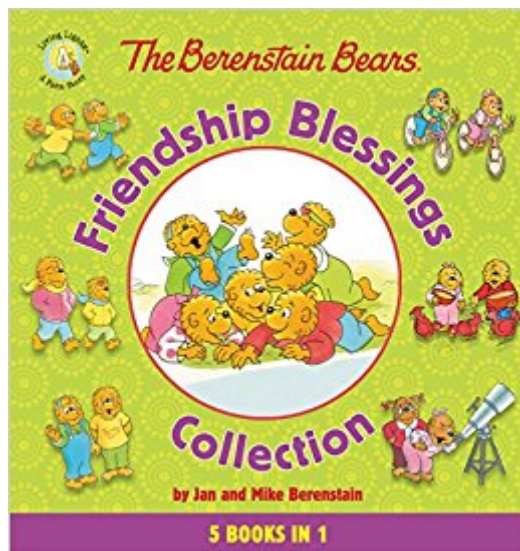




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The Berenstain Bears Friendship Blessings Collection (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights)



Synopsis

The Berenstain Bears Living Lights, series continues to attract young readers through creative and engaging stories that not only entertain but teach values and life lessons. Now, five of the series's favorite titles are available in a great new hardcover. This Berenstain Bears Living Lights treasury called Friendship Blessings Collection is sure to be a popular choice for Berenstain Bears fans. This collection includes: The Perfect Fishing Spot, Reap the Harvest, Faithful Friends, Kindness Counts, God Made You Special.

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Customer Reviews

Stan and Jan Berenstain introduced the first Berenstain Bear books in 1962. Mike Berenstain grew up watching his parents work together to write about and draw these lovable bears. Eventually he started drawing and writing about them too. Though Stan died in 2005, and Jan in 2012, Mike continues to create the delightful Bear adventures from his studio in Pennsylvania, in an area that looks much like the sunny dirt road deep in Bear Country.

Berenstain Bears Friendship Blessing Collection contains five beloved Berenstain stories in one volume relating to the reader what it means to be a friend and to have friends. Friends...such a

commonly used word but does it mean the hundreds of people we adults have connections to on social media? Not really. Friendship is precious and teaching your child how to be dependable, honest, faithful and kind through these sweet cubs and their parents makes friendship, the true and lasting kind, attainable and a strong moral character in every aspect of life. What is not to love about Berenstain Bear books? The illustrations are bright and playful. The teaching/moral lesson is easily applicable yet not preachy. The characters have been around for years and years making them a classic in my book. I began reading these stories to my children long before they could read themselves. One might think it would stop there but my son picked up these fun to read books until he was probably entering middle school. He still won't let me get rid of a single one of them and he is 24! The only problem is that many of them are falling apart with the number of readings since they are paperback. It was an easy selection deciding what to review next when I saw this hardback collection published. Whether looking for a gift or something to add to your own children's collection, you can't go wrong here. The only thing I find missing is a table of contents which would make it easy to flip the book open to your favorite story. Not a big deal. I am certain this hardbound collection will be one to be treasured. Contents: The Perfect Fishing Spot, Reap the Harvest, Faithful Friends, Kindness Counts, and God Made You Special, all originally published between 2009 and 2014. Thank you, Mike Berenstain, for picking up where your father left off and continuing the tradition of rich, wholesome stories for children. I did receive this copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review and am in no way obligated to write a positive one.

“God made all of us special,” Mama reminds the bears in one of the stories of Jan and Mike Berenstain’s book, *The Berenstain Bears Friendship Blessings Collection*. What Part of the Berenstain Bears / Living Lights series, this numbered one-hundred-sixty-page hardbound targets child four to eight years old, especially those that like short stories of the well-known family of bears. With no profanity or scary scenes, the story has colorful, expressive illustrations on every page. Due to some complicated wording, it would best be read out loud to beginner readers. While most of the series are individual paperback books, this one contains five stories focusing on teaching children how God wants them to treat others. The tales included are Perfect Fishing Spot, Reap the Harvest, Faithful Friends, Kindness Counts, and God Made Your Special. Why This is a caring collection of stories of Papa finding a place to fish, learning to work and receive the benefits, having best friends, being kind and helpful to others, and loving those who are different than us. I like that the last three stories each end with three discussion questions and two to three activities related to its theme. While mentioning God, the

stories are not preachy or pushy and most start with a written out Bible verse.~ Why Not ~Some may not like the references to God, but all of these books honor the Almighty. With the book not having a table of contents, it is hard to go to a particular story (a blank colored page separates each one). Because of this, some may not realize there are additional pages at the back of the some of the books to simulate conversation further.~ Who ~Since Stan and Jan passed away years ago, their son Mike continues to follow in his parents' footsteps with the Berenstain Bear series and products. He lives in Pennsylvania.~ Wish ~I wish the book had a table of contents to make it easier on the parent reading, knowing how many pages each story is in advance.~ Want ~If you like the Berenstain Bears series, this one will make a thoughtful collector's series of five books in a hardbound format. Thanks to Z-Blog Squad for the complimentary book that I am freely evaluating.

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