

Someone's Sleepy / Deborah Lee Rose

A mother readies her child for bed as they do nighttime rituals like taking a bath and brushing teeth. Once tucked under the covers with stuffed animals and a nightlight, the child is lulled to sleep.

My dad Is Big and Strong, But...: A Bedtime Story / Coralie Saudo

A boy's playful account of trying to put his dad to sleep gives children a delightful heads up on what a pain they can be at bedtime, while affirming the tender bond between father and son.

Bedtime Monsters / Josh Schneider

A young boy conquers his fear of bedtime monsters after making a surprising discovery.

Lucy Can't Sleep / Amy Schwartz

Unable to sleep, a little girl tries counting sheep and other items, searching for her doll and bear, eating a snack, and many other things in hopes of becoming tired.

When Papa Comes Home Tonight / Eileen Spinelli

A father and child enjoy a range of activities together before bedtime.

Bedtime for Monsters / Ed Vere

A hungry monster seeks a different type of bedtime snack.

Mama, Why? / Karma Wilson

A sleepy polar bear cub asks his mother questions about the night sky as he gets ready to go to sleep.

Creepy Monsters, Sleepy Monsters: A Lullaby / Jane Yolen

Two rambunctious monsters creep, gurgle, crawl, and tumble before falling asleep.

Mommy, I Want to Sleep in Your Bed! / Harriet Ziefert

It's nighttime and everybody—children, parents, and pets—says good night. But when all the lights are out, find out where Charlie wants to sleep.

It's Time to Say Good Night / Harriet Ziefert

By the time a young boy finishes saying "good morning" to everything in sight, it is time to say "good night."

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*Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library
for children in preschool through second grade*

*Unless otherwise noted, all books may be found in
the picture book section under the author's last name.*

In a Blue Room / Jim Averbeck

Alice wants everything in her bedroom to be blue before she falls asleep.

A Bedtime for Bear / Bonny Becker

A small but effervescent overnight guest tries the patience of a curmudgeonly bear who needs absolute quiet to fall asleep.

Your Own Big Bed / Rita M. Bergstein

Introduces how different animals and even human babies grow from being newly-hatched or born, through being carried everywhere, to having their own special place to sleep.

Are You Awake? / Sophie Blackall

Persistent young Edward has many questions for his sleepy mother, many of which are answered, "Because it's night time."

When Mermaids Sleep / Ann Bonwill

When the moon shines into your room at night and casts a dreamy light, it is time to say goodnight.

My Big Boy Bed / Eve Bunting

A little boy celebrates all the things he can do now that he has a big boy bed.

By the Light of the Moon / Sheridan Cain

Little Mouse is about to go to sleep when Mole tells Mother Mouse that the nest isn't safe. She must find another bed for her baby, but where?

I'm Not Sleepy! / Jane Chapman

It is bedtime but Mo, an owlet, is not at all sleepy, so Grandma suggests that he put her to bed instead.

Bedtime at the Swamp / Kristyn Crow

Upon hearing a swamp monster's splashing, rumbling approach, a boy hides in a tree, where he is soon joined by his sister, brother, two cousins, and even the monster itself, until Ma arrives to bring them all home to bed.

Nighttime Ninja / Barbara DaCosta

Late at night, when all is quiet and everyone is asleep, a ninja creeps silently through the house in search of treasure.

Night Knight / Owen Davey

Riding through the forest to reach his bedroom, a little knight battles crocodiles to brush his teeth and climbs a tall tower to get into his bed before settling down to sleep.

Llama, Llama Red Pajama / Anna Dewdney

At bedtime, a little llama worries after his mother puts him to bed and goes downstairs.

All the Awake Animals Are Almost Asleep / Crescent Dragonwagon

Illustrations and rhyming text portray an alphabet of animals as they prepare to go to sleep.

How Will I Ever Sleep in This Bed? / Della Ross Ferreri

A child's new bed feels big and lonely until it gets filled up with stuffed animals.

Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy / Denise Fleming

Depicts a number of animal babies sleeping as a mother puts her own baby to bed.

Tell Me about Your Day Today / Mem Fox

A little boy loves to talk to his stuffed animals at the end of the day, and share with them all the things that happened to him that day—and to hear about their day, too.

Where the Giant Sleeps / Mem Fox

Illustrations and rhyming text portray the different residents of fairyland and where each one goes to sleep.

Good Night, Sleep Tight / Mem Fox

In this book with rhyming text, Bonnie and Ben's favorite babysitter tells them nursery rhymes before putting them to bed.

Good Night Sam / Marie-Louise Gay

Stella tries to help her little brother Sam fall asleep, but nothing will help until he finds his beloved dog Fred.

Tuck Me In / Dean Hacoheh (j T HACOHEH)

The reader helps tuck in baby animals at bedtime using pages with flaps to serve as blankets.

Kiss Good Night / Amy Hest

Even after a story, being tucked in, and warm milk, Sam is not ready to go to sleep until his mother kisses him good-night.

My Own Big Bed / Anna Grossnickle Hines

A child proudly shows off her very own brand new big bed while also telling herself that she can deal with fears about sleeping in it for the first time.

The 108th Sheep / Ayano Imai

Emma counts sheep thinking that it will help her get to sleep, but she is still awake when she gets to the 100th sheep.

Good Night, Chickie / Emile Jadoul

Mother Hen reassures Chickie, and Chickie's bunny, that she is nearby and keeping watch over them at bedtime.

Goodnight, Little Monster / Helen Ketteman

Rhyming text describes a mother guiding her young monster through bedtime preparations, such as howling at the moon, snacking on worm juice and beetle bread, and choosing a bedtime story.

Moon Child / Nadia Krilanovich

A child imagines being able to touch and whisper to the moon.

Lena's Sleep Sheep: A Going-To-Bed Book / Anita Lobel

After Lena's parents tuck her into bed, a conventional scenario gives way to a humorous fantasy.

Sleep like a Tiger / Mary Logue

At bedtime a young girl asks "Does everything in the world go to sleep?"

Bye-Bye, Crib / Alison McGhee

A big boy and his best stuffed friend seek the courage to move to a gigantic new bed.

Bedtime is Canceled / Cece Meng

When a newspaper headline says that bedtime is canceled, children everywhere rejoice.

Zero Kisses for Me! / Manuela Monari

A pint-size toddler bear is fed up with the many kisses he receives—until it's bedtime and the monsters appear. And everyone knows that the best defense against the monsters is a goodnight kiss from Mom.

Little Night / Yuyi Morales

At the end of a long day, Mother Sky helps her playful daughter, Little Night, to get ready for bed.

The Very Best Bed / Rebekah Raye

A squirrel with his store of seeds and nuts hunts for a cozy bed but he must search high and low for a spot that is not already occupied by other animals.

Light up the Night / Jean Reidy

In this cumulative, rhyming story, a young boy takes a nighttime ride from the distant stars in the Milky Way galaxy to his cozy bed, as his blanket becomes a rocket, a plane, and a skateboard.