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A little owlet employs a big bag of tricks when Grandma tries to get him to settle down to sleep.

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Adrith Bicchieri says

Found this cute book while browsing our collection for potential PJ storytime books. An inventive grandma owl figures out a way to convince her little owlet that it's time for sleeping.

Dewey says

Super cute! Good book for a bedtime storytime.

Robin says

This is a great story for bedtime or a story time.

Tori says

A baby owl isn't ready to go to sleep yet, despite everything his grandma does to help him get ready for bed. A cute story for any owl-themed storytime.

Amelia says

Grandma Owl carries Mo up to the top of the tree and settles him in for bed. But Mo isn't sleepy, and Grandma is pulled from her book time and again with requests for a snack, and tucking in, and maybe even playtime. Grandma tells Mo that since he isn't sleepy and someone has to go to sleep at bedtime, maybe he should put her to bed. All that flying back and forth tuckers him out, just in time for bedtime. The large feathery faces never change, only the eyes and beak and body carry the weight of expressing the love and support the two show for each other. The repeating refrain of "Hop...Jump... Flutter... FLUMP!" as Grandma and eventually Mo ascend to the nest at the top of the tree grounds the story, and makes a nice chorus for read aloud groups. I was slightly disappointed in the illustrations, as although the words describe fading stars and retreating bats, the pictures are solely focused on Grandma and Mo and the end page shows a decidedly nighttime scene when everyone knows owls sleep during the day. It's still a sweet bedtime story that should be shared with your own owlet.

Lori says

Very cute book!!! It is a great night time book for the little ones!

Saffron says

A baby owl is being put to bed by his Grandma, but poor Grandma keeps having to go up and down the tree for various things the baby owl needs before he can go to sleep. Even after all the to-ing and fro-ing the baby owl still isn't sleepy. Grandma has the excellent idea of swapping places because one of them has to go to sleep. After the baby owl has been up and down the tree several times fetching things for Grandma, he finds he is tired after all and finally goes to sleep.

This book is ridiculously cute and reminds me of the Jonathan Allen books featuring a baby owl, (one of which is also called 'I'm Not Sleepy!'). I particularly like that it features a Grandma instead of a mum or dad because the relationship between children and grandparents is often a very special and important one.

I would use this book with Nursery and Reception. It provides a lovely way to talk about routines at bedtime and times of day, offering a lead-in to light and dark as well.

Carrie says

I don't know how this book got such strange preview pages from some other one, but...

This book is about Mo the owlet, who isn't sleepy, and his creative grandma who knows just what to do.

Anayssa Pulido says

I thought this book would be a great book to read right before bed time. It is about a grandma owl who is trying to put her baby owl, Mo, to sleep. But he isn't sleepy, not one bit. He wants to play and is very giggly. His grandma does everything possible to put him to bed, she takes him his snack, tucks him in, and Mo wouldn't sleep! Grandma has to figure something out to make him sleepy so he can rest for the next day. I thought this was a very sweet book and the illustrations were great. The colors used were perfect for the time of day, and I really liked that the author used owls instead of people to make this story. The expressions were great and the texture of the feathers through the colors were perfect, they looked so soft! This would be good for preschool-second grade.

Cynthia says

This is a cute little tale about a little owl who just is not sleepy. The little owl's grandmother tries several ways to help the little owl sleep, but nothing works. So grandmother tells the little owl it is bedtime and one of them needs to be asleep. Since the little owl isn't tired she suggest little owl put her to sleep. After completing all of the tasks little owl becomes sleepy and grandma tucks him in.

Activity: Have a discussion with the following prompts:

Is sleeping at your bedtime important?

What do you do that helps you fall asleep when you are not sleepy?
Why is getting enough sleep important?

Chapman, J. (2012). I'm not sleepy. New York: Scholastic

Brittany says

Cute story, but I have a thing about books that use the word "Poppet" to describe a character. Irritating.

Tapani Aulu says

Hops, räpyti, räpyti, TUMPS ja taas mennään. Pikkupöllöä ei väsytä.

Joella www.cinjoella.com says

In this book Grandma Owl has trouble putting a little owl named Mo to bed because "I'm Not Sleepy!" First the owlet wants a snack, then to be tucked in, then it's an emergency because the owlet wants to play! I love how Grandma Owl in turn shows Mo love and then has the owlet put her to bed to use up all the extra energy. And sure enough, as the stars are all going away, little Mo is finally sleepy. I also like the repetition of the "Hop...Jump...Flutter...FLUMP!" I could see little readers "helping" to read the story by repeating that phrase. Although it might not get them sleepy if they are shouting it...

As a side note, I also like that in this book it says that "Grandma always carried Mo up to the top of the tree." I like that there is another book acknowledging that sometimes it is the grandparent that takes care of a child. And, the Grandma Owl always goes back to reading a book when she has finished helping Mo get settled (again and again). I like it when the "adults" in books are readers. That makes me happy.

Roewoof says

Just read this to my triplets for the first time tonight, and we all really enjoyed it. Me included. A lot of people forget that as parents we are actively reading the books that we read to our children, which means that if the book isn't good, we dread reading it again, and again, and again. It's why I make going book shopping with them a priority.

This one was a hit. It's about Mo an owlet that is simply, not sleepy, and he puts his poor grandmother through hell. It was funny and while my children related to Mo, I found myself laughing because I related so much to poor Grandmother Owl. The illustrations are beautiful, which I really appreciated, and I look forward to reading this to them again tomorrow night.

Kim says

This book was super cute. I love the illustrations, they are gorgeous. This is your typical, don't want to go to bed story time book. Little owlet Mo doesn't want to go to bed for numerous reasons, Grandma Owl comes up with a fun way to tire him out. It was a new spin that I haven't yet read. It was cute that they used Grandma instead of Mom or Dad, I thought it would be fun to get a copy for grandma if she watches the kids overnight. This is a kid's story, so owl does things an actual owl wouldn't do. They eat crackers, read books, and of course... sleep at night. It's a fun one for the kids, there's a fun repetition that kids can memorize to "help read."
