



2017

# Before Morning

Kristie Hinckley

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr>

---

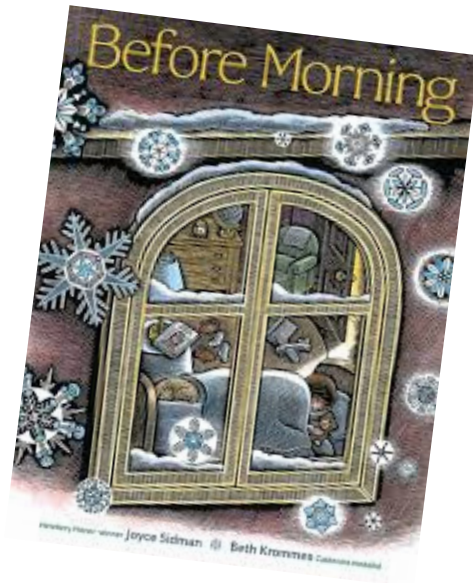
### BYU ScholarsArchive Citation

Hinckley, Kristie (2017) "Before Morning," *Children's Book and Media Review*: Vol. 38 : Iss. 12 , Article 34.  
Available at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr/vol38/iss12/34>

This Book Review is brought to you for free and open access by the All Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in Children's Book and Media Review by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact [scholarsarchive@byu.edu](mailto:scholarsarchive@byu.edu), [ellen\\_amatangelo@byu.edu](mailto:ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu).

# Book Review

**Title:** Before Morning  
**Author:** Joyce Sidman  
**Illustrator:** Beth Krommes  
**Reviewer:** Abigail Packard  
**Publisher:** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
**Year:** 2016  
**ISBN:** 9780547979175  
**Pages:** 48  
**Interest Level:** Toddler, Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

A young child is hoping for a snow day so that her mother, an airplane pilot, can come home from work and enjoy the perfect winter day in the snow with her family. The child's nighttime wish comes true and the world becomes beautiful and white overnight. Children will realize that the power their wishes have through this simple, sweet wintertime book.

Before Morning is written in the form of an invocation, or a poem soliciting help or support. Readers might recognize the beautiful poetry of Joyce Sidman, Newberry Honor winner, and the scratchboard art of Beth Krommes, Caldecott medalist in Before Morning. Some pages have a few poetic words and some have no words at all. The illustrations provide detail that will leave readers finding new things each time they read this book!