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Good Night, Sleep Tight by Mem Fox

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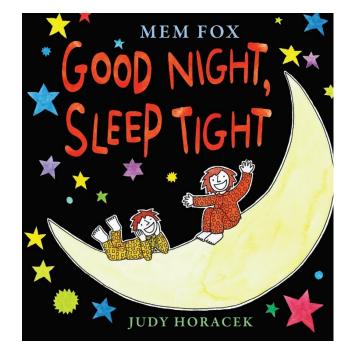Publisher: Orchard Books (Scholastic)

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Review:

Skinny Doug, Bonnie and Ben's favorite babysitter, delights his charges with nursery rhymes at bedtime. After each plea of, "How does it go? Will you say it again?" Skinny Doug tells them a new one instead. By the end of the book Bonnie and Ben are tucked up in bed again after one last "Good night, sleep tight."

Good Night, Sleep Tight brings seven nursery rhymes to life in a mixture of the well-loved (This Little Piggy) and the unfamiliar (Round the Garden). Charming illustrations incorporate Bonnie, Ben, and Skinny Doug into the action as the story unfolds. A simple rhyme scheme and repetitive text allow young listeners to join with Bonnie and Ben in begging for another nursery rhyme, but the narrative pattern is strangely broken at the conclusion of the story. Despite this somewhat jarring ending, the imaginative portrayal of the characters throughout the tale makes this an engaging bedtime story.

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