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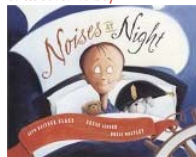
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Title: NOISES AT NIGHT

Author: Beth Raisner Glass and Susan Lubner

Illustrator: Bruce Whatley



Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers, ©2005

Material: hard cover

Summary: What's that drip? and that scratch? Our young narrator explains that even though he's supposed to be asleep, adventures await him as he listens to the noises he hears at night. Keep your eyes open ... he'll show you them all. This is a first-person picture book about going to sleep.

Type of Reading: bedtime story, anytime reading, family reading, read aloud book, middle reader

Recommended Age: 4 to 8

Age of Child: Started reading with 5½-year-old child.

Little Kid Reaction: This has been a regular request in our house for more than a week now. Our child likes the pictures and the places s/he goes on this journey to sleep.

Big Kid Reaction: This is such a creative book! It turns all of the "fearful" sounds and thoughts children are apt to have into mini-adventures. Helping them think imaginatively, and, ultimately, sending them off to happy dreams will quickly dissolve their fear of darkness. The rhythm of the poem, itself, adds to that calming effect.

Pros: The story embraces a universal feeling: that sense of fear our kids feel when the lights go out. This bedtime story will ease their mind AND get them to think creatively.

Cons: None.

Borrow or Buy: Buy. In fact, buy two. You'll want one for your library, and it is a perfect gift for new parents who will be working through "the fear of the dark" phase soon enough.

If You Liked This Book, Try: [DON'T BE AFRAID LITTLE BEAR \(SECRET SLIDING BOOKS \)](#), [THIS LITTLE LIGHT: MARTIN FRAIDY-INSKI AND THE ANGELS WITH ATTITUDE \(The AWA Gang\)](#), [LIZZY AND SKUNK](#)

Other Reviews: See Critics' Reviews and reader feedback at bn.com (Barnes & Noble) and borders.com.

Educational Themes: This is one of those books where the enjoyment of reading it with your child trumps all other potential value. It does give you an opening, though to take the imagination into the "daylight" and create adventures from other sounds you hear.

Literary Categories: fiction - picture book, adventure, fantasy

Date(s) Reviewed: April 2007

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