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It's time to say goodnight. But what if a dog isn't sleepy? Intimate and accessible, this young dog story captures how a reluctant pup warms to bedtime in a way that children will recognize immediately--and find as reassuring as their own beds.

## Goodnight, Good Dog Details

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## **From Reader Review Goodnight, Good Dog for online ebook**

### **cindy says**

Read this for a bedtime story with my three lil pups, put them right to sleep (not for a lack of fighting it, tho)

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### **Chacha Centeno says**

Would work for a preschool storytime. Simple text, great font, pictures that can be seen from a distance.

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### **Laura says**

I'm surprised that this book doesn't have higher ratings. Dog lovers everywhere will enjoy this one. The perfect bedtime book for families with pets. :)

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### **Maggie Lee says**

This book is about a little dog that is not sleepy at all at bed time, he describes the house and how the house sleeps. He then thinks of some of his favorite things and goes to sleeps and dreams of them. Then s awoken the next morning by his owner and he is happy.

This book was very cute and I think would be great for students who have a hard time falling asleep at nap time or even bed time.

I would use this for a helping students fall asleep before nap time or also give to parents who are having problems with their children going to bed.

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### **Tasha says**

The little dog knows when people are heading to bed. The light clicks off, quiet night noises start, and the moon comes up. But even though he has a wonderful warm bed, the little dog is not sleepy. He remembers his day filled with playing outside in the sun, running on the grass, and eating. He's still not sleepy though, so he explores the house with the sleeping people. He climbs into his round bed, still not sleepy. Well, perhaps a little. And before he realizes it, he has slept all night and it is day again with plenty of time to play and eat once more.

This book is magnificent. It is simple yes but also offers a lot of depth. The writing is very special, using symbolism in a way that is appropriate for very small children. Ray beautifully ties together the quiet round of the moon with the warm round of the puppy's bed with the hot round of the sun during the day. Yet this is not a concept book, it is a book about the magic of night and the lure of bedtime even if you are not sleepy. It

is a book that explores words and emotions, that is dreamy and quiet and lovely.

The illustrations by Malone are done in acrylic. They are big and bold, the objects clearly outlined in black and just asking to be pointed to by small fingers and talked about. The little dog is enchanting, his head tipped to the side thinking or listening. He is childlike in his unwillingness to sleep and in his daydream of the day. The book is warm, quiet and cozy.

A delight of a dog story, this bedtime book has a quiet charm that is very special. Appropriate for ages 2-4.

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### **Daphne says**

Oh, this is a good one. What a sweet and original book that captures a night in the life of a not-so-sleepy dog. The story even captures what the dog is thinking, in doggy-train-of-thought. The illustrations are spot-on (pun intended), and I especially love the dedications: "For a certain very good dog - MLR, and For my lovebug - RM." This one's a keeper.

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### **Margie says**

Dog owners and lovers will truly appreciate this sweet book and want to share it with children. Puppies, like young children, have a difficult time settling down at night to sleep when there are so many interesting and wondrous experiences in the world. People have patterns and so do dogs; they know the steps leading up to certain activities, like going to bed and to sleep. This is a charming before-bed read, for humans and dogs alike.

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### **Emma says**

Dog/Bedtime storytime

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### **Cindy Mitchell \*Kiss the Book\* says**

Ray, Mary Lyn Goodnight, *Good Dog*, BOARD BOOK. HMH, 2015. \$9. 97813288524247

A cute little dog is told good night, but he isn't ready to go to bed. He thinks about all the things he liked about the day, what he did and the words that were said to him that he liked. He finally decides that maybe if he curls up in this round moon bed he might dream the day back again, and it works. Super sturdy pages with a soft dog that can be felt on the cover.

This is a really cute book! It was surprisingly thoughtful and poetic considering the limited text and pages. It will certainly resonate with children who also don't want to go to bed and those that have a dog or want a dog. Darling little book.

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### **Tracie says**

With spare, but rich language, the story of the day a little dog finds a home.

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### **Ina says**

Sweet, with simple text and illustrations, this gentle story focuses on a dog and his bedtime routines. He remembers the joys of his day, reflects on all of the things that he knows, like the sounds the dark makes and "he knows his bed, round like the moon." The problem is his family is asleep but dog isn't. He wanders through his house and reviews all the words he knows...and eventually he starts feeling a little sleepy...and then he makes himself snug and wishes himself good night and begins to dream about the good morning he is going to have the next day.

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### **Bethany Sutherland says**

Goodnight, Good Dog is a book told in the perspective of the dog. The dog is wide awake at night, but everyone else is sleeping and he is contemplating what he should do. He thinks of the running around and chasing the ball he does during the day and wishes he could still do that, but everyone is sleeping. He finally goes down to bed and dreams of chasing the ball and wakes up to goodmorning, good dog.

I thought this book was interesting since the story was told from the viewpoint of the dog. Otherwise, I did not care for the book. The illustrations seemed fake to me and did not look as realistic as I would have wanted them to be.

I would have this book in my library just for the fun of the students to read during downtime. I do not think there is really a lesson to be taught, but students like dogs and would like this book.

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### **Brittany Sowards says**

"Goodnight, Good Dog" is a picture book by Mary Lyn Ray intended for 2-8 years old. This book is about a dog who cannot sleep while his owners are. He ventures around the house reminiscing on his wonderful day. He then dreams about the perfect day. I rated this book 5 stars because, I think this is a very good book for children to read or be read to. This book has great illustrations, texture, and characters. This book was made in the dog's point of view and the illustrations remind me of how he sees himself. There is some texture to the paperback copy of the book. The dog on the front has a felt-like texture to him and I think that is a great attention grabber for children. I also love the dog's character. It is made in a dog's point of view so it shows what he thinks and dreams about. I think this book is great for helping young children feel reassurance about bedtime and what goes on in the night. I wouldn't pick this book for a classroom but I would read this as a

bedtime story to my child/ children.

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### **Jtimko says**

Amelia Bedelia does not want to take dance lessons. Can she survive dance lessons in spite of her reluctance and shine like a star in the dance recital?

This is the eighth volume in the Amelia Bedelia chapter books written by Herman Parish, nephew of Peggy Parish. Timely topics and amusing illustrations keep this book lively. Though the humor is not as lively as the original books, readers will enjoy the predicaments that face Amelia. These are also stories of Amelia as a youngster before she became so literal in her thinking. If your kids love Amelia Bedelia, then these are perfect for you collection. Recommended for grades 2 through 4.

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### **Ranea says**

Great read for children who love their pets.

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