

By Bill Peet

BIG BAD BRUCE





Forevergreen Forest was a quiet peaceful place until Bruce, a great shaggy brute of a bear came wandering up out of a canyon one day. A bear of such size was enough to frighten anyone, and the smaller creatures who lived there kept a sharp eye on Bruce in case he might give them trouble.



As long as Bruce was busy rooting around under boulders and logs searching for a feast of beetles and grubs there was no need to worry.

But when the big fellow was feeling frisky and ready for fun it was time to beware of the bear. What Bruce called fun was to scare the wits out of everyone.



The creator of whimsical fantasies featuring a bevy of lifelike and lovable creatures, Bill Peet consistently combined excellent storytelling with enduring illustrations, becoming one of the most popular picture book creators of our time. Born in Grandview, Indiana, Bill Peet nurtured his childhood drawing talent and was awarded a scholarship to the John Herron Art Institute in Indianapolis, where he studied painting and design. After a brief apprenticeship period, he went to work for Walt Disney as a sketch artist, eventually becoming a screenwriter and helping to produce such beloved films as *Fantasia*, *101 Dalmatians* and *Peter Pan*. In 1959 Bill Peet published his first book, *Hubert's Hair-Raising Adventure*, going on to write and illustrate over thirty successful books for children.

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