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Book Review

Title: Orion and the Dark
Author: Emma Yarlett
Reviewer: Aylea Stephens
Publisher: Templar Publishing
Publication Year: 2014
ISBN: 9781783700288
Number of Pages: 40
Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Excellent



Review

Orion is scared of a lot of things—like closets, oceans, popping balloons, and girls—but what scares him more than anything else is the dark. He tries to solve the problem by doing things like staging a protest and dressing up as an owl but nothing works. Finally he is fed up with the dark and the scary noises and demands that Dark go away. Then outside his window, Dark comes alive and comes to talk to Orion. Together they explore the dark, scary areas and find where the noises that make Orion nervous are coming from. In the end, Orion has made a new best friend.

For children who are scared of the dark, this book could help them realize that things aren't so scary after all as they admire the illustrations and look at how friendly Dark is. The illustrations have lots of text in the doodles, making the pages a little busy in some places, but it adds a lot of humor and helps the reader get to know Orion better when every detail is read. The book is a great lesson for readers on facing fears and that the things people are scared of might not be as bad as they think.