Where Do Diggers Sleep at Night? by B. Sayers

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Abstract


If the title Where Do Diggers Sleep at Night? seems a tad familiar, well, it probably is. In the same vein as the ultra-popular Good Night, Good Night, Construction Site, Diggers presents the sweet nighttime rituals of diggers, trucks and other heavy machinery. At first I thought this was a simple effort to take advantage of a similar, bestselling title however Sayres’ work does indeed hold its own.

In this picture book aimed at ages 3-6, first time picture book author Sayres gives young heavy equipment aficionados a delightful take on the bedtime story. In rhyming couplets and often in a humorous manner, all sorts of trucks, cranes and tractors get ready for rest under the watchful headlamps of their caregivers: “Where do garbage trucks sleep / when they’re done collecting trash? / Do their dads sniff their load and say, / ‘Pee-yew—time to take a bath?’” Sure to get the young ones giggling.

The sleepy-eyed dozers and tow trucks eventually give way to an equally sleepy young boy in his cozy bed, with a reminder that the trucks will be waiting for him when he wakes. Save for one naughty truck, winking, under the bed (my five-year-old happily pointed this out).

Though the illustrations by former Disney animator Christian Slade are rather cartoon-like and not realistic, they match the text well, are in soothing nighttime colours and allow for the trucks to have droopy eyes and smiling faces. Read in a lyrical fashion, or even as a song, this would be a nice end to any wee truck lover’s day. This would make a nice addition to any public library or as a gift.

Reviewer: Debbie Feisst
Recommended: 3 stars out of 4

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Use features like bookmarks, note taking and highlighting while reading Where Do Diggers Sleep at Night?. Now she and her husband put two boys to bed each night in a Seattle home filled with diggers, dump trucks, and fire engines. This is Brianna’s first picture book. You can visit her on the Web at BriannaCaplanSayres.com or facebook.com/authorbrianna. Product details. File Size: 4037 KB. Where do; Diggers, dump trucks, garbage trucks, monster trucks, fire trucks, tow trucks, car carriers, cranes, tractors, semi trucks, and your trucks, sleep at night? flag 1 like · Like · see review. Dec 31, 2016 Marieke rated it it was amazing · review of another edition. Written almost entirely in rhyming questions, each two page spread ponders where each of the pieces of machinery sleeps at night. One of my favorites is the tractor, "Where do tractors sleep at night after plowing all day long? Do their dads sing "Old TruckDonald" for a barnyard bedtime song?" The car transporter page is a little misleading, I think. It shows a picture of a car t Diggers, dump, garbage, monster, fire trucks, cranes, and other large vehicles are personified in this bedtime story.