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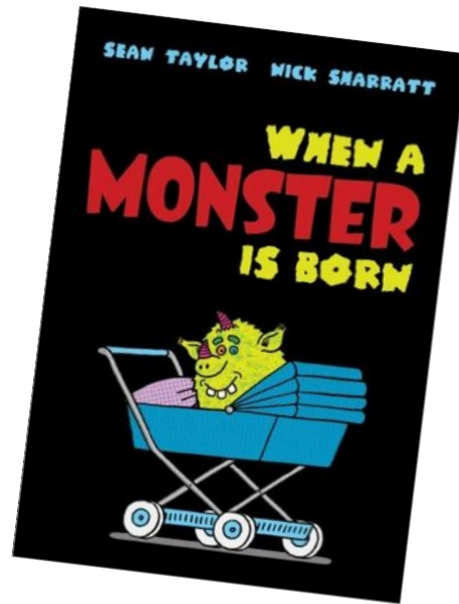
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Book Review

Title: When a Monster is Born
Author: Sean Taylor
Illustrator: Nick Sharratt
Reviewer: Aylea Stephens
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press
Publication Year: 2006
ISBN: 9781596432543
Number of Pages: 32
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Dependable



Review

When a monster is born, everything after that has two possibilities. Either it lives far away in the forests or it will live under your bed. Either you might get eaten, or you might take it to school. The monster has different alternatives going from joining the school basketball team, eating the principal, sleeping in an expensive hotel in the faraway-forests, falling in love with the hotel's kitchen girl, and possibly getting married so that another monster can be born with the same possibilities that its parent had.

When a Monster is Born is a cute book about choices and opportunities that a monster might have. For every decision, it shows another outcome. With the right set of decisions and outcomes, the monster can live a happy life. It would be a good book for parents or teachers to talk to children about how different choices have consequences, although the consequences in this books are more silly than serious. Sensitive children may have a problem with the multiple times that the monster could potentially eat people or eat another monster.