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The Sharing Bear: A Wise Baby Book

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With electric colors and creatures outlined in bold, thick lines, this joyous rhyming board book follows a watermelon-loving, long-haired bear who's jazzed to fold into the tasty fruit he just bought. When his forest friends show up, he's prompted to offer pieces of the melon to them, too. Soon he's left with nothing to snack on himself. But a query from a concerned bluebird reveals that sometimes, sharing is just as sweet as personal enjoyment.

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