

**About *Waltur Paints Himself into a Corner
and Other Stories***

Waltur Paints Himself into a Corner and Other Stories, by Barbara Gregorich, illustrations by Kristin Sorra, published by Houghton Mifflin (October, 2007) is the second humorous early reader featuring Waltur, an impetuous bear who doesn't quite grasp the meaning of English language idioms.

In the first story Waltur is absolutely convinced that his honey cake will win first prize at the Summer Fair. In a rush, he puts a cart in front of a horse, satisfied that this order of things will help him reach the fair faster.

In the second story Waltur sets out to paint his floor. He tries hard not to paint himself into a corner . . . or two, or four. And he succeeds . . . sort of.

The final story sees Waltur disregard the age-old advice to let sleeping dogs lie. With the best of intentions, the bear wakes a sleeping dog — at which point it's too late to explain any intentions.

As in the first book, *Waltur Buys a Pig in a Poke and Other Stories*, the stories in *Waltur Paints Himself into a Corner* help young readers identify with characters, follow a sequence of events, and discover the meaning of proverbs which have been part of the English language for hundreds of years.