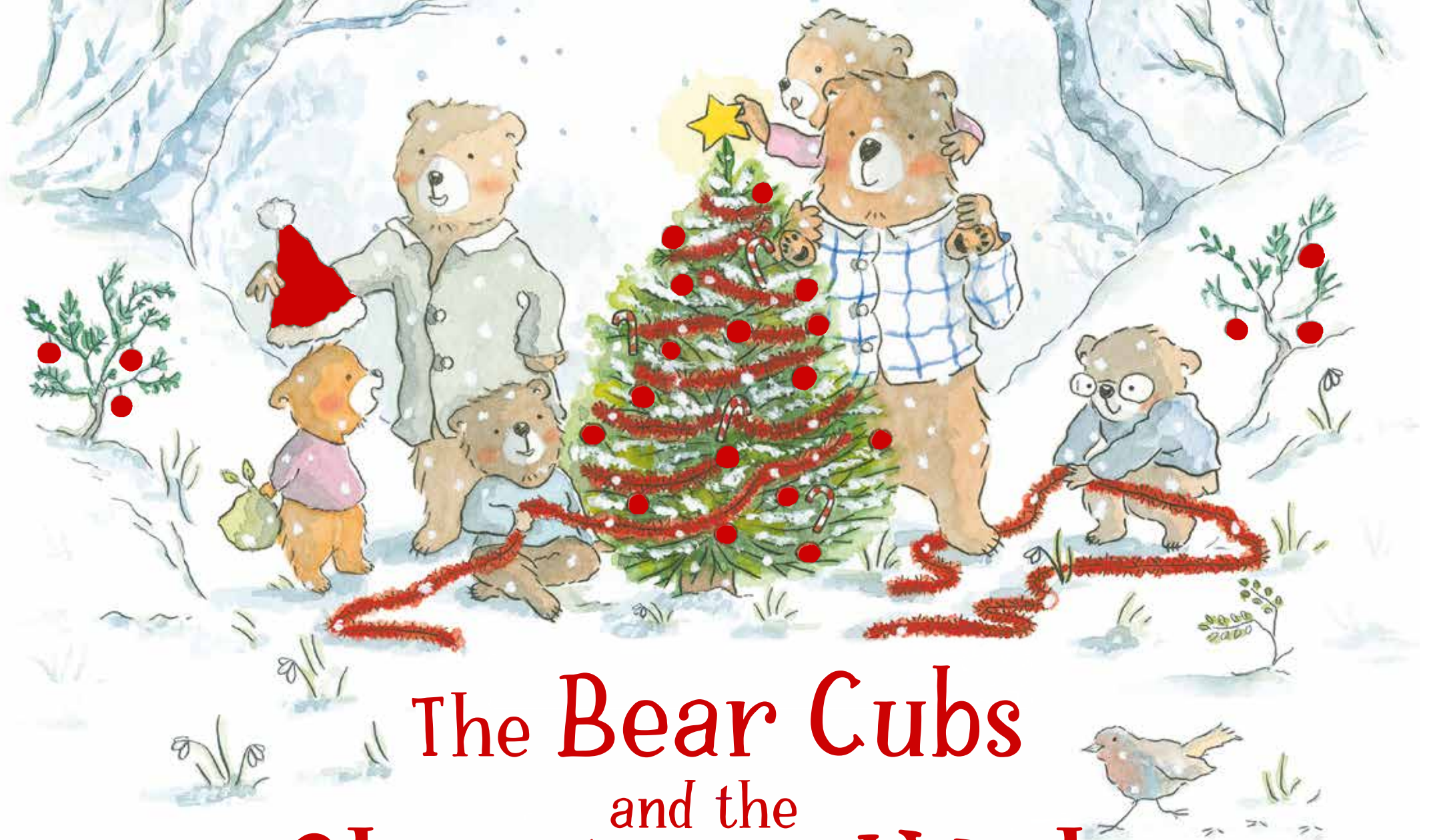


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To my grandparents Armando and Ilda,
who were as sweet as honey. Z.

To my family and my two little cubs. É.M.

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Nestled in Bramble Wood was a tiny house.

Inside the house, lived a family of bears: Mummy and Daddy bear, and their cubs, Daisy, Clover, Aster and Basil.

The house looked as wild as the trees and bushes around it, but inside it was neat and cosy.



Mummy and Daddy bear were silly and kind, they loved playing games with their cubs – especially when the weather was cold or stormy.

On a sunny winter's morning, they collected the prettiest leaves they could find in shimmering reds, greens and golds.

The family were getting ready for Christmas, and the baby bears were very excited.

"Aster – hold your leaves steady!" shouted Basil.

"We're going to have the best garland in the whole of Bramble Wood!" squealed Clover.

They passed their garland down to Daddy bear while Daisy watched him work.

"Daddy, what's on your Christmas list?" Daisy asked.

"Oh now, I'd have to think about that – what more could I need with you four rascals always under my feet?" laughed Daddy bear.





By the fireplace, after hanging their garlands and decorating the house for Christmas, the bears snuggled up in front of the fire and Daisy hushed them.

"It's not fair that Father Christmas doesn't come for Mummy and Daddy – I think we should get them a gift!" she whispered over the crackling fire.

The bear cubs scratched their heads, wondering what on earth they could get their parents, and they slowly came up with a plan.



The next morning, they started asking their parents questions . . .

“What would you put on your Christmas list, Daddy?” asked Daisy.

“To be better at dad dancing!” Daddy bear said as he twirled and whirled.



“And you, Mummy?” asked Clover.

“To have more puff!” she laughed, sending dandelion seeds dancing through the air.



“I’d ask for a lovely summer holiday,” Daddy told Aster with a long sigh.



“And I’d like to have a yummy cake to share with all of you!” Mummy told Basil with a grumbling tummy.





Nestled deep in Bramble Wood,
four little bear cubs and their parents are getting
ready for Christmas. They're busy hanging garlands and
decorating the house when the cubs realise they haven't
got a present for Mummy and Daddy bear! They set off
to find the perfect gift, but every time they discover
something special, nature changes their course.

A heartwarming story to remind little ones
of the true meaning of Christmas and the gifts
that nature shares with us every day.

