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One tired sheep wants nothing more than a good night's sleep. All is peaceful until—QUACK! Is that a duck at the barn door? And now a goat? A pig? A cow? A horse? Each new unexpected guest is bigger and louder than the last! How will the sheep ever get this barnyard crowd to quiet down before—COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!

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Kat says

Basic Plot: Poor sheep can't sleep because of all the other animals making noise all night.

This is a very cute picture book for little kids. My son liked it because it had farm animals and lots of excuses to make farm animal noises. The rhyme and repetition are great for beginning readers, and the art is very good. The story made me smile, and reminded me a bit of a reverse Go the F* to Sleep. I got enjoyment out of finding new ways to express how tired the sheep was, so I'd call this an overall win of a picture book.

Kelly says

No Sleep for the Sheep!, written by Karen Beaumont and illustrated by Jackie Urbanovic, is a nominee for the 2013-14 South Carolina Picture Book Award.

No Sleep for the Sheep! is a funny picture book that young readers interested in farm life or animals will really enjoy. The pattern to the story is clear from the beginning, and this makes this book ideal for read-alouds. Children can get involved in the story. Even those who are learning to read will be able to follow along and predict where the story is going next.

This book, in my opinion, is also ideal for some type of reader's theater. I can visualize a group of students acting out this book very easily, and I think they'd have a lot of fun portraying the different animals.

All readers will be able to sympathize with the poor sheep in this book, but they'll also enjoy predicting which animal will be the next to interrupt his sleep. (The illustrations definitely help with this part of the story.) Young readers will have a blast making all of the animal noises that wake the sheep as well!

Elaine says

Would be great for a farm/barnyard story time!

Brittany says

A sing-songy sleepy sheep book. Animal noises are fun to make.

Alexander The Triumphant says

That was fun reading it. The book. The sheep couldn't sleep but it did. And the sheep talked. And the other animals talked. In the morning the sheep was still sleeping. And all the animals slept in his bed. And the

sheep didn't go to anybody's bed. And he told them not to make the same sound again and they did and he said go to sleep and they did. And on the last page it said on the barn and on the farm and on all the pages. The book was nice. And it was funny. And the shape was yelling when he heard the sound. And the sheep did go to sleep but the first page there's another animal at the other side. And the picture is funny, and the book was good to read. And I liked the book. - by ALEX

Candice says

An amusing story in rhyme about a sheep who just can't get any sleep. Sheep falls asleep clutching his Teddy bear when he hears a loud QUACK at the door. Sheep tells the duck to go to sleep and not to quack any more. The two settle down to sleep when there is a loud BAAA at the door and Sheep must tell the goat to go to sleep and not to baaa any more. And so it goes, until the last animal at the door says COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO and everyone knows what that means. The illustrations are colorful and amusing from Sheep asleep with the Teddy bear to the cumulative piling on of other barnyard animals to the rooster, cup of coffee in hand, crowing at daybreak.

Jessica says

I loved this book. It was an awesome combination of animal sounds, hidden pictures (who is coming next?!) and a bedtime story. I loved the sheep esp. as someone who can be a bit grumpy if awakened in the middle of the night.

The text was lyrical -- you can't help but reading it out loud.

And I changed my rating from a 4 to a 5 after actually reading it to my 2 year old niece. She is a little busy girl and not one to sit still for stories but she loved this one and I did not get tired of reading it to her over and over.

Tasha says

A very silly read-aloud that follows in the tradition of funny bedtime stories set on farms. Here, the sheep is very tired and wants nothing more than to go to sleep. But one by one, he is bothered by animals. First a duck, then a goat, a pig, a cow, and even a horse. And no one leaves for their own bed, but instead joins the sheep where he sleeps. And in the end, just when the sheep finally is able to fall asleep, there is one last noisy animal to wake him up. This time with a COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!

Beaumont has created a text that reads aloud beautifully. It has a rollicking rhythm and a pattern that repeats again and again. This makes it ideal for toddlers and young preschoolers, who will enjoy the repetition. The humor of the text is delightfully simple, made from the silliness of animal noises and interruptions.

Urbanovic's art adds a jolly tone to the book. The fuzzy and increasingly manic sheep, the rotund pink pig, and the mounds of sleeping animals add to the fun. The facial expressions of the animals are funny all on their own as well.

Add this to any farm story time or any bedtime story times you do. It will be enjoyed by small children with big senses of humor looking to avoid going to bed. Appropriate for ages 2-4.

Hollie says

My daughter loves this book. She thinks it's hilarious and loves making the animal noises. This is one we read constantly for bed time.

David says

No Sleep for the Sheep! by Karen Beaumont, illustrated by Jackie Urbanovicis is a silly, funny, barnyard bedtime story about a sheep who keeps having his slumber interrupted.

Beaumont creates a cumulative text with rhyme and rhythm that sounds like a song and should be a fun read aloud. There are lots of animal sounds to make, as sheep is interrupted by increasingly larger and louder barnyard denizens, including a duck, a goat, a pig, a cow, a horse, and someone who goes Cock-a-Doodle Doo! Even worse, most of them decide they must join the sheep in his pen for their slumbers. There is plenty of rhythmic, rhyming repetition for children to enjoy.

Urbanovicis's illustrations are done in watercolor with a brown pencil outline. The cartoon-like pictures are very cute, funny and convey lots of animal expressions as the poor sheep tries to sleep but is repeatedly interrupted. Sheep's Teddy Bear ends up in interesting positions as the night wears on.

No Sleep for the Sheep should be a hit with the preschool and K crowd as a read aloud. It could also amuse a beginning reader. This reminds me of (and could be used with) Bear Snores On, Good-Night Owl and Too Much Noise.

For ages 2 and a half to 5, read aloud, rhyme, rhythm, farm, animal sounds, predicting, and bedtime themes, and for fans of Karen Beaumont and Jackie Urbanovicis.

Jan says

An absolutely delightful picture book that will entertain the reader as much as the child he or she is reading to.

"In the big red barn on the farm, on the farm, / in the big red barn on the farm,
A sheep fell asleep in the big red barn, / in the big red barn on the farm."

The sheep's sleep does not last long, though, for he is awakened by a duck. A noisy duck. And each time he falls asleep again, he is awakened by another animal. Noisily.

An animal sounds book with hilarious watercolor illustrations by Jackie Urbanovic (well known for her Max the Duck series). If you don't own this yet, order it now. You'll want to give a copy to every child you know! Ages 2-7. Or 8. Or 28.

midnightfaerie says

Wonderful book! Someone recommended Karen Beaumont to me and I'm so glad I found her! Besides the beautiful illustrations by Jackie Urbanovic, the rhyming type poems throughout the book had such a rhythmic quality to them that my twin 3 yr olds kept repeating the words throughout the day as they ran around the house. My 5 yr old had fun guessing which animal would come next and trying to "predict the outcome" a popular lesson in his first grade language arts class. Overall a fun read for the whole family.

Barbara says

There are few things more annoying than being woken unexpectedly from sleep. Possibly, the only thing worse would be to be woken repeatedly from sleep. In this hilarious but predictable picture book written in rhyming text, a sheep settles down to rest, but his rest is interrupted, by turns, by a duck, a goat, a pig, a cow, and a horse. Each time he hushes them and falls asleep after there is quiet. When morning comes all too soon, the shrill call of a rooster awakens everyone sleeping in the barn except for the sheep who dozes on, exhausted from his busy night playing host to all the animals. The watercolor with brown pencil outlined illustrations show the poor sheep's growing frustration as he is determined to get some rest. The pictures showing the animals heaped together as they sleep will bring a smile to readers' faces. Because of all the animal sounds such as "Oink!" (unpaginated) and "Neighhh!" (unpaginated), this one is especially fun to read aloud.

June says

A cute story about a sheep who keeps getting woken up by other animals. The illustrations add to the humor. I might try this at PJ Story Time, but I think my story time crowd might be a little young for it.

This was a hit with my story time crowd! The loved the loud animal sounds and the repeated "Shhh! Not a peep. Go to sleep" (Not sure that that is the exact quote, but it is something close). Rounding up to 4 stars.
9/16/14

Pam says

Rhythmic book for young readers.

Sheep is woken up by different animals all night. Everyone gets to sleep and then the rooster crows to start the day. They leave sheep sleeping.

Brightly colored illustrations will appeal to preschoolers.
