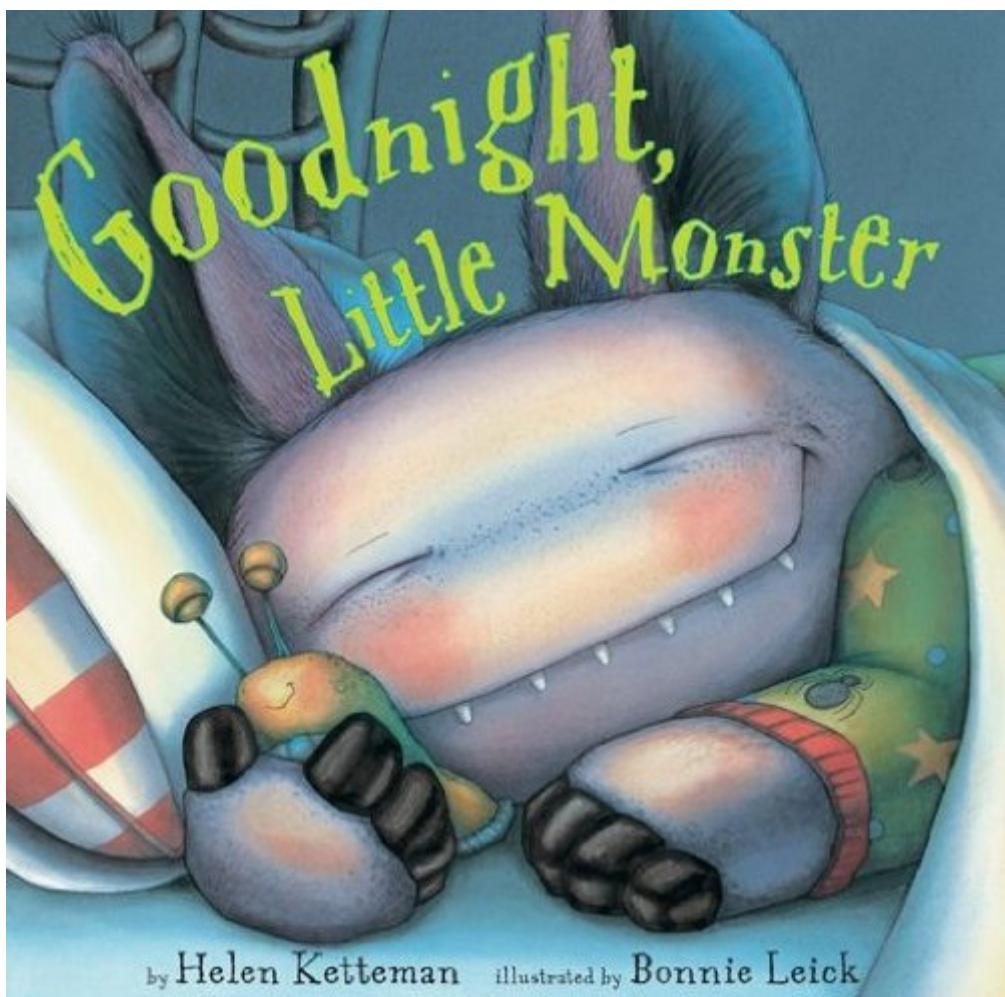


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Goodnight, Little Monster



by Helen Ketteman illustrated by Bonnie Leick



Synopsis

Little Monster needs to get ready for bed. That means howling at the moon, scrubbing his scales, getting into his creepy PJs, and enjoying a nice snack before bed: worm juice and baked beetle bread. And, of course, Little Monster's mother is nearby to tuck Little Monster into bed and turn on his night-light "because even little monsters can be afraid of the dark. Bonnie Leick's soft, child-friendly illustrations rendered in watercolor bring a new and quiet twist to the evening's bedtime ritual. Sweet dreams, Little Monster!

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Customer Reviews

Halloween time is coming soon, and even the smallest kids like to feel that they can participate in all the monstery fun, so I am always looking for good read alouds that can give just the barest hint of the scary or gross without being...well...scary or gross. This book certainly fits the bill. Goodnight, Little Monster depicts a child and mother monster as they go through their bedtime routine of bath, pajamas, stories and snacks. The charm in this one lies in moments such as when the mom reassures her little monster that no "scary children" are lurking under his bed, or makes him a snack

of "worm juice and baked beetle bread." The rhymes here are all extremely well written and flow nicely. If I have one criticism, and it's a small one, it's that some of the rhymes are a little overly sweet for my taste. They do provide a nice counterpoint to the illustrations however, so maybe that's the whole point. The illustrations in this book are outstanding. Make no mistake, this little monster is very cute! This is a solid storytime selection because of the nice read aloud flow, but will also work well for one on one sharing because of the richly detailed illustrations that will prompt lots of requests for re reads as kids will not want to miss all the bugs, spiders, bowls of eyeballs, and bats. A great choice for any monster fan, with an ending message that assures the little monster that "With Mama nearby, you'll be safe through the night." Great stuff.

This is a relatively cute book, carrying the monster "theme" through the text and the illustrations very well. However, this also means that the illustrations lean towards the creepy and gross side of things, which should be kept in mind if you have a child who doesn't really like bugs, monster claws and teeth, etc. Other than the spiders everywhere, I thought it was a great bit of continuity (and creativity), and really enjoyed the monster specific portion of the Little Monster's bedtime routine (like howling at the moon). The writing leans towards being an illustrated poem, rather than just prose with some rhyming words, and it does a fairly good job at it--but does also loose the rhythm and cadence in a few spots. Over all, it's a cute book, but isn't necessarily for just any kid.

This was a cool book. I think it's cute. It was short. Had fun reading and looking at the pictures. 7 year old boy review

This is my nephew's favourite bedtime book. He loves to howl at the moon, and gets especially delighted when, down the hallway, he can hear the entire family joining him as he howls. He loves to growl and "tangle" his hair as he points out all the bats, mice, and spiders that accompany Little Monster in his nightly bedtime routine. Mama Monsters steers her Little Monster through getting ready for bed - from making sure the night light is on, to cuddling with Little Monster's toy stuffed slug, and assuring Little Monster that no "scary children" hide under his bed to nibble at his feet. My nephew has been born into a family of devoted sci-fi and fantasy geeks, and he loves anything monsters or dragons, along with his more traditional teddy bears and cars. Great fun for any little geek-ling!

I love this book. I'm glad I love this book, because it is a night time reading staple for my 2 and 3

year old boys. The illustrations are lovely and it reads smoothly. It consists of little monster getting ready for bed with the help of his loving mother and he does all the same thing our little human (sometimes figurative monster) children do as well: bath, snacks, brush teeth, read a book and make sure no "monsters" are under the bed. I recommend this book a sweet nighttime read for any little one.

What an excellent picture book about a little monster's nighttime ritual. Momma monster helps him along and even gives him a snack of worm juice and beetle bread. Bleh. The illustrator has envisioned a perfectly creepy-cozy monster world down to the claw-foot bed and eyeball nightlight. This book will charm non-monsters too.

A while back I bought "Beautiful Moon" a beautiful children's book and fell in love with it! I absolutely LOVED the illustrations on that book. From then on I have looked up all the books that this Illustrator has worked with and I was able to find this lovely book as one of her works. This book has the most amazing illustrations and to top it off has a very cute little story! The story is placed in the house of a little monster while his mom does her bedtime routine with the little monster. He is afraid of children and look under the bed to make sure there's no children under his bed, all while he's about to go to sleep. I bought this book because after searching for it, I found it to have excellent reviews as well as many awards. It's a must have for your children!

I bought this book to read to my grandson. He is a little young to understand all of the little monster issues yet but what he wasn't able to comprehend in words was made up for with pictures for us to talk about. This book is really cute, fun and can give a child a whole new perspective on "monsters" making them seem more fun than scary if they have issues with that. Well put together, well thought out, great pictures and well put together.

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