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Day is done.

For Widdle, Waddle, Piddle, Puddle, and Little Quack that means time for B-E-D! But there's *blinking*, *hooting*, and *swaying* in the night that's keeping everyone awake! Mama wants to know when it will finally be **BEDTIME?**

Find out in this timeless lullaby of a story by renowned author Lauren Thompson in Derek Anderson's splendidly illustrated world!

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Michelle says

I love Little Quack, and this translation of Little Quack's Bedtime is no exception. As with all good pictures books, the illustrations tell more than half of the story.

Cuaquito (Little Quack) and his four siblings are trying to fall asleep when something in the darkness frightens them. Mama duck demystifies each startling object and, one by one, the ducklings fall asleep. There is a clue on the page preceding the revelation of each "thing." Readers will enjoy trying to guess what the thing is before turning the page. Children can also participate by chiming in with Mama Duck's repeated phrase, "Pero ya es hora de dormir, patitos."

I wish Thompson had come up with more nocturnal critters to interrupt bedtime. The reeds are a bit lame--especially on the heels of the scary tree branches. Crickets chirping? Bats winging? I guess a hyena is from the wrong habitat--not to mention something to actually be afraid of! :)

Great bedtime, nap time, or calm-down story for children ages 2-7.

Anna Nesterovich says

This is a really nice book for a bed-time story. It's about a cute duckling Little Quack and his family, the illustrations are good and colorful, though without too many details. The rhythm is calm, the repetitions are perfect - just what you need to put a child to sleep. The ducklings go to sleep one by one, till all the family is happily asleep. I would give it five stars, were it rhymed. That would be a final touch to turn a good bed-time book into a perfect one.

Tamra says

Aww, so cute. I want a Little Quack of my own.

I'm bugged that the answer to "Why is the night so dark?" is "So that the stars can shine." What? It's so we can go to sleep easier, all related to levels of hormones in our bodies. Of course. The stars might be the "cuddly mom" answer, but they're not the REAL answer. No 5 stars for you, Thompson. :)

Nicole Breinholt says

I read this book to my 3 year old daughter every night. She loves it. The illustrations are beautiful and the flow of the language is calming. She knows most of the words by heart. If you're having any trouble with scary monsters with your little one this book might help. I picked it up in Barnes & Noble a year ago and we still love it.

Rhyme Owens says

[screamed to their mom that there was something, but their mom told them that there was not anything scary (hide spoiler)]

Victoria says

This book is about Little Quack, his four siblings, and their mom. It is night time and bedtime is approaching. They hear noises in the dark and keep asking Mama what it is. She tells them and then one by one they fall asleep. Little Quack is the last one awake and he does not like the dark until Mama explains it is so the stars can twinkle. This is a good book for ages 4-8. It could be used to teach children about their surroundings and how the world prepares for bedtime.

Marissa Reyes says

The text Little Quacks Bedtime by Lauren Thompson exemplifies exactly how children are when it comes to bedtime. So this book is a great teaching mechanism for parents who have a troubled sleeper. The author also does a great job collaborating with the illustrator as the text and the number of figures in the pictures match so children who have to use their finger to count the figures in front of them in order to understand the text they have that option. This book was enjoyable to read because it taught children how to count and not to be afraid of the dark simultaneously.

Karen says

Before my son could say duck, he could quack, so he called a duck a "quack, quack". When I would read him this story, he would quack at every page. It was incredibly adorable. And so are the illustrations in this book.

I keep a stack of books on a bookshelf within my son's reach. Of course, they are all the virtually indestructible board book (even some of the board books are showing signs of wear, so only virtually indestructible). I let him "read" his books during the day and pick out the books he wants to hear at night. Little Quack's Bedtime is chosen quite frequently.

I don't know if he chooses it because he likes the story, or because he likes the illustrations, or because he likes saying "quack, quack". It doesn't matter. I love to see him point at the ducks in the picture and quack for them.

Shawn says

Little quack has great adventures as he explores his world for the first times and many of the adventures are about this little duck coming into contact with something for the first time. A great little series that is wonderfully illustrated. The little duck is fully animated with a Hugh range of facial expressions.

Maryam says

A sweet bedtime book featuring five ducklings and their mama. The repetitive answers mama duck gives to soothe her babies' nervous questions contain some lovely language. The illustrations are rich and round and appealing. They also help further the storyline since they often mirror what the ducklings think they are seeing. My only question is why only Cuaquito's name appears in the title, other than the fact that he is the last to go to sleep?

Amanda says

An adorable story that we read over and over again. This was one of Little Bear's favorites and we read it so much that the covers fell off and had to be taped back on -- twice. The perfect gift book for a new baby or a little one, this board book has a delightful story and delicious artwork. We read others in the Little Quack series but this was out favorite.

Kelley says

A nice "going to bed" story to read with little kids.

A.J. Llewellyn says

I have been doing Dots for Tots on this book for some months as a volunteer at Braille Institute. I had no idea until I began placing the sticky Braille dots over the words in this book that blind children are as afraid of the dark as some children with sight are.

Knowing that, this book touched me deeply because the mother duck reassures her brood that the sounds and shadows of the night are nothing to fear.

The ducklings, especially Little Quack, are adorable and beautifully rendered.

I've learned that blind children are scared at night because that's when they are alone. During the day they have plenty of company.

For sighted children, the illustrations are above-average and quite charming. I'd recommend this to any parent whose child is afraid to sleep alone.

Luisa Knight says

Like children, inquisitive little duck minds think of a lot of questions to ask mother duck before each nods off to sleep. Colorful and cute pictures!

Ages: 3 - 7

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Luke says

Mommy really liked the illustrations in this book, but I wasn't too interested in it.
