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Another perfect picture book from the creators of the best selling classic "Where is the Green Sheep?"

Bonnie and Ben have a favourite babysitter whose much loved nursery rhymes ensure a wonderful, whimsical world before bedtime.

## Good Night, Sleep Tight Details

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Author : Mem Fox , Judy Horacek (Illustrator)

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# From Reader Review Good Night, Sleep Tight for online ebook

## Tamara GTC says

This book brought back many memories. One book incorporating many old nursery rhymes in one book. Many nights I recall reading several pieces of literature due to my own children's uneagerness to fall asleep. My storytime attempts also got the best of me and assisted in my early bedtime. A good read.

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## Katie Fitzgerald says

I like the way this book incorporates nursery rhymes. It's one of the few picture books I've seen that makes it possible to share nursery rhymes with a story time audience as part of an actual story. The repetitive text also makes it a nice option for toddlers, who tend to like predictability and to memorize their favorite stories. The illustrations are cute, too!

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## Madison Monaco says

Book Title: Good Night, Sleep Tight

Author: Mem Fox

Illustrator: Judy Horacek

Genre: Nursery Rhyme

Theme(s): Bedtime stories, nursery rhymes, babysitting

Opening line/sentence: One Friday night Bonnie and Ben were being looked after by their favorite babysitter.

Brief Book Summary: Bonnie and Ben are getting ready to go to bed. Skinny Doug tells them numerous nursery rhymes to help them go to sleep.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1: Phyllis Kenemer, Ph.D. (Children's Literature )

"The twins, Bonnie and Ben, are enjoying an evening with their favorite babysitter, Skinny Doug. At bedtime, he tells them the nursery rhyme beginning, Good night, sleep tight./Hope the fleas don't bite! The children love it and ask him to repeat it. But Skinny Doug tells another rhyme he heard from his mother, It's raining! It's pouring!/The old man is snoring. The format continues with this little piggy went to market, pat-a-cake, pat-a cake, baker's man, round and round the garden, this is the way the ladies ride, and finishes with star light, star bright, first star I see tonight. The colorful illustrations add to the humor of the story. They depict friendly interactions of the twins and Skinny Doug in the home scenes. The scenes inspired by the rhymes will produce the most chuckles, however. The three characters appear in playful activities based in imaginative interpretations inspired by the rhymes. A fun bedtime story".

Professional Recommendation/Review #2:

CCBC (Cooperative Children's Book Center Choices, 2014) "Bonnie and Ben's favorite babysitter, Skinny Doug, has a treasure trove of nursery rhymes to share in this clever presentation that frames the rhymes in the context of a story about two young charges not eager for bedtime. We love it! We love it! said Bonnie and Ben. How does it go? Will you say it again? This refrain is their response each time Skinny Doug recites a rhyme. But he always has a new one to share. I'll tell you another I heard from my mother ... Inevitably, the game is eventually over. Good night, Sleep tight! The playful illustrations show Bonnie, Ben, and Skinny Doug as participants in each of the nursery rhyme scenarios in addition to reflecting the warmth of their

relationship as they go through the ritual of bedtime”.

Response to Two Professional Reviews: Both of the reviews were very fond of the book. They talked about the repetitive nature of the book and how it is a great story to read to young kids. I think both reviews had a pretty good description of the book and can give readers an idea about what it is about.

Evaluation of Literary Elements: The book is filled with rhyming phrases and incorporates many different nursery rhymes. The illustrations are colorful and well done. The theme of the book is nursery rhymes and how to get children to fall asleep when it is bedtime.

Consideration of Instructional Application: I would read this story to a class of young kids to help them with rhyming words. I could also have the kids get in groups and talk about their favorite nursery rhymes and then read the book and have a discussion about it when I'm finished.

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## **Sue Winson says**

Written by the award-winning writer Mem Fox, this book gives us the chance to read, sing, clap, swing, tickle around and giggle.

?Bonnie and Ben had an awesome male babysitter skinny Doug who knew plenty of nursery rhymes, or what we affectionately call the old Mother Goose's rhymes. The book contains 7 popular rhymes: good night sleep tight, it's raining it's pouring, 5 little piggies, pat-a-cake, round and round the garden, this is the way the ladies ride, star light star bright. Little-AJ and mummy had great fun singing and reading the rhymes.

The first 4 rhymes have nice melodies of their own (we learned them from the ever so creative YouTube children channels), the 5th one is one of our favourite tickle rhymes, the 6th one is a jaunty knee bouncing rhyme, and the last one is a sweet quiet rhyme about wishing upon a star.

Bonnie and Ben exclaimed excitedly every time a rhyme was over "we love it, we love it! How does it go? Will you say it again?" Skinny Doug would say "some other time, but I'll tell you another I heard from my mother." The repetitive phrase is lively and cheerful. We really love it.

All in all, a nice book with a good selection of nursery rhymes, nice rhythms and lyrics, cool male babysitter, lovely repetitive phrase that stuck to your mind, and fun cartoonish illustrations.

Full review: <https://storypleasemummy.wordpress.co...>

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## **Sarah Waters says**

One of my favourite books to read to my daughter. So much fun to read. Great rhythm and rhyme!

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## **Vicki says**

Things I love about this book: the illustrations, the repetitive phrase, the fact it is teaching well known classic rhymes, it would fit a story time about going to bed/sleeping and the use of a male babysitter. Awesome job author Mem Fox and illustrator Judy Horacek!

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## **Dolly says**

With a short, simple narrative that is infused with bits of nursery rhymes and colorful, cartoonish illustrations, this is an entertaining bedtime book.

I would recommend it for younger children, especially with the reassuring repetition, but our girls were pretty cool about reading a 'babyish' book. I think it helped that Mem Fox is the author. Her classic book, Time for Bed, was a favorite for our bedtime reading for years. I could recite it by heart. We all enjoyed reading it together.

This book was selected as one of the books for the September 2013 - Bedtime stories discussion at the Picture-Book Club in the Children's Books Group here at Goodreads.

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## **Renee says**

This is such a great book! It doesn't have a strong storyline, but it doesn't need to, because just reading it aloud is such a joy. The words come off the tongue easily, and rhyming and repetition is great - that's in sync with Mem Fox's beliefs: that you give children language by reading to them from a young age. And, I believe this book accomplishes that very well.

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## **Luisa Knight says**

Skinny Doug is babysitting and he knows a number of nursery rhymes that he tells Bonnie and Ben before going to bed.

Ages: 3 - 5

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## **Nicola says**

This is such a neat book. Miss 4 loves it! She loves the repetitive rhythm/song I use for the bridging plus the integrated nursery rhymes / action songs. The format is encouraging her to try and sing them on her own during the day.

Miss 4 and I like to explore different books and authors at the library, sometimes around particular topics or

themes. We try to get different ones out every week or so; it's fun for both of us to have the variety and to look at a mix of new & favourite authors.

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### **Jenny says**

All of my kids (ages 10, 8 and 5) loved this story. I adore Mem Fox. I had the chance to listen to her speak at a professional conference about a decade ago, and she is delightful...as a writer and a speaker. It was fun to read a book by her that I hadn't read before. In this story, Bonnie and Ben have a babysitter named Skinny Doug. He recites nursery rhymes for them to get them to go to bed. After each one there is a repeated refrain about how much they love it and want him to repeat it. He won't, but he says, "I'll tell you another I heard from my mother" and then recites another nursery rhyme. Most were familiar, but there were a couple that I wasn't familiar with. Fun illustrations...not my favorite ever, but fun and matched the tone of the story.

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### **Barbara says**

Familiar nursery rhymes are dusted off and given a new audience in this delightful picture book featuring a male babysitter and two eager-to-stay awake youngsters. As Skinny Doug is putting Ben and Bonnie to bed, he leaves them with a nursery rhyme, which they like so much that they want to hear again. Instead, he regales them with another, and another. Young readers will love the funny, colorful illustrations that accompany the story, and they will also enjoy the repeated lines in the story. This makes a great readaloud title. I'm not sure about how useful it is for bedtime, though, since it revs readers up.

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### **Danielle Mootz says**

The kids had fun with this one singing the nursery rhymes.

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### **Abby Herp says**

The illustrations in this book really add to the story. As each of the bed time stories are told the illustrations show how the children and baby sitter are also in the story he is telling. Very vividly insightful and also I enjoy how the story is repetitive. Gives an opportunity to ask children to read along or ask what they say next.

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### **Naomi says**

Great little book with entertaining nursery rhymes and bright and colourful pictures.

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