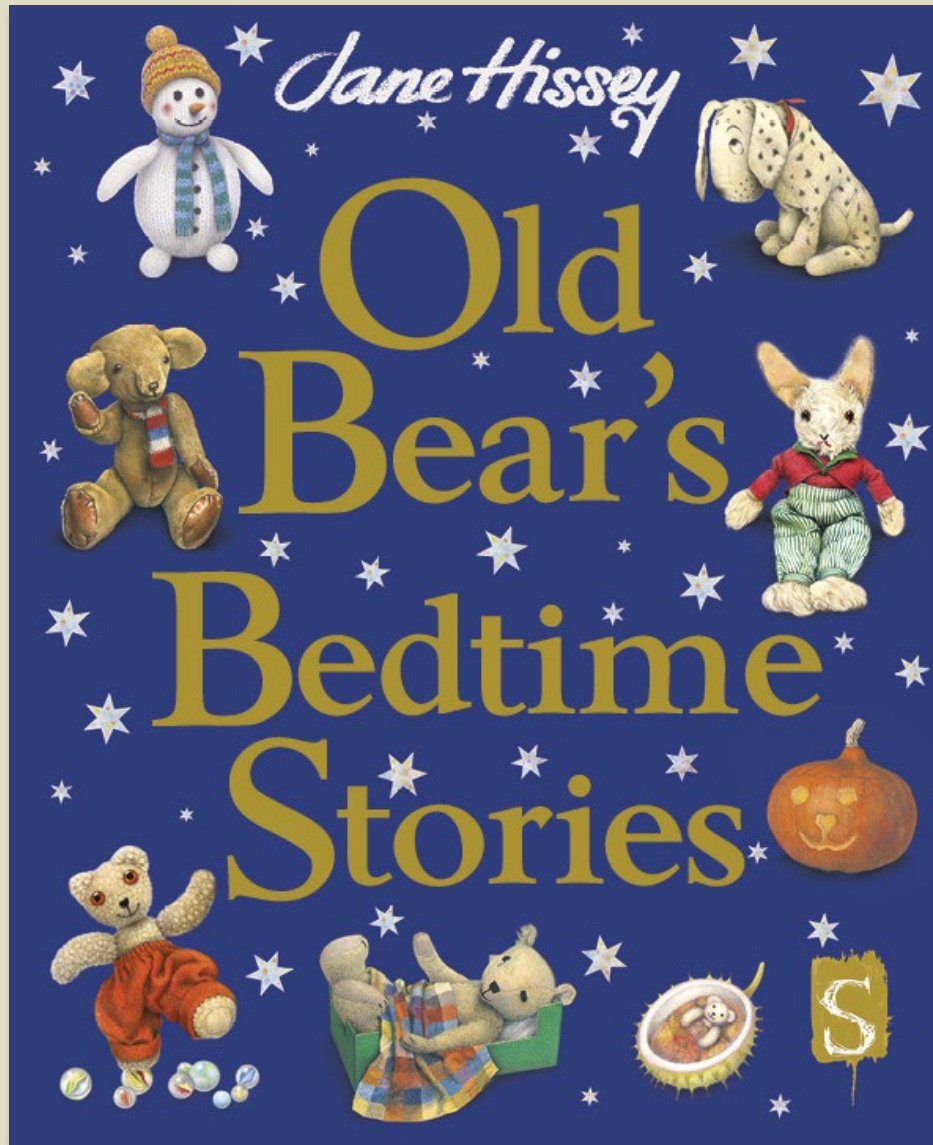


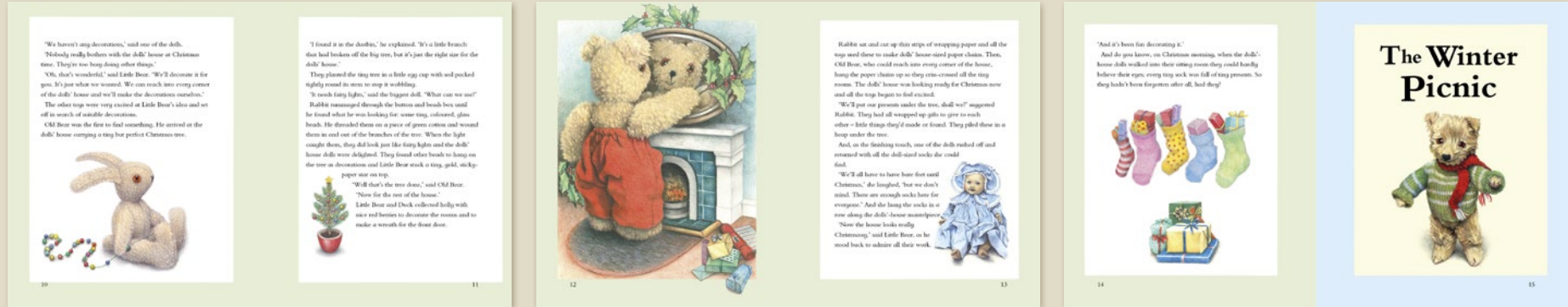
# Old Bear's Bedtime Stories



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**I**T WAS nearly Christmas. The toys all knew this because the children were very busy decorating the house. They were too busy to play and they wouldn't let any of the toys help with the decorations.

'You're a bit small to decorate the tree,' they said to Little Bear.

'And you can't reach to hang paper chains.'

They wouldn't even let Old Bear help to put up the fairy lights. It wasn't much fun at all for the toys.


'We haven't been able to do anything,' grumbled Little Bear. 'I would have loved to help make the house look Christmassy.'

'They should have saved the low-down jobs for us,' said Rabbit.

'What low-down jobs?' asked Duck. 'There aren't any really, are there?'

'There's the pot the Christmas tree stands in,' said Little Bear, 'that's low down and it's always decorated.'

They all rushed to the Christmas-tree pot only to find that it had just been wrapped in red paper and tied with a big green bow.



'There's nothing left for us to do,' said Little Bear. 'And I have been practising bows all week.'

Then he noticed the dolls' house. Standing in the corner of the playroom, it had been completely forgotten. There were no paper chains in the rooms, no Christmas tree with presents underneath, and no holly over the pictures. It looked just as it did all the rest of the year.

'Why haven't you decorated your house?' Little Bear asked the dolls in the dolls' house. 'It doesn't look very festive.'

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