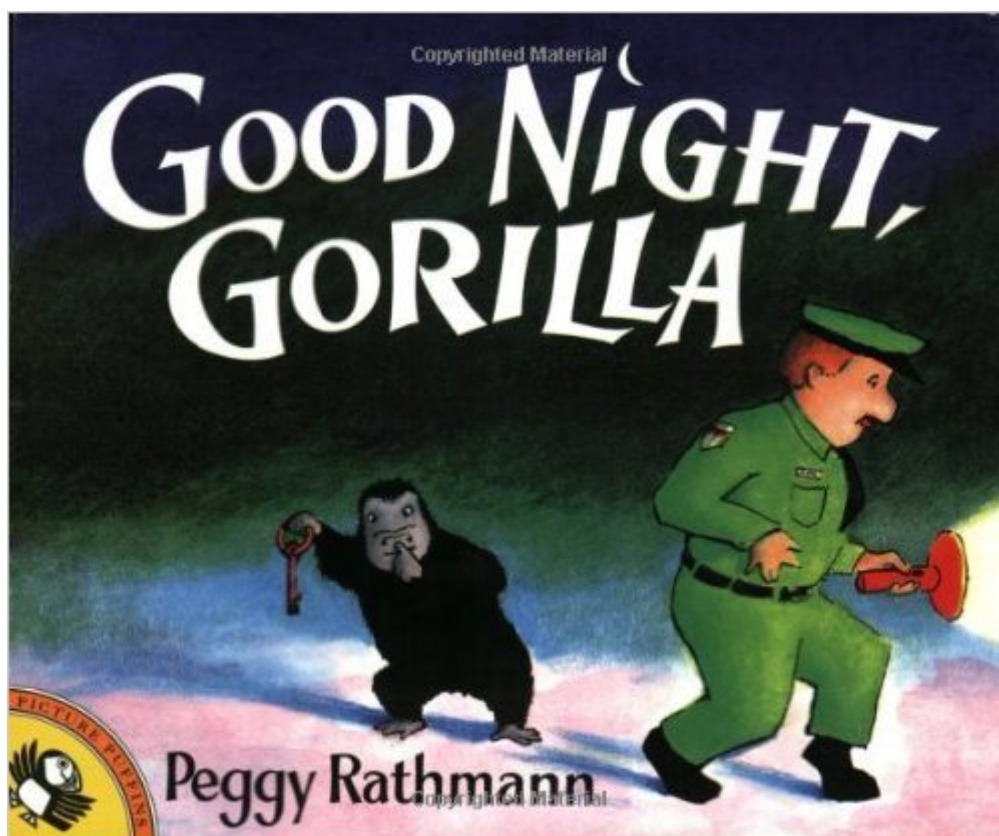


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# GOOD NIGHT, GORILLA (Picture Puffins)



## Synopsis

"Good night, Gorilla," says the zookeeper. But mischievous Gorilla isn't quite ready to go to sleep. He'd rather follow the zookeeper on his rounds and let all of the other animals out of their cages. Little night owls can sneak along with Gorilla and see who gets the last laugh in this riotous goodnight romp. Practically wordless yet full of expressive art and hilarious, adorable detail, this book from Caldecott Medal winning author Peggy Rathmann is sure to become a beloved part of children's own bedtime rituals. ALA Notable Children's Book for 1994 Bulletin Blue Ribbon 1994 Horn Book Fanfare 1995 selection Parenting Magazine "Best Children's Books of 1994" New York Public Library 1995 "Children's Books 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing" "In a book economical in text and simple in illustrations, the many amusing, small details, as well as the tranquil tone of the story, make this an outstanding picture book." --The Horn Book, starred review "The amiable cartoon characters, vibrant palette, and affectionate tone of the author's art recall Thatcher Hurd's cheerful illustrations. Delightful." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review "A clever, comforting bedtime story." --School Library Journal, starred review "Jaunty four-color artwork carries the story and offers more with every look." --Booklist

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book was read at a mixed-age party and I'm sure that the adults laughed as much as the children! It has quickly become a classic, featuring the cleverly pictured sneaky antics of a renegade

gorilla. Our young hero steals the keys from a zookeeper and frees all the animals, who follow the keeper home at night. Hilarious "lights out" confusion ensues with a comical surprise ending! 34 pages, with only ten different words, the expressive, colorful pictures say it all. This playful book is appropriate for infants, toddlers, and the beginning reader as well. A delightful romp, and a surefire hit! One of those few treasured books that you'll keep for years to come.

The story's in the pictures: a mischievous gorilla borrows the zoo keeper's keys and as the zookeeper is completing his rounds, the gorilla lets the animals out. The gorilla, with all of the animals following him, ends up in the zookeeper's bedroom. The pictures are terrific, with a lot going on in the background. There's a little mouse toting the gorilla's banana, each animal's cage has a toy, and, of course, the zookeeper's wife's surprise and familiarity with the animals following him home. My daughter's definitely picked up some rather complex animal names (e.g., giraffe, armadillo) and picked up on the gorilla's shenanigans pretty quickly. Very fun book.

I used to read this to my preschoolers by request - it was a permanent fixture in our library and I was not allowed to swap it out for new books! My kids would look for it if I took it away and I would have to bring it back. The Gorilla lets out all the animals in the zoo and follows the zoo keeper home! Mrs. zoo keeper is not amused with her roomful of animals and Mr. zoo keeper has to return all the animals to their cages.

If you look at the title "Good Night, Gorilla" and immediately think of the classic "Good Night, Moon," you are not alone. But whereas the latter is about a little rabbit who is putting off going to sleep by saying "Good Night" to everything in the room, this little treat written and illustrated by Peggy Rathmann is about a zookeeper who **WANTS** to go to sleep and is saying "Good Night" to all of the animals in the zoo. What the weary zookeeper does not know, is that the gorilla has grabbed his keys and there is a growing menagerie following him home to his wife. "Good Night, Gorilla," is simply a charming little tale, where the drawings communicate much more than the dialogue. I want to think of the art as being a cross between watercolors and pastels, but then what do I know about art? What I love best is to find the mouse with the banana on the string in each picture, and I bet your children will love that too when they discover it on their own.

This is by far my favorite and my 21 month old daughter's favorite. The illustrations are amazing in their detail. I've been reading it to my daughter since she was about 8 months old, and I'm still

finding fun "treasures" in the pictures - such as the people appearing in the window of the neighbor's house, the photo on the bedside table. There are so many others, but I don't want to give it away as the fun is in discovering. There is so much to this book with few words - my daughter gets different things out of it at different stages of her development. As an infant she liked the rhythmic "Goodnight Gorilla...Goodnight...Elephant, etc." and the bright colors. As she started learning animals, she loved pointing out the zoo animals. Later she was enthralled by finding the banana on every page. Lately she has been interested in the different items in each of their cages. She was so excited the evening she realized the doll in the armadillo's cage was "Baby Ernie!". You won't be disappointed.

My son and I loved this book when he was young and he still loves to look at it when he thinks I'm not looking (he's now 10). Actually, he was the one who brought so many of the details in this charming book to my attention. Notice the color of the keys and the color of the cage bars, the banana, the toys in the animals cages and, our favorite, the balloon. I always give this book to young nieces, nephews and friends.

My 20-month-old and I look at this book at least four times a day. It is the best picture book ever. I am here looking for more like it but first I thought you'd love to have this book for your toddler or baby too. The pictures are so colorful and imaginative, each one is worth a hundred words. We have fun looking at all the animals and child's things that find their way into the corners of cages to say goodnight to. There are two side stories as well with the mouse and balloon. Such fun!

This is a classic. My little girl loves this book. We have been reading it for two years now. She is two and half years old. She laughs at the monkey stealing the keys, and loves when the wife wakes up and finds all the animals in bed with her. Fun book.

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