

QUICK CARD: *THE BIGGEST BEAR*



Reference	<i>The Biggest Bear</i> . Lynd Ward. (1952) ISBN: 978-0395150245
Plot	When Johnny Orchard adopts a bear cub that becomes a community nuisance, he must rectify the situation.
Setting	The story takes place in Johnny's childhood in a rural, valley community among people who earn their living from the land..
Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johnny Orchard (protagonist) • Johnny's mother, father, and grandfather • Mr. McLean, a local farmer, hunter, and neighbor of the Orchards • Mr. Pennell, a local farmer, hunter, and neighbor of the Orchards • Mr. McCarroll, a local farmer, hunter, and neighbor of the Orchards • Zoo Keepers • The Bear
Conflict	<p>Johnny wants to expunge the shame he feels. (Man vs. Society, Man vs. Himself)</p> <p>Johnny wants to keep the bear. (Man vs. Society, Man vs. Nature)</p> <p>Johnny wants to join the society of men. (Man vs. Himself)</p>
Theme	<p>Manhood as responsibility-taking and self-sacrifice for the good of others.</p> <p>Appearance vs. Reality</p>
Literary Devices	<p>Litotes (understatement)</p> <p>Irony, circumstantial and dramatic</p>