of the kid's reviews here was written by a 10 year old!]Note: Take a look at the page offered in 's "Search inside this book" feature to judge for yourself.And while I like the moral of this book, I find that it suffers from a reversal of heart at the end. In this case, after having made the point (very well I thought) that children \*should\* be thankful for what they have; the story suddenly reverses course and has Mama and Papa caving in and planning to buy the desired toys

anyway. What gives? To me this counters the good message of being thankful, with the supposition that if they 'just wait' children will eventually get what they desire. from the book: So while Papa set the table and Mama started supper, Sister went upstairs to play with her Bearbie doll, and Brother tried to reach the next level on one of his videogames. "You know, my dear," said Papa. "There are birthdays and Christmas coming. Do you have any ideas for the cubs?" "I thought perhaps a Just Married Bearbie for Sister and a couple of video games for Brother might be nice," Mama said. "What do you think?" "I think we should count our blessings too," said Papa. I don't know what other children make of this mixed message, but mine were happy that the cubs were going to get what they wanted. Four Stars. [B-] The book starts off very well.

We bought this book along with *The Berenstain Bears and the Bad Dream* and *The Berenstain Bears and the Blame Game*. just before Christmas. I wrote reviews for those books, so please check them out. I'm sorry to say this title is not up to par with the best of the Berenstain Bears series (I've listed several of our favorites below). The story follows both young bears' habit of visiting friends and returning home with a laundry list of "I wants" that drives Mama Bear crazy. However, the book strangely ends with Mama and Papa Bear talking about spoiling their kids with more toys so the parents can "count their blessings." A powerful rainstorm and subsequent power outage are used to illustrate the blessings of home and family. That's a good start but the book leaves out much. The story doesn't mention anyone less fortunate than the Berenstain Bears family, which leaves a hole in the moral of the story. I had hoped to use the book to launch a discussion with my young sons about counting your blessings, especially during the holidays, as well as to share some of our good fortune with others. Sadly, the book didn't provide much of a springboard. That said, our sons, ages 6 and 4, enjoy many of the Berenstain Bears books (we own more than 10 titles now) and find it easy to relate to the young bears in the series. I like to mix these stories into our rotation of bedtime books to reinforce good manners and behaviors.

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