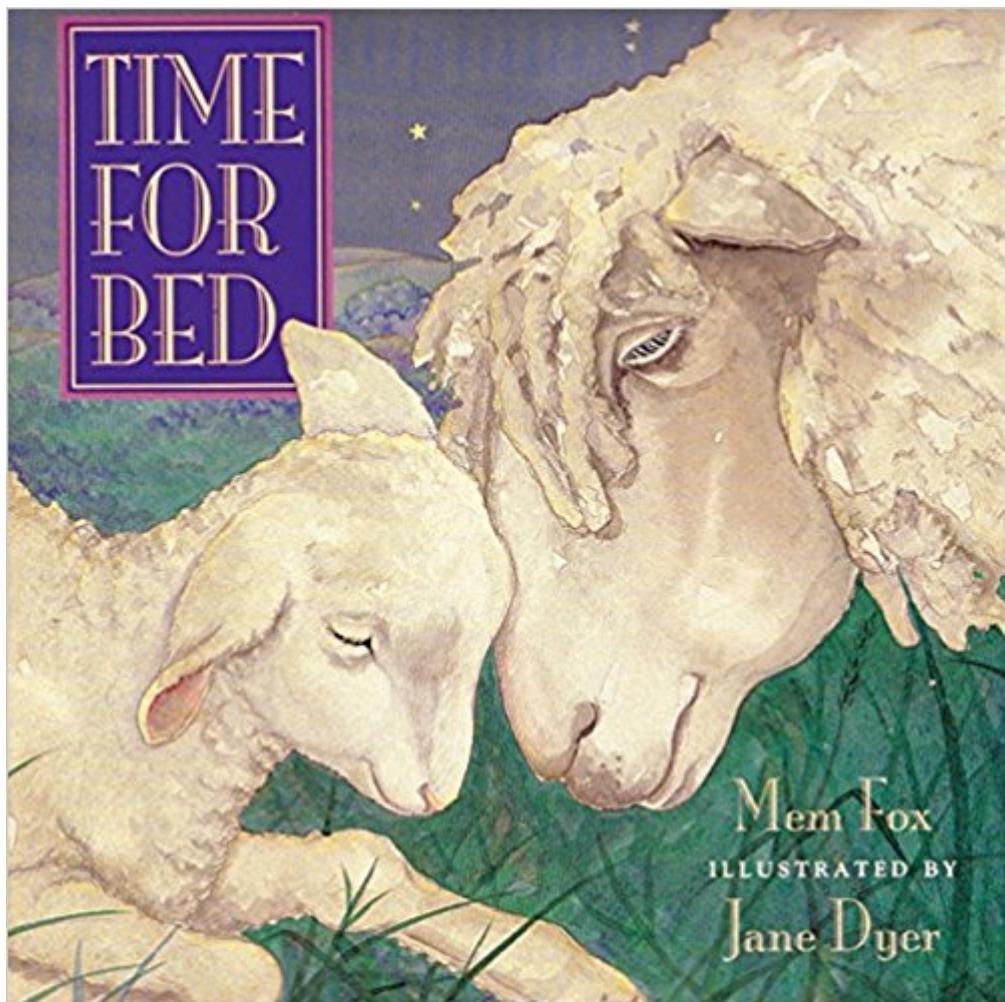


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## Time For Bed



## Synopsis

Darkness is falling everywhere and little ones are getting sleepy, feeling cozy, and being tucked in. It's time for a wide yawn, a big hug, and a snuggle under the covers--sleep tight! *Working* beautifully with the soothingly repetitive text, each painting conveys a warm feeling of safety and affection. --School Library Journal

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

All the sleepy-eyed creatures in Mem Fox and Jane Dyer's sweet picture book, *Time for Bed*, may be inspiration enough for young readers to nod off to dreamland. But just in case, this charming gift set includes, in addition to a board-book edition of the popular book, a soothing ceramic nightlight depicting Mama and Baby sheep. ("It's time for bed, little sheep, little sheep, / The whole wide world is going to sleep.") Here is the perfect gift for a newborn, who will start out life in the coziest surroundings possible. (Baby to preschool) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Filling each spread, Dyer's (illustrator of the *Piggins* books and of *Baby Bear's Bedtime Book*) commanding yet gentle, large-scale watercolors are the key to the appeal of this bedtime lullaby. Fox ( *Possum Magic* ; *Guess What?* ) offers sweet but slim verse that bids good night to a selection of animals being cuddled and coddled by their mothers, all endearingly rendered at eye-level. The rhymed couplets have a pleasantly lilting rhythm, if an occasionally trite rhyme scheme: "It's time for bed, little sheep, little sheep, / The whole wide world is going to sleep." After viewing the various

animals nodding off, youngsters will take their bedtime cue from a cherubic toddler, whose blond head falls into a pillow covered with golden stars as mother offers a hug and the text concludes: "The stars on high are shining bright-- / Sweet dreams, my darling, sleep well . . . / good night!" Ages 2-6. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This darling bedtime story, so endearing will charm your youngster to sweet dreams night after night. Jane Dyer's watercolor illustrations depicting animals, and their offspring are OUTSTANDING. Each two-page spread features a different Mommy (or Daddy), in a suitable setting, preparing their "little one" for bed. For instance, the mice are portrayed at the base of a hallow tree, and the fish are deep at sea. The sweet, and simple text appears on the left side of the book, while each mimicking phrase begins with, "It's time for bed." Subtle and rhythmic, the beat is ideal for nighttime reading, "It's time for bed, little sheep, little sheep, the whole wide world is going to sleep." The book concludes with a Mommy tucking a toddler into bed, "The stars on high are shining bright, sweet dreams, my darling, sleep well, good night!" This is a precious bedtime book. As an educational tool, children will learn to recognize the illustrated animals: mouse, goose, cat, calf, foal, fish, sheep, bird, bee, snake, pup, and deer. My son received the hardcover edition of "Time For Bed" as a baby gift, and I was so captivated by the artwork that the board book version was purchased as a supplement. One-year and up.

We first heard this story at our library story hour and I promptly purchased for our nightly bedtime story. My daughter loves this - the colors and imagery are amazing and the rhyming story is very sweet. Only a few lines on each page holds her attention until the next! I have since purchased many copies to give as gifts for showers and "welcome baby" presents - paired with soft swaddles or PJ's it's PERFECT.. my only advice - DONT buy the board book, it's very tiny cheap looking compared to the hardcover.

I love this book except for ONE THING. "The very last kiss is almost here". I would hope that you aren't sending your little ones to bed thinking they will never get another kiss from you. I always change this line to "Today's last kiss is almost here." Tomorrow has so many new opportunities for a million more kisses, and at bedtime you will get your last one for the day, again every single night. Maybe I'm sensitive, but that's just me.

I am trying to establish a bedtime routine for my 4 month old. I want him to have bedtime cues to help him get to sleep better. Bedtime stories are the last part of my routine. I looked for some great bedtime books to add to the rotation. This was one of 's "Customers who bought this item also bought" recommendations. I couldn't beat the price (less than \$4) and it looked cute. So I have my louder, funny bookÂ The Going-To-Bed BookÂ that I read first. This is the quiet one and the last one I read right before putting him in his crib. The book is really cute, my 9 year old daughter snuggles up to us and enjoys the book also. I love the rhymes and the flow of the book, it's easy to read in a quiet, calming voice. It is fun to read and there's just the right amount of words to picture ratio for very little ones. The pictures aren't anything super spectacular, but they are decent. They aren't very bright, so I think it helps calm him down (although at this point everything is speculation). At 28 pages it's a good size board book. I am very happy with my purchase and plan on buying it for some upcoming baby showers.

This is a beautiful book. Great rhythmic writing and gorgeous watercolor illustrations. Many pages of storyline, and introduces baby to lots of different animals. However, my 8 month old doesn't seem to care. Since she doesn't understand the story line and only listens to my voice when I read to her and looks at the pictures, she is not very entertained by this book because she doesn't find the colors very eye catching, entertaining, or attractive. She loves bright bold colors and pictures of babies. So we are reading the line from Karen Katz "Daddy Hugs", "Mommy Hugs", and "Counting Kisses" which I highly recommend by the way. I'm not going to give up on this book because I really think it's just lovely. So I'm still keeping this. I know she will grow and will love it when she gets older. She is already starting to take interest in our pet dog and our pet fish. So I know she will love animals and will love all the animals in this little wonderful book.

Beautiful artwork, simple message. I always read to my children from a very early age, and they were all reading by kindergarten. Each child was reading at an earlier age than the previous one, because the older ones helped the younger ones learn. Now that they are parents, they still show an interest in reading and learning. It's books like "Time for Bed" that help get children interested in the world around them and give them the desire to be able to read to themselves.

This book is fantastic! If I could give 10 stars I would! The text is short and sweet and the illustrations are magical. My daughter loves all the animals with their babies. I did return this though bc the book was much smaller than I realized. Target had a larger board book option that really

seemed to make the illustrations come alive.. so I purchased that version instead. But I highly recommend this book!

This book was a bit smaller than I expected, but perfect for little hands to grasp and turn pages. It's such a cute story with a nice rhythm and lovely rhyming text! We've been trading it off every other night for "Snuggle Up Sleepy Ones" to read to my 13-month-old son before bed. My only issue was the page mentioning "the very last kiss". We say "Today's very last kiss" instead.

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