about the story
In this simple story, Brother Bear gets in a box that gets turned upside down, taken outside, and put on a truck. Children learn about spatial words when the box goes outside, falls off the truck, and Brother Bear lands right side up.

words to learn
Spatial words: inside, outside, upside down, falling off, right side up

about the math
This story introduces children to spatial ideas. As they take a journey with Brother Bear in the box, children can learn:

- To describe the location of objects using spatial words, such as inside.
- To describe the direction of objects using spatial words, such as falling off.
- To name spatial words that are the opposite of one another, such as upside down and right side up.

tips and questions for reading
Talk about what is happening in the picture, emphasizing words that describe spatial relationship: Do you see Brother Bear getting in the box? Where is the box going?

Consider opposites: What is the opposite of going on the truck? What is the opposite of getting inside the box?

Make predictions: What might happen next in the story? If the box is upside down and we turn it around, will it still be upside down?

activity after reading
Try writing a story of your own, using the same words: Let's write our own story using the words inside, outside, and upside down.