Night Owl
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Review

While up late one night, little Night Owl loses track of Mommy Owl and tries to listen in order to find her. Every time he hears a noise, he wonders if it’s Mommy Owl, but finds other things instead—a woodpecker, a train, a cricket, and a toad. After flying home and braving a storm, he finally finds Mommy Owl, “the nicest sound of all.”

Night Owl is a simple but very well-done book. The question and answer format, along with the use of interesting sounds, would certainly engage young children and make it fun for parents to read out loud. Also, the feel-good message at the end reminds the reader about the comfort and security of the parent-child relationship. Words and phrases are simple enough to give young readers a good opportunity to learn to read, and the plot is very easy to follow. Lastly, the illustrations in this book are wonderful. The blues and purples give the book a calm, night-time feel, and the owl is drawn in a way to make him cute and lovable.