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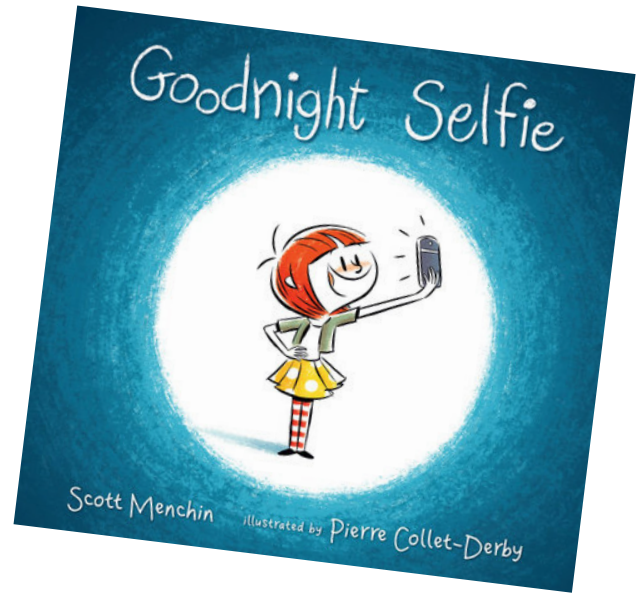
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Book Review

Title: Goodnight Selfie
Author: Scott Menchin
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Number of Pages: 16
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Cannot Recommend



Review

After receiving a hand-me-down camera phone from her brother, a young girl learns how to take pictures of herself or selfies. She then spends the day taking selfies in every situation imaginable. Before long it's time for bed and she takes one final goodnight-selfie.

While the illustrations are beautiful and charming, *Goodnight Selfie* is a sad commentary about society. The young girl is clearly excited about her new phone's capabilities, but her behavior comes across as self-absorbed. Her parents do little to change her behavior, simply suggesting she take pictures with other people. But that idea is short-lived as she goes right back to taking selfies. While adults might enjoy the ironic nature of the book, children might seek to emulate the behavior making this book unsuitable for young audiences.