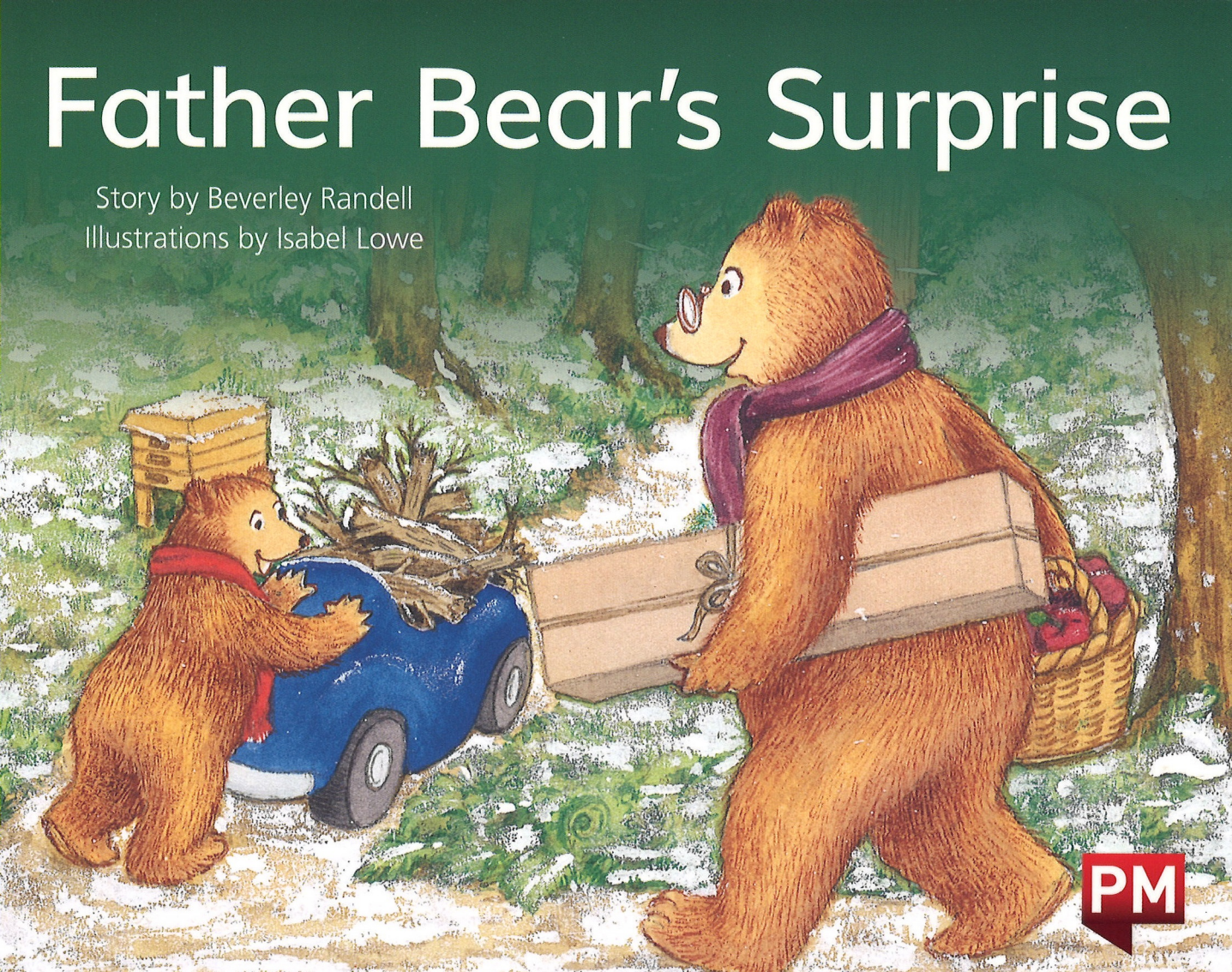
Father Bear's Surprise

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Level 13 **Running words** 223

Key High-frequency Words

always, buy, fell, may, more, ready, under, wanted

Key Teaching Points

Read the title and predict what may be inside the box under Father Bear's arm.

Study each illustration and predict the storyline prior to reading the text. Expand on information related to real bears, e.g. hibernation.

Observe students' ability to maintain fluency when reading longer sentences.

Key Questions

Where did Father Bear hide the box? (*Literal*)

Why did the bears sleep for such a long time? (*Inferential*)

Why did Father Bear buy the train set? (*Inferential*)

Word Study

Reinforce punctuation as an aid to reading with understanding.

Introduce the irregular past tense verb forms: *meet, met; hide, hid; fall, fell; wake, woke.*

Revise contractions: *can't, Don't, I'm, it's, Let's.*

Links with other PM Books

PM Guided Reading	Level 10	*Baby Bear's Present*
PM Guided Reading	Level 12	*House-hunting*

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"It's snowing," said Father Bear,
"and it's very cold.
I'm going to buy some more food.
We may be snowed in."

"I'm going to find
some more firewood,"
said Baby Bear.


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On his way home with the wood,
Baby Bear met Father Bear
coming back from the shop.

Father Bear had a long box
under one arm.
"Don't look!" said Father Bear.
"It's a surprise."



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Father Bear hid the box under his bed.



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"Look at all this food," said Mother Bear. "Honey and blackberry jam, mushrooms and apples and fish. We are ready for the winter."



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