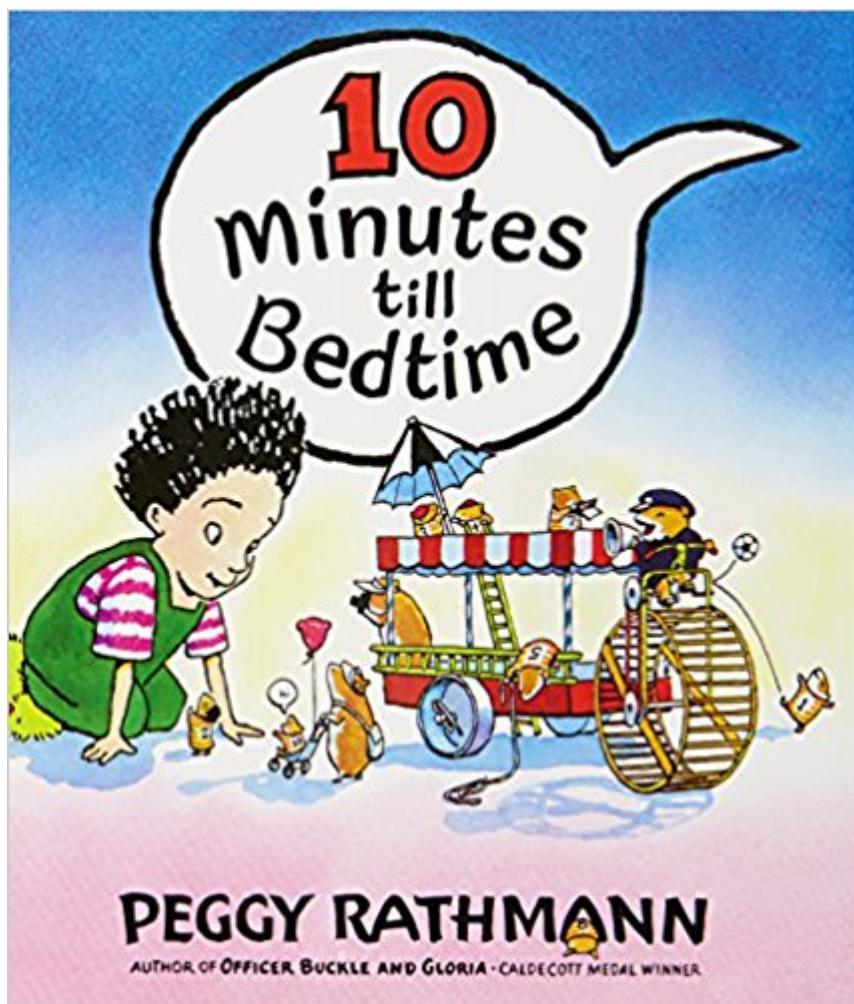


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# 10 Minutes Till Bedtime



## Synopsis

The countdown to bedtime is about to begin when a family of hamsters arrives at the front door. "All aboard," shouts the child's pet hamster, and it's off to the kitchen for a snack, to the bathroom for toothbrushing, to the bedroom for a story. And just as the child starts to read, more hamsters stream through the front door and the escapades accelerate as the countdown continues. Now in a sturdy board book format, this favorite bedtime book is ready for a younger audience.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

"Ten minutes till bedtime!" Father announces from behind his newspaper. Out a picture window, his son and his son's pet hamster can see a hamster family (with kids numbered 1 to 10) approaching the house. "All aboard!" shouts the boy's prized pet, as his puzzled owner opens the door and the hamster tourists are loaded onto the special trolley. What the humans at 1 Hoppin Place don't know is that their cherished family pet has advertised on the Web ([www.hamstertours.com](http://www.hamstertours.com)) for a "10-Minute Bedtime Tour," and the hordes have only just begun to descend. "Nine minutes till bedtime," Father insists, oblivious to the burgeoning hamster parade. At the 8-minute marker, the hamsters and the boy are in the kitchen for a pre-bedtime snack. One little guy is standing on top of a fruit bowl, lowering a cherry cluster with a string and paper clip. Hamster number 10 is trying to

feed an animal cracker to the boy's fuzzy bedroom slipper. "Seven minutes till bedtime!" reminds Father as creative tooth-brushing progresses. But what's this? It's the 5-minute countdown marker, and the faint light of hamster headlights appears out the window. More tourists are on their way! Buses, trucks, taxis, and golf carts full of rodents are driving up the sidewalk! Hilarious hamster hijinks ensue. If you're not seeing the appeal here, it's like this: each spread is turbocharged with dozens of winsome, adorable details that will keep youngsters giggling and entranced--and counting to 10--time after time. Peggy Rathmann, author of the Caldecott Medal-winning Officer Buckle and Gloria, offers readers a rollicking rodent romp that ends with a goodnight kiss and many, many closed eyelids. (Click to see a sample spread. Copyright © 1998 Peggy Rathmann, published by Putnam Books, a division of Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers.) (Ages 2 to 8) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Another countdown begins in 10 Minutes Till Bedtime by Peggy Rathmann, as an entire community of hamsters joins a boy and his own pet hamster in getting ready for bed. Loads of activity on each spread finally causes the boy to scream, "BED TIME!" and all go peacefully off to sleep. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Don't scrimp, buy the hardcover...so many more details. We read this every night as the "last book before night, night". Every page from cover to cover has details we have to revisit and check off before we are ready for sleep. Open it up and there are the images of the photos the hamster took with her camera. We all pick what we are going to find in the story each night. My daughter always picks hamster #6, my son the rubber duck (who doesn't appear until halfway through the story) and the ant (yup, the ant comes in with the tour), they decided Dad is the hamster who fishes with a paperclip and Mama is the baby. We always have to flip back to the book cover at "5 minutes" to recognize that the story they are reading is the same as the book we are reading. We've been doing this for months and it keeps getting better. They recently noticed the ice cream truck after having ice cream, and that one page had an elmo doll, and that building the tour bus was similar to their new lego interests. Best Bedtime Book Ever.

My 3-year old fell in love with this book at doctor's office while waiting. He wanted to "take it home" so I got it for him for Christmas gift. He's been asking me to read it every time. Although there's nearly no words in the book, it usually takes me much more than 10 min to finish the book. But the fun is: every time I read it, I discovered something new, which was exciting even for me. When I told

these hidden tricks to my 5-year old, he wanted to read it every night too, with endless giggles. So if you have this book, pay attention to the details and play i-spy game with your kids.- (almost) every page has all ten kids of the hamster family (with Tshirt number one to ten)- Each of the ten hamsters has a particular personality, e.g., No 2 always stays next to the boy, No 9 always stays on the top;- Baby (No 10) is the only one who talks- There is a reference to "Good Night Gorilla" hidden in the book- Ever wonder why the hamsters appear in that house? Look at the newspaper the daddy is reading, carefully....There must be more hidden information there, I'll keep reading it and find out!

I bought this for my two year old nephew for the holidays. My own kids loved it so much when they were small and I enjoyed reading it with them. The pictures are so whimsical and each time we would read it we'd find another hidden surprise. Great book for bedtime. 4 stars because this copy arrived damaged.

Favorite children's book of all time. This is a fun book that kids love. They learn to count and have fun looking at all the hamsters on each page. It's a book that can be reread many times. The hardcover version is best for page-rippers/chewers.

A fun story that is sure to stir a child's imagination told with very few words but with Peggy Rathmann's amazing illustrations. You can easily spend 5 minutes or more on every page sorting out with your child all the things that are going on in each picture as the little boy in the story receives a surprise bedtime visit from a troupe of little hamsters. This story has some references to the author's previous book "Good Night, Gorilla", so you might enjoy this story even more if you read that one first (not necessarily all at once). This is a book that is full of wonderful, humorous subtleties that take time to discover but can be enjoyed over and over again by children and adults. It's a treasure.

Simple main storyFascinating artwork with many inside jokesLots of detailFind each hamster, one through ten on each pageEach hamster has its own story and characteristicsLook for hidden references to other books by RathmanHas its own web site with additional activitiesThis book can be read in less than a few minutes. It could also take more than a half hour. The illustrations are amazing even though they appear simple at first. This makes the book a rewarding read and a definite keeper!In "Goodnight Gorilla", there was a pink balloon that accompanied each page of the story. The pink balloon returns in this story, as does the banana with the eternal question left unanswered, "Who ate it?". The hamsters one through ten appear on each page and they are not

always easy to find. There are a few clues because they generally do the same thing on each page but often there is a twist to the action. For example, number one hamster always kicks the tour guide with the soccer ball ... except when he kicks him with a grape instead (in the kitchen) or when it backfires (on the "More coming" page). And is hamster number ten warning the operator when he says "Duck" or just greeting the duck?. At any rate, the next time hamster one kicks the ball it winds up in the megaphone and the game is definitely over. Which is good because by then it is bedtime. I loved the references to the other books by Rathmann because it is as if she has created her own universe where they all coexist. In addition to the pink balloon, banana and gorilla, you can see all the animals from "Goodnight Gorilla" if you are observant. You can also find Officer Buckle & Gloria. If you are observant, you can also find the website that is linked to the book AND it really works! On the website, there are coloring pages, craft projects, animations of the book's photo album, recipes and more. It is really a great book for curious kids! Worth buying!

Easy read for a bedtime book, the story is just long enough to keep our little guy interested...

Wonderful book! My one-year-old loves to flip through the pages, and I adore the cute drawings!

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