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### Mary Had a Little Lamp

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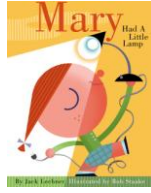
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Lechner, Jack. *Mary Had a Little Lamp*. Illustrated by Bob Staake. Bloomsbury U.S.A., 2008. ISBN 9781599901695. \$15.99. 29 p.

Reviewer: Lauren Bangerter

Reading Level: Preschool; Primary;

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Humorous Poetry;

Subject: Lamps—Juvenile fiction; Security (Psychology)—Juvenile fiction; Stories in Rhyme—Juvenile fiction; Books—Reviews;

In this humorous spin on the traditional nursery rhyme, Lechner follows little Mary to school, the zoo, and various other places while she drags her beloved gooseneck lamp behind her. Eventually, when she finds a different friend at summer camp, Mary realizes she doesn't need her lamp with her all the time, but she still keeps a special place for it on her shelf.

*Mary Had a Little Lamp* is easy to read out loud to children and will keep them laughing and wondering what will happen next. The rhyme is perfectly paired with Staake's illustrations. Bright colors and geometric shapes make the pictures imaginative and appealing, while still being crisp and clean and bringing the story to life. A great addition to any children's library.

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