

## ADVANCE INFORMATION SHEET

### Brown Bear Can't Sleep

Yijun Cai

*A crafty bear devises a clever plan while the rest of his friends sleep through the freezing winter.*

It's is the coldest day of winter, and most of the animals have gone to bed. But Brown Bear can't fall asleep. He wants to go outside, but he needs a disguise so the cold-loving animals won't recognise and ridicule him. But to look like a polar bear, he needs lots and lots of white wool. And for lots of wool, Brown Bear needs lots and lots of sheep. So, Brown Bear starts calculating how many sheep he will need... Will his sweater plan succeed?

- Charming, quirky illustrations that help children follow the text.
- An innovative twist on a classic method for falling asleep.
- It is fun, humorous, and silly—all essential ingredients for a successful children's story.

#### The Author-illustrator

**Yijun Cai** is a freelance illustrator and recipient of the Golden Dragon Award at the Original Animation & Comic Competition, who now resides in Hangzhou, China. She often draws her inspiration from curious thoughts. One winter night, she wondered, "When humans can't sleep, we try all sorts of methods to make ourselves fall asleep. What about bears? If bears can't sleep, it's not as simple as just staying up one night—it's for a whole season!" And that is how *Brown Bear Can't Sleep* was born.



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