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Have you ever built a snowman and discovered the next day that his grin has gotten a little crooked, or his tree-branch arms have moved? And you've wondered . . . what do snowmen do at night? This delightful wintertime tale reveals all! Caralyn Buehner's witty, imaginative verse offers many amusing details about the secret life of snowmen and where they go at night, while Mark Buehner's roly-poly snowmen are bursting with personality and charm. From the highly successful team that created such winning titles as *Fanny's Dream*, *Snowmen at Night* is fabulous, frosty, and fun!

## **Snowmen at Night Details**

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### Bam says

I've been reading this one over and over with my nineteen-month-old grandson. We are enjoying the beautiful drawings, the simple story and especially the hidden images. Our favorite snowman is the one with the pickle nose!

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### Melissa Ericsson says

I think this book is an excellent read aloud for primary students. The author, Caralyn Buehner, does an excellent job illustrating the story through her text. The illustrator also does a wonderful job through his illustrations. Students enjoy discussion throughout the story about what they think snowmen could possibly do at night. This story also opens a great discussion around the difference between fiction versus non-fiction books. Although students love discussing what they think snowmen could possibly do at night, they also have an understanding this story is fictional.

This story also has great vocabulary to go over with beginning readers and students who are beginning to learn English. I learned it was very important to discuss snow and snowmen before reading this story to my class of majority non-English speakers. I have some students who have never experienced the snow before, and who did not know what a snowman was. This opened wonderful discussion amongst my class. Students explained snow through their five senses, and also explained the steps they have taken to build a snowman.

Snowmen at Night is also a great story to spark ideas for writing topics for primary students. Students in my class particularly have enjoyed drawing/writing about what they think their snowmen do at night. Students have enjoyed thinking/illustrating what their snowman would look like, and writing about what it would do at night. Overall, I feel this is a great book to have in an elementary classroom read-aloud collection and classroom library.

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### Kelly (and the Book Boar) says

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#### **WARNING: THIS REVIEW ISN'T WHAT I'D CALL "CHILD FRIENDLY"**

It's a snow day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

See. True story. That's my backyard.

Like every other snow day, I was woken up this morning **AN ENTIRE F-ING HOUR EARLIER** than our regular school-day "get up time" by a couple of screaming banshees. The youngest bounded out of his room hollering his plans to build an epic snowman . . . which reminded me of this little story.

***"One wintery day I made a snowman very round and tall. The next day when I saw him, he was not the same at all."***

*Snowmen At Night* tells what happens at night (duh) to the snowman you built during the day. The story is adorable, the artwork is quality . . .

and apparently? It is terrifying. This book scared the crap out of my youngest. When he was just a wee little lad, he had a problem realizing that this:

was actually true.

Rather than thinking how fun it could be for snowmen to have adventures like *this* after he went to bed:

**my** kid had visions of these guys tromping up the steps to kill him in his sleep:

Boy am I glad that phase is over. Seriously, who's afraid of a little ol' snowman? They're not only friendly, but they offer some sage advice as well . . .

And if they give you trouble? It's pretty easy to destroy them . . .

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### **Amelia says**

Simple but bouncy rhymes detail the overnight exploits of snowmen when everyone is asleep, readers learn they sled, skate, drink cold cocoa, and participate in snowball fights among other things. The pictures are almost three-dimensional in places, where you expect the snowball to leap off the page. Upon reading the copyright page, the illustrator alerts readers they can find a cat, rabbit, Santa face, and a T-Rex in “all these wintertime scenes” but they are thoroughly hidden. I had massive difficulty finding them, and occasionally I simply gave up my search, as some of the small seek and finds are the size of your fingernail and hidden in the spindly drawn tree limbs. If reading this after your family makes their own snowman, be prepared to sneak outside to ensure your snowman acts accordingly, as kids will be looking for evidence of the fun it had overnight.

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### **N\_katieg52 says**

Did you like making a snowman as a kid? I know I did! Children put a lot of time into making snowmen and go back for days to check out their masterpiece. In this delightful winter story, the little boy noticed that his snowman looked different the next day. Because of this, he started to wonder what snowmen do at night. He imagines the exciting life that happens when snowmen get together such as enjoying hot chocolate, racing, ice skating, play baseball, a huge snowball fight, and many more exciting activities! I believe that it's always fun to escape reality and imagine the "what ifs". Another aspect of this story that I really enjoyed was the fact that it rhymed. I enjoyed the flow of reading it.

I feel that there are many activities that could be done with this in my class. We could look or the rhyming words. I might even do a "guess the covered word" activity. I think this might also lead to fun writing project where the students write about what they think snowmen do at night or pretend they are a snowman and talk about their night. The illustrations are the cherry on top to this book. They are full of bright colors and soft lines that jump out at the reader.

The combination of an enjoyable story matched with captivating illustrations make this story a must read! Has anyone used this book with their class already? I'm hoping my class will enjoy it this winter as much as I did!

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### **Jc says**

A great and funny story about snowmen and what they get up to once we all fall asleep.

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### **April King-Vaughn says**

Have you ever wondered what that snowman does, that you took forever making, once you go inside? Caralyn Buehner does a fantastic job answering that question! Snowmen drink hot chocolate, have races, play in the snow, and have many more exciting adventures after the sun goes down. This book is recommended for children ages 3-5, preschool thru kindergarten. Although young readers may need some assistance, the rhyming will help with reading while detailed sentences will assist in advancing a young reader's vocabulary. The colorful, detailed, and funny illustrations just add to the appeal of this sweet insight into the life of a snowman.

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### **Calista says**

If your kids love snowmen the way my nephew loves snowmen, they will love this book. It is about what snowmen do at night when people are watching. They PARTY.

Fun book

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### **Samantha Summers says**

In the Snowmen at Night the reader is given an explanation of why snowmen don't look the same the day after you build them and what they actually do at night. Snowmen play a big game of baseball. Snowmen drink hot cocoa, sled, and have of course, a snowball fight. To find out more of what snowmen do after dark, read Snowmen at Night!

This is a fun seasonal book to read to the class. Its a silly explanation to a real life phenomenon, that gets the kids imagination going. I would probably read this after a snow day, but it was not really my favorite book. The pictures were beautiful and well illustrated. I do think there are a lot of books out there that would be a lot more fun!

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### **Rose Thompson says**

This is an excellent book! It allows you to enter a place where snowmen go out at night after we are all fall asleep! Have you ever wondered what happens to snows after you go to bed? I know I have, this book really opened my eyes on the night time actives snowmen are apart of.

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### **Tatiana says**

Have you ever wondered what snowmen do at night? Well, they have a lot of fun sledding, playing baseball with snowballs, and much more.

I love how the text moves on the page and interacts with the illustrations. I think any story like this captures students' imaginations. They might be looking at the snowman in their front yard a little closer now....

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### **Cheryl says**

The concept is excellent; however, I really think it doesn't live up to the potential it has for creativity. Needs more whimsy, wit, and mischief. It does provide challenging hidden pictures on every page to find. Bonus: The oil/acrylic rendering of light in the book.

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### **Dewey says**

What do snowmen do during the night that makes them look so different the next day? This book is really cute...imagine all the things your snowman does with the other snowmen after all the kids who made them have gone to bed.

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### **Devin says**

Kinda a cheesy storyline; but I think it would help kids to think outside the box. Give them ideas of things to wonder about when thinking about creative writing. Stimulates imagination.

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### **Liz P says**

This is a great book for the imagination. My 4-year-old and I had a great time reading this at bedtime last night. We had just received a wonderful gift of a foot of snow and we had built a snowman. I felt that there was no better time than the present to read it! Not only is the story great, the pictures are very well-done. Our favorite part? Looking for the hidden pictures within each page ;) At the back of the book, it will tell you what hidden images you can find! My kid LOVED this. Rarely do I give out a 5-star rating. This book is very deserving of this rating.

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### **Courtney says**

As someone who loves snow and the feel of winter time in general, I highly recommend this book for primary-aged children. I think that children of all ages would be captivated by this fun and entertaining story because what child isn't wondering about what a snowman might be up to at night? This story, because of its imaginative story line, lends itself to children being able to predict some activities that snowmen might be up to before the story is read (this might be a conversation that occurs before reading); consequently, when the story is over, and children have looked at the beautiful illustrations and seen some of what the snowmen do, they could write about other activities that snowmen might participate in at night. Overall, this book allows children's imaginations to run wild and a series of writing and other literacy activities could be used to extend the excitement and enjoyment of this wonderful story.

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### **Andrea says**

The scene with snowmen out in the street at night, waving to each other and smiling, was cute. It was a cute idea that he wondered what snowmen do at night when he found his looking completely different the next day.

They all gathered around to drink ice-cold cocoa, and I liked all of their different outfits. It was kind of annoying that it specifically said snowman mothers made the cocoa, as if they were the only ones that should make it. They raced each other, did tricks on ice and made snow angels. They play baseball and have a snowball fight, then go sledding down the hill.

It's a cute idea to account for why snowmen look melted, that they've been having fun at night. The snowmen were really cute and I liked the illustrations. The only thing that slightly bothered me was that it might lead children to expect their snowmen to be doing all kinds of activities at night, when really it's just the heat that makes them melt, but I know it inspires imagination and is a creative idea to explain it. I also wish more

original ideas had been involved than them just doing human activities. I wanted them to do something really funny that made me laugh out loud at their antics, and none of it was funny or really interesting, because they just did what people do. It made me think of *Jack Frost* when the snowman dad plays hockey, sleds and has a snowball fight with his son, so this wasn't original. It wasn't as good as I thought it would be.

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### **Heather says**

How could you not want to read what snowmen do at night?

'Have you ever wondered about the secret life of a snowman? Maybe one morning his grin is a little crooked, or his tree-branch arms have drooped, and you've thought...what do snowmen do at night?'

How cute; how sweet to imagine your snowmen is off having adventures at night.

The hidden paintings are unnecessary in here.

Some of the rhymes aren't as good as others.

'I think that snowmen start to slide  
(when it gets REALLY dark).

That didn't need to be in parenthesis.

Kind of ridiculous for them to be drinking cocoa, even if it's ice cold.& it's made my snowmen mothers which is kind of random.

-'sometimes they start giggling,  
&then they act like clowns--"

I wasn't as crazy about that.

The snowman face in the moon is cute.

'No one knows just how it started,

But soon it's quite a sight--

With snowmen throwing snowballs

In the world's best snowball fight! I bet it is!

There's a Dino in the moon. Oh yeah there's hidden images here.

They look cute on the hill, the one pulling his sled up.

They look so cute on the self and the snow tube with their mouths open in joy.

'Finally they're tuckered out, and getting sleepy, so  
they slowly gather up their things, and one by one they go.'

So wasn't the ending of the line.

The snowman on the self all exhausted, with X's for eyes is cute.

& the one holding his back.

-'so if your snowman's grin is crooked, or he's lost a little height, you'll know he's just been doing what snowmen do at night!'

I'm surprised is just ended off like that.

Wasn't as good as I expected. Cute but it could have been better.

Love the color of the last page, tree blue with the moon in the sky,

-there was a hidden cat, rabbit, Santa face and T-Rex. I only saw the Dino.

Looking back, on their snow fight page, the one getting hit with a snowball's face flew off. The carrot and pebbles are in midair, haha!

Wow; the Santa face was in the snow coming from the sled.

The cat outline is on the sidewalk on the last page.

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**Ashley Thompson says**

The premise is cute, writing is good (subjective, I know) and the illustrations are lovely. However, I found the book to be a little sexist, what with the snow "men" looking primarily like men (as we would attribute it in the U.S. anyway), that I could tell in most of the images--I suppose snow "women" could dress similar to what a "snowman" looks like. That's a hard one, since I know they also aren't actual humans but, they are at least somewhat representative of humans. But then there was the part about the snow mothers making cocoa, but why not snow fathers, too? They can't make cocoa? For a children's book that I read to my daughter, I would feel more comfortable if these issues were taken into account. However, I have yet to read "Snowmen at Christmas", but from what I have seen in the illustrations it seems to be inclusive of both genders.

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**Brittney Daniel says**

A great book to read during winter theme months especially for children who don't experience snow this is a great time for children to make fake snow and make their own snowman as well as practice small medium and large.

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