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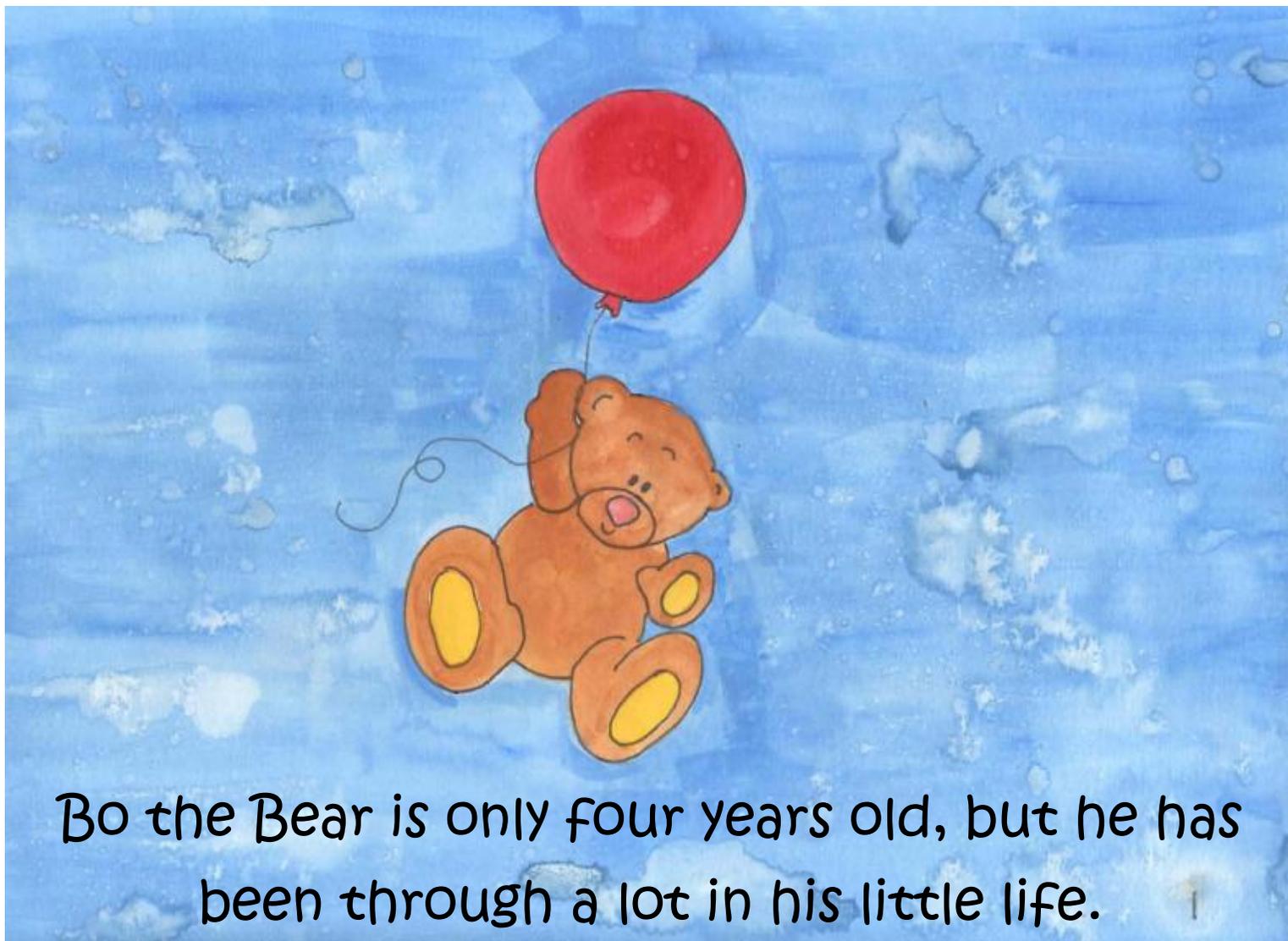
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Dedicated to Jaden –
You are amazing and so strong.
We love you.



Bo the Bear is only four years old, but he has been through a lot in his little life.

Bo is loved by so many and he is
an amazing little bear.





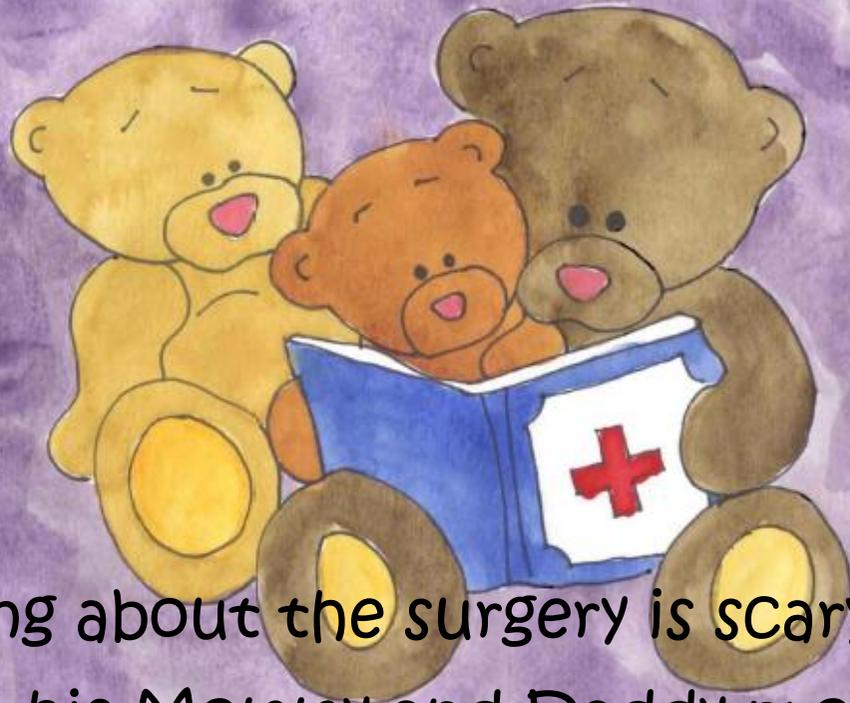
One of Bo's Cherub feet still needs more help from the doctors. This is sad for Bo and his family.



Bo needs to have surgery on his left foot to make sure it will be straight and strong.



Bo is a good boy.
Bo didn't do anything
wrong to make this
happen.



Thinking about the surgery is scary for Bo
but his Mommy and Daddy promise
to be with him through it all.



On the day of the surgery, Bo gets to take some medicine to help him relax.



Bo and his Mommy have to wear funny
clothes to get ready for the doctors.
His Mommy looks silly!



Bo's Mommy brought something special 9
that will remind Bo that he is safe and loved.



The doctor will put a mask on Bo's face to help him fall asleep. He will look like a jet pilot! Bo will sleep through the surgery.



During the surgery, Bo's Mommy and Daddy and lots of other bears will be praying for him.¹¹



When Bo wakes
up, he will be
sleepy and
feel kind of
funny.

When he looks at the special thing Mommy
brought, he will remember that he is
safe and loved.

After the surgery, Bo's Mommy and Daddy will be RM-301 so happy to see Bo and hug him close.



There will be a long cast on Bo's leg to keep the foot protected as it heals.



Bo will get to decorate it at home
with all kinds of fun stickers.



Bo will go to a room that will be fun because
Bo can watch as many movies as he wants
and eat ice cream!



Bo's Mommy
and Daddy will
be there with
him. He will
not be alone.



Because of the cast, Bo won't be able to walk
so he will ride in a wheelchair. 17

Bo can go fast or slow in his new chair.



Bo will spend the night in the fun room with his Mommy and Daddy.



On the next day, Bo will get to go home!



Bo will need help doing things and 20
there are lots of bears who want to help him.



Bo's little sister will learn a lot by watching her big brother be so brave.

Bo can still go to school, play, and tease his little sister, but it will be different for awhile.



Bo's family will take
really good care of Bo.



After Bo's cast is taken off, he will wear a boot that he can walk in.





It is hard to go through something like this for Bo and his family but in the end, both of Bo's cherub feet will be straight and strong.²⁵



Bo is such an amazing brave bear.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youth will stumble and fall, but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40: 29-31



About the Author

Kim DeLeon wrote *Bo's Cherub Feet* to help her son. Her son was born with bilateral club feet and was treated with the Ponseti Method.

Bo's Cherub Feet helped her son understand the casting process he was going to go through when his feet regressed after initial castings as a baby.

Kim then wrote *Bo's Straight and Strong Feet* because her son needed surgery for one foot that continued to regress. This book truly helped her son handle every step of the surgery, from the time they drove to the hospital all the way through recovery.

Kim is a wife and mother of two. She was a teacher for 10 years and now works as a school administrator.

Kim has a passion for helping children and their families through difficult times due to medical conditions.



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This book was written to help children who face orthopedic surgery. Bo the Bear has surgery and helps prepare a child for each step of what to expect, from the ride to the hospital to the ride home.

Bo's Straight and Strong Feet is the second book about Bo the Bear. In *Bo's Cherub Feet*, Bo faces weekly casting to correct his club feet with the Ponseti Method.

Author, Kim DeLeon has a passion for comforting children through challenges in life.

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