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Wake up! Animal friends are ready to play. Clean up, dress up, eat up! With friends by your side, even everyday routines are full of fun and whimsy. Cuddle up! At the end of a busy day comes the nicest routine of all: cuddling up with the perfect book. Katie Cleminson's winsome illustrations make *Cuddle Up, Goodnight* a delightful addition to any child's bedtime routine.

Cuddle Up, Goodnight Details

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Wendy says

Goes through a simple day from morning to night. Illustrations are nice but it is never explained how this utopia with people and animals living so closely together came to be. How do I get an elephant to tuck me in at night?

Amanda says

I really liked this book. The words and sentences are perfect for a new reader. I really liked the way that this book is relate able to children because the main character performs that same activities as the readers (breakfast, getting dressed, school, bedtime, etc..)

John says

I love Katie Cleminson's illustrations.

Barbara says

It might be great fun to be awakened by an elephant, taught by a bear, and dine with a cat, a lemur, a lion, and a hippo, before settling down with a nice book and reading it with friends. In this imaginative book, a boy has all these experiences. The feeling created by ink, colored pencil, and charcoal illustrations is one of warmth and security, but at times the illustrations of animals mingled with children was a bit jarring as was some of the text. Young readers may find it hard to follow the text, which is sometimes right below the illustrations, sometimes above, and sometimes on the side of illustrations. I liked the illustrator's use of reds throughout the pages and the active nature of the boy. Clearly, he feels comfortable and loved in his home and school.

Joan Marie says

The simple text takes a child from sun up to sun down, a perfect bedtime story to recap the events of the day and the settling in at night.

Heidi-Marie says

I love Cleminson's illustrations, as I did in "Magic Box." But I didn't really like the text in this book. The rhyming didn't always work for me. A cute idea to have all of the different animals in a young child's

(school) day. And the book could even be used to transition a child into school, or (more of a stretch) help them see ways one should behave while at school.

Originally 2 stars, but the illustrations make it 3.

Melanie says

A little boy is woken up by an elephant, gets dressed with a cat, goes to school with a bear, plays on the playground with a meerkat, has dinner with a hippo, reads a story with a lion and is put to bed by the elephant.

My only issue with this cute story is the outfit the child plays dress-up in. Maybe I'm being too culturally sensitive, but I don't think it's appropriate for a white child in a picture book published in 2010 to be dressing up as a little American Indian boy. The outfit consists of a band headdress and feathers and bows and arrows.

Jane G Meyer says

I found this book a bit odd. Some of the prose bounces and skids along, while other pages are written beautifully. I found the progression of events and routine lovely and sharing your day with animals is just perfect. The illustrations are delicious!

But, the text is short and written really for a toddler, while the boy in the story is obviously off at school, counting and spelling. I know little ones like to look up to older ones, but this book is meant to comfort a little one at bedtime and cuddle them in to sweet dreams. I would think all these grown up boy activities might make a little one excited about what's to come, excited about spending the day with animals, and maybe the book wouldn't quite live up to its title?

Because of the wonderful illustrating, I'm going to track down Ms Cleminson's other book(s)...

Judy says

I picked this one up to check out the illustrations. A very interesting technique with thick, rough, black ink outlines around simplified shapes, but coloured over the top with pencil, charcoal, soft pastel, spots of collage.

Really good rhythm and rhyme. Really good layout. Really good (and simple, and kid-friendly) concept with the kids and animals mixed playfully in the one batch. Really good illustrations. Like some of the rest of us (ahem) I think Katie Cleminson finds it easier to put the *sparkle* into her animal characters than she does into her people characters, but this is subjective. And I do sympathise with this problem! ;-) An excellent book. Wish I'd had a copy when my boys were a bit younger.

Arthur Pengerbil says

Reading Level: Ages 3-5

After a long day of fun activities, it's time for this young boy and his elephant friend to go to bed.

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Stephani says

The illustrations in this book are superb - very soothing colors and simple images. I really like the cadence of this book -it makes it enjoyable to read aloud.

Jack likes it well enough. It doesn't have cars or trucks though, so it isn't one of his favorites!

All in all a good choice if you are planning a bedtime themed storytime.

Elisabeth says

This "bedtime" book made me yawn (and not in a good way). Kinda surprised Disney published it with the offensive dressing up like an Indian and sitting stoically in front of a teepee part. I mean they were so sensitive to American Indian culture in movies like Peter Pan and so accurate in movies like Pocahontas...

Tricia says

Visually this book is extremely appealing with a boy and animal friends going through their daily activities. However; the title indicates a nighttime book which this really is not---it's more a relaying of daily routines (and is the child in school or not--it's not very clear either). I wouldn't select this one for a nighttime story time because there are so many others that will fill the slot more adequately but I enjoyed the book and would read it to my children.

Melissa says

The illustrations are really wonderful, lots of personality in those animals. Some nice repetition (wake up, dress up, clean up, cuddle up, etc). Not a stand out "slice of life" book, though, and one I can't recommend anyway because of the dressing-up-as-an-Indian bits.

Boni says

Love the illustrations.
