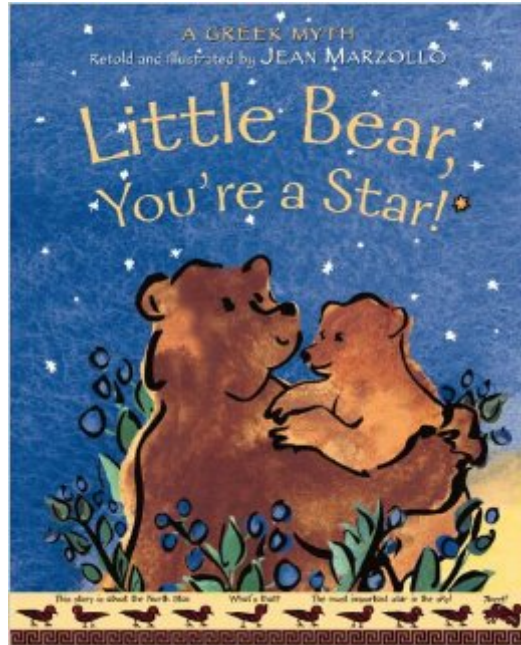


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# Little Bear, You're A Star!: A Greek Myth About The Constellations



## Synopsis

This lively, vibrantly illustrated rendition of the story of Big and Little Bear provides a wonderful introduction to classic Greek myths and the constellations. Jean Marzollo, beloved author and expert in early childhood education, vividly retells this dramatic and heartwarming tale about the enduring bond between mother and child. Small bird characters at the bottom of each page offer thought-provoking commentary.

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Age Range: 1 - 10 years

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## Customer Reviews

You probably would not be able to tell just from the cover art, but "Little Bear, You're a Star" is a Greek myth retold and illustrated by Jean Marzollo (yes, the declaration this is "A Greek Myth" gives it away, but I am talking just about the picture of the Big Bear and the Little Bear and ignoring the Greek border design on the bottom). This story is about the North Star and why it is the most important star in the night sky. It also involves the Greek myth of Callisto and Arcas, the original of which Marzollo is longer and more complicated than what Marzollo has simplified for young children. However, down the road students will be able to find other, more detailed versions of the same myth. Meanwhile, they will find out that the title of this book does not mean what they think it means. The little birds that are talking on the bottom of the cover continue to talk throughout the book, which begins with a picture of the night sky and has the birds telling you to come back and

look after the story to see if you can spot the constellations that make the pictures the ancient Greeks saw in the stars. Think of the birds as a sort of caustic Greek chorus. The story is about how Zeus visited a beautiful woman named Callisto who had a baby named Arcas. Hera, the jealous wife of Zeus, changes Callisto into bear so that Zeus will not want to visit her any more. As Callisto learned how to be a bear, she kept an eye on her son, who grows up and learns to shoot with a bow and arrow. Then one day, Arcas is about to shoot his first bear, not knowing that it is his mother. The constellation part of the story comes at the end when Zeus creates Ursa Major (Big Bear) and Ursa Minor (Little Bear), known by us today as the Big Dipper and Little Dipper.

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