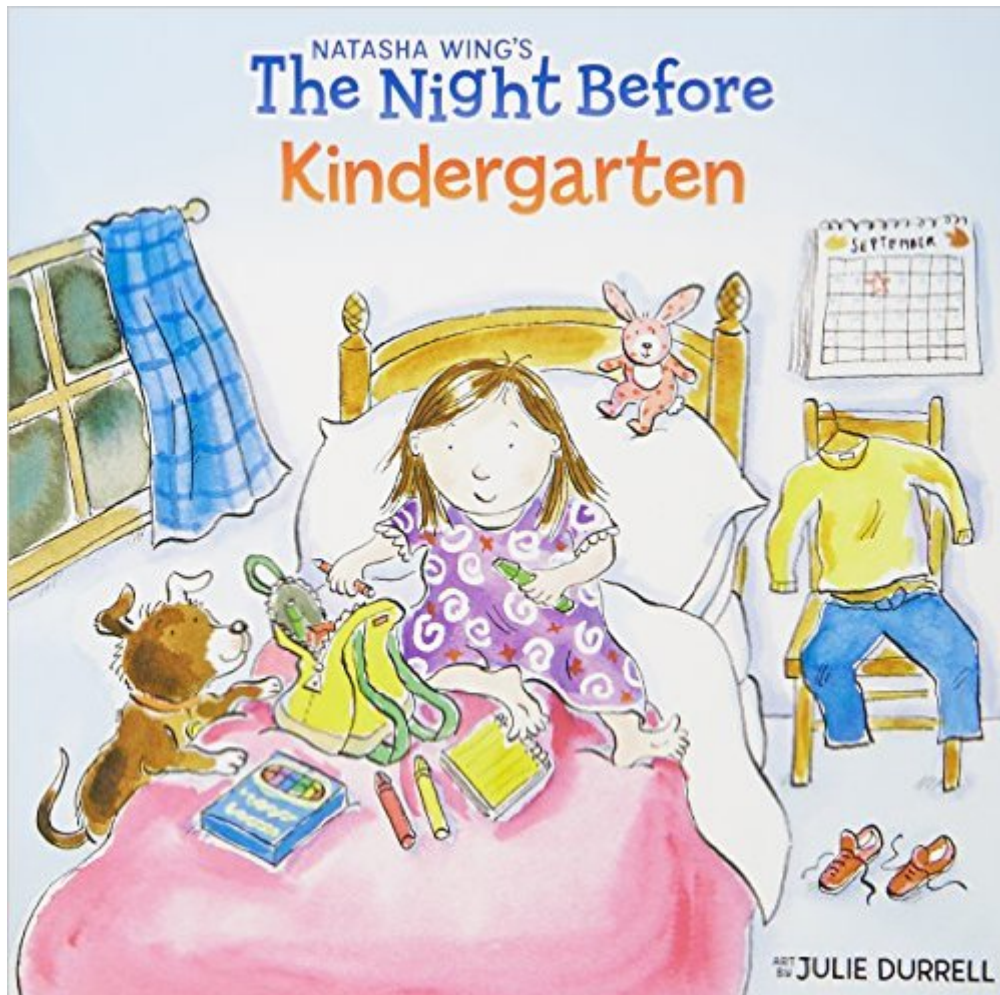


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The Night Before Kindergarten



Synopsis

'Twas the night before kindergarten, and as they prepared, kids were excited, and a little bit scared. It's the first day of school! Join the kids as they prepare for kindergarten, packing school supplies, posing for pictures, and the hardest part of all--saying goodbye to Mom and Dad. But maybe it won't be so hard once they discover just how much fun kindergarten really is! Colorful illustrations illuminate this uplifting takeoff on the classic Christmas poem.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

I like the way the book begins, with children thinking and wondering about kindergarten, the night before school begins. But the book then turns to the mommies and daddies, who stand crying at the door on the first day of kindergarten. I didn't really want to give my daughter any ideas, as she was already a nervous wreck. The teacher assures the parents that everything will be fine, but I really didn't like this part of the book at all.

Terrible story! It starts with a child being scared and then goes onto a group of parents standing by the classroom door and all crying and having a hard time saying goodbye to their kids. Why would

anyone want to share this type of a story with a child? Why is it so difficult to find a book that has a positive story, that kindergarten is fun, showing how the day at school looks like, what to expect in classroom and most importantly no drama.

I have seen many stories about children going off to school for the first time but this one has a surprising difference that really sets it apart from the others. The poem begins on the night before kindergarten with children and parents getting ready for the big day. Then the day arrives and we see children and parents as they prepare, go to, and arrive at school. There is much said about a lack of napping places that does not match my children's experiences. But then we see how the parents are saddened by leaving their kids behind. The resourceful teacher manages to find a quick solution and all ends happily. The first day of school can be hard for children and adults alike. This is the first book I have come across that deals with the excitement and hesitations on this special day. A very fun book for parent and child.

I do not recommend because it essentially presupposes that kindergarten is a scary place and that you only need to overcome your fears when entering this frightening place. That's how it seemed to me, at least. Instead of describing kindergarten as a fun, happy, loving place, it talks about how children are at first afraid, but then learn to like it. Why even suggest that your child should be afraid? Worse, in the book, all the parents stay in the classroom, outside the door watching. That's not how school works. The parents are not there, so why suggest that they are going to be at the door looking in during the day? Not recommended. The other "night before" books I like, just not this one.

I bought this book for my granddaughter and for a friend's child who is entering kindergarten. Loved the idea of making children aware that this is a big step for them but somewhat bitter-sweet for their parents. Mentioned leaving their baby things behind as they go into the big school world. Pictures were very up to date--clothes, backpacks, school supplies. Very well done. I would extend the age range for appropriate readership through kindergarten age and not limit it to preschool.

*****DO NOT BUY THIS BOOK UNLESS YOU WANT YOUR KID TO ASK YOU WHY PARENTS CRY AT FRONT OF THE CLASSROOM**** I totally agree with others that the worst part is at the end of the book, parents were standing & crying outside the classroom. It shouldn't be that way. The book should implied something like School should be fun & safe place for kids, and parents will pick

up the kids at the end of the day and all of them should be happy, not the place that parents cry outside while watching kid in the classroom. NOT just 1 page. 2 pages of parents crying !!!!!!!!!!! why!!!!

This is a great book to read to Kindergartens because they do read this book at our grade school. A previous reviewer complained that this book didn't fit her child because her child rode on the school bus, and this book showed parents dropping their children off. She could have just improvised. I do drive my kids to school everyday because we don't have school buses because our school is within 2 miles. This book is better than any other book out there. It's a cute book and I would recommend it. I got mine on Ebay.

I thought this was an excellent read for children about to enter Kindergarten...not every book has to be realistic, because, let's face it, Kindergarten can be scary to a 5 year old. I also purchased a number of other books for pre-K and read those, along with *The Night Before Kindergarten*, to my 5 year old. He particularly enjoyed this book, because it's easy to understand, the rhyming makes it fun and it ends with the grown-ups crying, which he thinks is very silly.

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