



<b>Title:</b>
<p>Old Bear and other Stories</p> 
<b>Author:</b>
Jane Hissey
<b>Blurb:</b>
<p>It's time to bring Old Bear back to the playroom! Old Bear tells the familiar story of how a much-loved teddy bear is lost and finally found again. Bramwell Brown and his friends Little Bear, Duck and Rabbit attempt to rescue Old Bear from the attic using a number of ingenious methods.</p>
<b>Author background:</b>
<p>Jane Hissey was born in 1952. She is a British author and illustrator of children's books. She is best known for her series of children's books '<i>Old Bear and Friends</i>', which became the basis for a BAFTA award-winning television series <i>Old Bear Stories</i>, episodes of which were released on VHS by Carlton Video.</p> <p>Jane Hissey has written that "Old Bear" was given to her as a baby by her grandmother. During her childhood he was a main focus of her games, and when she was an adult, he provided the inspiration for her first illustrated book. He was later joined by other soft toy characters. In 1986 her <i>Old Bear</i> was published and made it into Booklist's "Editor's Choice" list for children's books for that year.</p>
<b>Cultural background:</b>
<p>Jane Hissey grew up as a child in the 1950's and adored her old bear. The book provides children with images from that era, a threadbare bear, eiderdown on the bed, leather travel case, satchel, wooden toys, sepia photographs, carpet beater,</p>
<b>Literary terms:</b>
<p>Past tense – suffix 'ed' wobbled, noticed, climbed          Prepositions – into, underneath, on top,          Third person          Story starters – A very long time ago, .....          Repetition of sentences e.g. 'Let's try making.....' 'Let's try bouncing.....'</p>
<b>Vocabulary examples:</b>
<p>Thoughtfully          Marvellous, beautifully          trap door – attic, ceiling          lonelier          handkerchiefs - parachutes          heave</p>
<b>Benefits for our children:</b>

## BOOK ANALYSIS

It enables children to appreciate Toys from now and then, noticing and questioning similarities and differences.

Children can relate to their own experiences and the way we use our imaginations to create the most amazing stories.