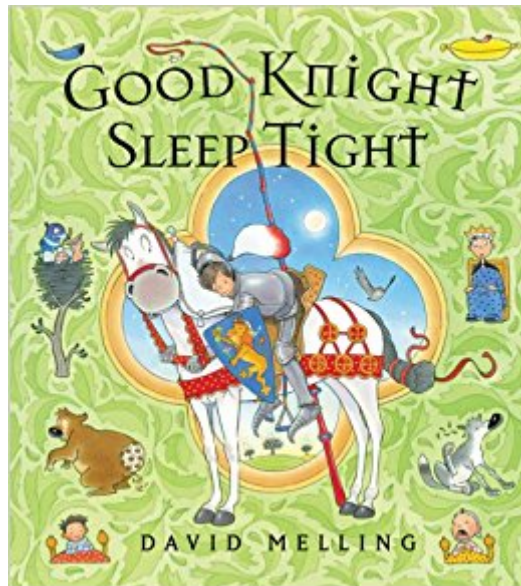




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Good Knight Sleep Tight



Synopsis

A baby princess has just been born to the royal family, but her elder brother the little prince can't understand what all the fuss is about. On one unlucky day the fat royal cat squashes the baby's soft pillow, and the princess can't sleep on it any more. She cries and cries, which prompts the king to send his brave and loyal knight out to the forest to find soft, new stuffing for the pillow. After many an adventure, the knight finally returns with fresh feathers for the princess's special pillow. Will it make her happy again? Will she finally stop crying and let the rest of the family get some sleep? It sounds like a good idea—but the princess isn't soothed. She continues to cry. Maybe, her brother the prince has a better way to make her stop crying. David Melling's newest delightful picture storybook features humorous illustrations done in the same attractive style that distinguishes three of his earlier favorites, *The Kiss That Missed*, *The Ghost Library*, and *The Tale of Jack Frost*.

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2 — A new baby has joined the royal family introduced in *The Kiss That Missed* (Barrons, 2002), and she is very unhappy. The royal cat has destroyed her pillow, and if she can't sleep, nobody in the kingdom gets to sleep. After a miserable night, the king orders his knight to find something soft and fluffy to fill the baby's pillow, and thus a great adventure ensues. With the help of his loyal steed, the knight collects fur from the bears, and they slink away bare-bottomed. Unfortunately, the horse finds bear hair too scratchy. Similarly wolf fur is too bristly. Finally, after pushing his horse up a tree, the knight collects enough feathers to fill the princess's pillow. Though

soft enough, it doesn't stop her crying. At this point, the young prince, initially unimpressed with his new sister, gives her a cuddle and she contentedly nods off. Mellings delightful pictures are as wacky as the text. Dramatic shifts in perspective and the inclusion of comic-style mini-illustrations add to the absurdity and sense of adventure. Although some of the transitions are a bit abrupt, humor prevails. An engaging bedtime story. —Piper L. Nyman, formerly at Fairfield Civic Center Library, CA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

PreS-Gr. 2. Melling's comic riff on "The Princess and the Pea" mixes zany cartoonlike human and animal characters with medieval touches, such as illuminated-manuscript borders. The central tension in this book comes from the baby princess' screaming, brought on by the loss of her favorite pillow. A knight sets forth to find some soft, fluffy material to re-puff the pillow. He journeys into a dark wood, filled with bears and slinking wolves, collecting material---bear hair, wolf hair, etc.--which his horse tests for softness. Finally, an owl leads him to a feather tree, filled with just the right pillow plumpers. The comical watercolor illustrations evoke a fairy-tale setting, while giving kids plenty of intriguingly nutty details to giggle over. Connie Fletcher Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

I love these books. This one is just as cute as "The Kiss that Missed." A must-have for any children's library.

Possible one of the cutest children's books I've read. The story is fun and the illustrations are adorable. Each time I read it to my niece I notice something that I hadn't seen before and she gets a kick out of the horse.

This is a great bedtime story. It's a quick read with colorful pictures. My son is 2 1/2 and follows the story with great anticipation. It is a fun book to read out loud because there are plenty of words with onomatopoeia to make the story come alive. It is a new favorite in our bed time routine.

Every time we read this book, we have so much fun, whether it is at home with my children, or in class with my little students. Lovely sense of humour, gorgeous illustrations as always, and one thing I find very important - a simple yet worthwhile message - family love, one between a brother and sister. Not to mention the unquestionable loyalty from the good knight and his steed! Such a

charming, positive story, enriching our bookshelf and hearts!

Great book for small children Thank you

This is my 3 year old son's favorite book. The pictures are wonderful, and the story is really cute. It made my son want to be a "good knight" for Halloween, and today he took the book in to school to read to the class. He LOVES it! It's a great book for all ages.

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