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Percy the park keeper always feeds the animals in the park where he lives. But one cold winter's night Percy discovers that his little friends need more than food, and he must think of a way to help them find a warm place to sleep for the night. Percy's hut is nice and warm, but he discovers that if you invite one animal in you'll have to invite them all in. With Percy's small hut—they are certainly going to be squashed!

## One Snowy Night Details

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## From Reader Review One Snowy Night for online ebook

### Nell says

This is my favourite picture book from childhood - the story is so warming and welcoming and I can still remember the cosy feeling it creates. The illustrations are wonderfully complimentary and Percy the Park Keeper is a well-loved protagonist. Although not challenging in its subject matter, it's the perfect book to read to children on a sleepy afternoon!

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### Cheryl says

Oh! So \*this\* is why Butterworth is in 1001...! \*So\* sweet. Cliched and predictable, but with touches that make it special (like asking the fox to behave, and two pairs of wooly socks...). I've not been overly impressed by other Butterworth books, but I do want to find more about Percy.

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### Abigail says

Percy, a kindhearted park keeper who always shares his lunch with the park's animal residents, finds himself sharing even more one snowy night, as the animals knock on his door, one by one, seeking shelter. Inviting each one into the warmth of his little hut, Percy soon finds pandemonium breaking out, as all the animals struggle to share the comfortable bed with him. Then, just when things seem to have come to a head, there is a mysterious and (for some) frightening noise beneath the hut...

Apparently one of a series of picture-books about Percy the Park Keeper, One Snowy Night is a book that made it onto my to-be-read shelf thanks to the appealingly wintry scene on the cover. I have a real weakness for images of snow falling, if done right. Unfortunately, I discovered that the artwork within - particularly the human figure of Percy himself - did not quite live up to my expectations, based upon the cover image. The style was just a little too cartoonish for me, and with the exception of the depiction of a few of the animals characters, not very appealing. The story was cute, with its surprise ending, and I can see young readers really taking to it, but in the end, this just was not for me.

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### Anna says

I was about to buy this picture book, but my lovely friend Google found me a YouTube video, in which you can listen to a whole thing (you can check it right here <http://youtu.be/vChCLsf6DEs>, it's short (less than 10min) and has a great narrator (and you can see all of the pictures). Btw, he reminded me of the man, who narrated my version of *Letters from Father Christmas* by J.R.R. Tolkien, will found his name later. Maybe it's him...).

So, thank you, Google. You know, what I need (I can save a little and buy something else, yay!).

Overall, it was a lovely story of kindness and help. I really liked the art work as well (that page with mole... OMG, it's SO CUTE!).

Can't say more than this, because my reviews will be the clichéest review ever.  
If you're looking for cute little wintery story to read to your kiddo and yourself, I can recommend this one.  
Especially, since you can do that for free.:)

Happy reading, folks!  
And DFTBA!

P.S. I'm into picture books atm, because I'm in love with them (thanks you for inspiration, Rose Mannering) and also because I have a flue and my brain can't process anything with more than 5-7 sentences per page. I need pictures! Hope everyone of you is healthy today.:)

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### **gina says**

First of all...is Butterworth his real last name??

Secondly, this is a sweet children's book centered around a park-keeper who lives in a "hut." My son was endlessly fascinated with the word hut. He had soooo mannnny questions. ALL the questions. Mostly in the difference between cabins and huts. I've said it before, I'll say it again, kids are so weird.

So we talked a lot about huts. Other than that the book is about a bunch of cold animals asking to go inside to sleep in a warm place. My son adored how it ended (spoiler! All the animals get a snug place to sleep just perfect for them :) Adorable. Highly recommend as a sweet bedtime story.

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### **Anna says**

Cuddly, silly and heartwarming. Reminds me of Jan Brett's "The Mitten", in a good way.

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### **ABC says**

Very cute story about animals that come in from the cold to get warm in Percy's bed.

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### **Jane Hill says**

A childhood favourite <3<3<3

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### **Bisma Amir says**

The award-winning author and illustrator Nick Butterworth has created a series of tales from Percy's Park about Percy the park keeper and all the animals that he takes care of. This book doesn't disappoint!! Beautifully written, it includes speech marks to help children understand the formation of speech and the

wording is easy to follow. There are a few words from the book that may be difficult for children to read but through decoding words phonetically it's an absolute dream to read!

The story is about a snowy night and all the animals in the park arrive at Percy's hut to get shelter because it's so cold outside. All of the animals then get into Percy's bed one by one and it 'was just not enough room for them all.' Then eventually, in the end, the animals find different places around the hut to create their own cosy bed.

Such a lovely winter's tale makes me want to grab a hot cocoa and sit by a fireplace! It immerses you as the reader through its comforting illustrations and the story's sense of family and friends. An amazing story by Nick Butterworth, I will return to it on a cold winter night!

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### **Kathryn says**

Lots of fun to be had in this story about a grounds keeper (park ranger?) who opens his cottage one snowy night to a variety of animals who want shelter from the storm. It's so funny when they all try to fit into the bed and start to fall out--will there be a place for everyone??? (Of course there will!) I enjoyed the British aspects in this tale, too, such as when our gent puts on his Wellingtons and when the hedgehog shows up at the door ;-) The illustrations are very cute.

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### **Grace Gayer says**

My sister and I used to argue over this book...as we both loved it so much. a charming story about a park keeper unwittingly opening his doors to the park's animals during a snow storm.

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### **Dominika says**

Enjoyable story. Lots of good friends fit even into a small home.

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### **Emily says**

I read this recently, even though it's a kids book, and still enjoyed it. It is about a park ranger who is going to bed one very cold night. Then, animals keep knocking on his door because of how cold they are. The ranger kindly allows them to stay, even though he has barely enough room. He even lets a fox in, even though there were squirrels and rabbits. This book teaches generosity, not judging, and kindness. I gave it 5 stars because of the cute story and cute pictures. Good for 1st grade and up.

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### **Jenna Mills says**

Sweet enough

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**Megan says**

Another gift from Scotland, my two year old adores Percy and his animal friends. She knows this entire book by heart. We bought two more Percy books because she enjoys this one so much. She loves the pullout poster at the end. Our favorite book for a snowy winter's night.

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