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While You Are Sleeping

Melinda Szymanik

Illustrated by Greg Straight

This story explores numerous intriguing concepts for young children including time, night and day, dark and light, nature and nocturnal animals, industry, transport, and even the human body.

When toddlers look outside and see the inky blackness, they might well imagine that night is nothing but a dark, empty and scary place. While You Are Sleeping is a very reassuring bedtime story which shows that night has a life of its own. This book brings to light all the interesting and amazing things that happen during the darkness of the night when we are all fast asleep in our beds.

- This story explores numerous intriguing concepts for young children including time, night and day, dark and light, nature and nocturnal animals, industry, transport, and even the human body.
- Imaginative, eye-catching illustrations combined with thought provoking text that creates a beautiful bedtime read.

Melinda Szymanik is a well-known New Zealand author of numerous books for children, including *The House That Went to Sea and Made With Love* as well as several books for young adults. She has twice been short-listed for the Joy Cowley Award, in 2003 and 2006.

Greg Straight has worked in the field of visual arts for more than a decade and has created signature illustrations for clients such as Air New Zealand, Microsoft, NZ Tourism, and Huffer. His limited edition prints are sold nationwide.



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