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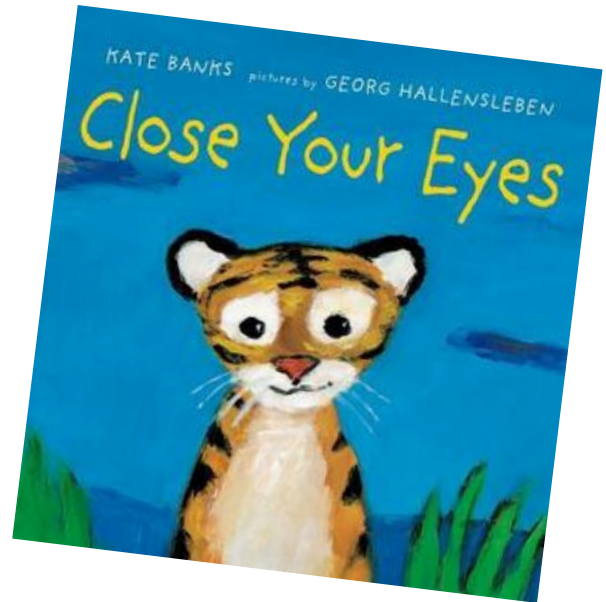
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# Book Review

**Title:** Close Your Eyes  
**Author:** Kate Banks  
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**Publisher:** Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)  
**Publication Year:** 2015  
**ISBN:** 9780374301019  
**Number of Pages:** AaBbCcDd  
**Interest Level:** 36  
**Rating:** Outstanding



## Review

"Close your eyes, little tiger," comes the plea of this little tiger's mother. But he's afraid of sleeping! What if he misses out on the sky, trees, and birds? His mother assures him that there can be all that and more in his dreams. But then what if he falls or gets lost? His mother comforts him with the promise that she will be there for him if anything bad happens. No matter what this little tiger's concern is, his mother is right by his side, comforting, loving, and helping him drift off into peaceful sleep.

For those looking for a great bedtime book, look no further. Through the example of this lovable little tiger cub, *Close Your Eyes* teaches children that it really is okay to close your eyes and drift off into the world of sleep. Whatever a child's concern may be—missing out, nightmares, or a fear of the dark—this story gently relieves fear and replaces it with comfort and security. Also, love and trust is wonderfully illustrated between the mother tiger and her cub, a type of relationship that parents and children can relate to as they read together. The beautifully painted illustrations engage the eye while the delicate text engages the imagination, and the small size and sturdy format make it ideal for young children. This well-written, artistically delightful book will have kids drifting off to sleep in no time.