

## ABOUT THE BOOK

One winter day, Braden, and Finley hike into the woods with their wildlife scientist dad and his team to tag a mama bear who just had cubs. The tag makes it easy to find the mama bear in the summer when the team gets a call about an orphaned bear cub that needs a new family. But will the mama bear adopt this new cub as one of her own? The story is based on orphaned black bear cub rescue efforts by Michigan DNR.

This work of narrative nonfiction includes a 4-page For Creative Minds section in the back of the book and a 30-page cross-curricular Teaching Activity Guide online. *Baby Bear's Adoption* is vetted by experts and designed to encourage parental engagement. Its extensive back matter helps teachers with time-saving lesson ideas, provides extensions for science, math, and social studies units, and uses inquiry-based learning to help build critical thinking skills in young readers. The Spanish translation supports ELL and dual-language programs. The interactive ebook reads aloud in both English and Spanish with word highlighting and audio speed control to promote oral language skills, fluency, pronunciation, text engagement, and reading comprehension.

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## CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

### *For Creative Minds*

Bear fun facts are waiting for readers in the book's "For Creative Minds" Section. Topics include:

- Black Bear Life Cycle
- Stages of Bear Hibernation
- Q & A with Bear Biologist Mark Boersen
- Furry Fun Facts

The learning doesn't end in the "For Creative Minds" section; an extensive teaching activity guide is also available on [arbordalepublishing.com](http://arbordalepublishing.com).

This book has been vetted for accuracy by Sara Focht, wildlife educator at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

### *Classification Information*

*Baby Bear's Adoption* will appeal to kids of any age; however, young readers may be guided to the book based on the following reading level assessment:

- Accelerated Reader: 3.9
- Lexile: 640
- Fountas and Pinnell: O

Bisac Codes include: Juvenile Fiction

- JUV002030 - Animals / Bears
- JUV029010 - Nature & the Natural World / Environment
- JUV002370 - Animals / Baby Animals

Arbordale has aligned this book to standards. Key standards include: NGSS K Interdependent relationships in ecosystems: animals, plants, and their environment.

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Award-winning nature author Jennifer Keats Curtis is frequently found among students and teachers, talking about literacy and conservation. In addition to *Baby Bear's Adoption*, Jennifer has written *After A While Crocodile* (NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book), *The Lizard Lady*, *Maggie: Alaska's Last Elephant*, *The Lucky Litter*, the *Animal Helpers* series, *Baby Owl's Rescue*, *Kali's Story* (Children's Choice Book Award), *Salamander Season*, *Primate School*, and *Turtles In My Sandbox* for Arbordale. She lives in Maryland with her family and a wide variety of pets. Visit her website at [www.jenniferkeatscurtis.com](http://www.jenniferkeatscurtis.com).

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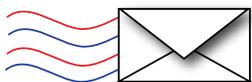
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#### PRAISE FOR THE BOOKS

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*Midwest Book Review* on *The Lizard Lady*

A useful introduction to citizen science. - *Kirkus Reviews* on *Moonlight Crab Count*

The book is as advertised on the cover "a fun-to-read story and a launch pad for discussions and learning." - *Science Books & Films* on *Salamander Season*