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The Other Bears

written and illustrated by
Michael Thompson

*The koalas just **LOVE** being called koala bears, but they were in for a big surprise when the **OTHER** bears arrived*

About the book

Mother and Father Koala are suspicious of the OTHER bears. They don't like the pandas and they don't trust the polars. The black bears are noisy and the brown bears have big teeth. But all their grumpiness melts away, watching the littlest bears at play.

An eloquent tale about tolerance and acceptance that will appeal to old and young alike.

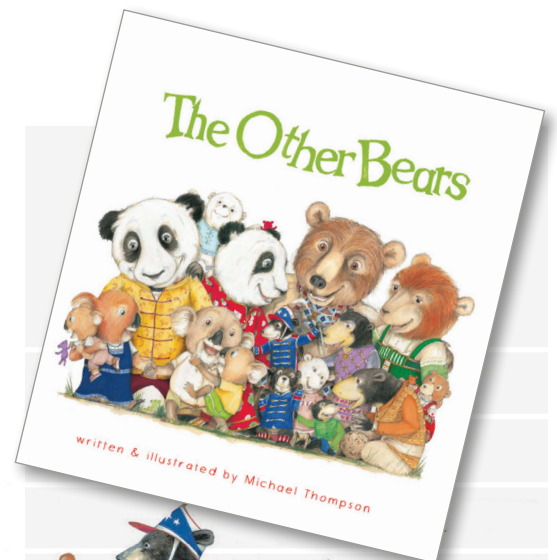
About the author

Michael has drawn pictures for as long as he can remember. His Grade 2 teacher showed him how to make a picture book and he has been thinking about them (and collecting them) on and off ever since. His parents still have his first book, *How the Rabbit got its Long Ears*, hidden away somewhere (where it should stay!).

Michael has always liked bears (doesn't everyone?) and still has his first teddy bear, which looks like the ones in this book, but brown. Michael was born and raised in Perth, Western Australia where he now lives with his wife and new baby girl.

Media notes

- Michael Thompson is a doctor specialising in geriatric medicine.
- The book was completed in his spare time and took over one and half years.
- He turns 33 in July 2010.



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