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The House in the Night

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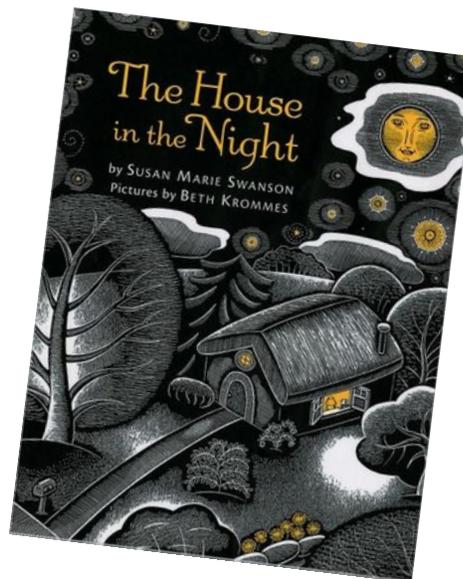
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Book Review

Title: The House in the Night
Author: Susan Marie Swanson
Illustrator: Beth Krommes
Reviewer: Kristie Hinckley
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company
Publication Year: 2008
ISBN: 9780618862443
Number of Pages: 36
Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool
Rating: Excellent



Review

The House in the Night is a poetic book that follows a small family of three with their pets into their home for the night. Inside, the little girl gets ready for bed and opens up a book to read before going to bed. The story comes alive to her and she sails through the beautiful night sky on a bird, eventually flying back to her warm home that is full of light.

The House in the Night is a perfect bedtime story for parents to read to their little ones. Children will love pointing out things they are familiar with (star, house, book) in the illustrations. Beginning readers will enjoy reading the simple text, using clues from the illustrations. The illustrations are black and white, with yellow accents. The reader's eye is drawn to the yellow on every page because it is the only color amid a sea of black and white. The text might remind you of the repetitive nature of The Napping House, by Audrey Wood. The rhythm of the text might just lull you and your child right