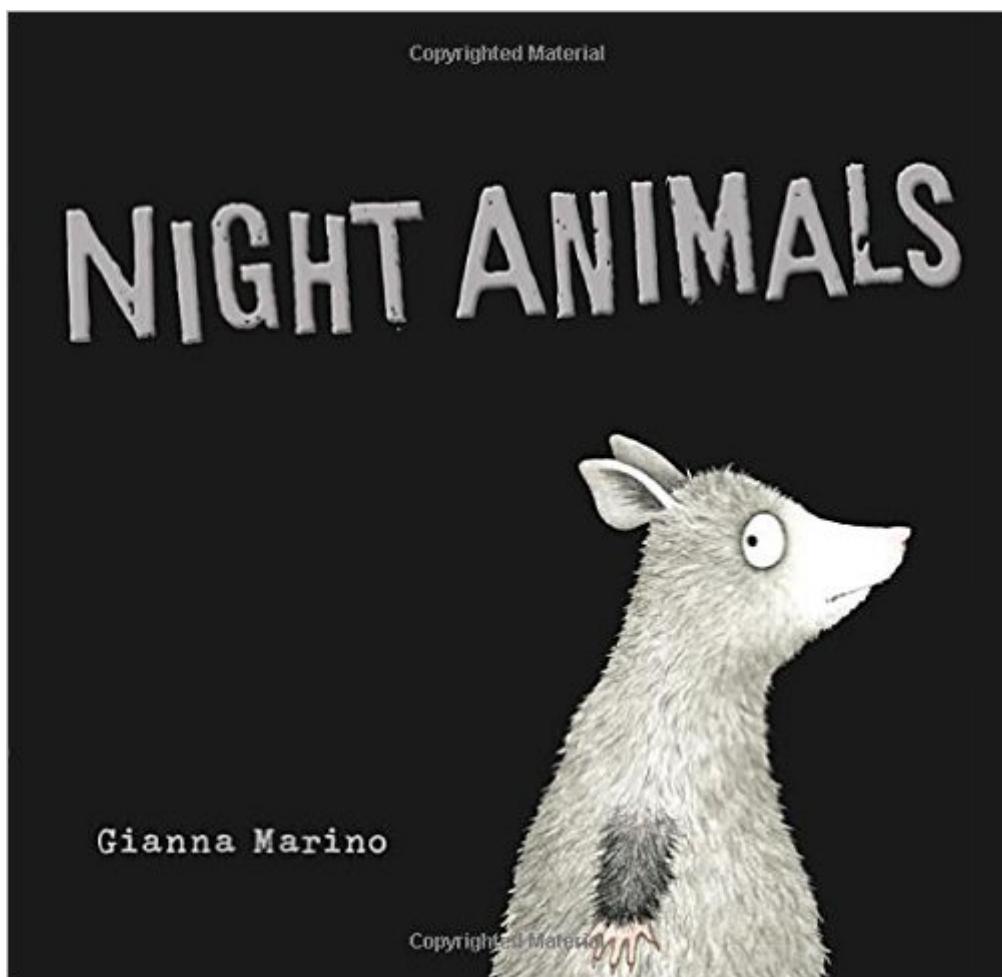


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# Night Animals



## Synopsis

Something's out there in the dark! First Possum hears it. Then Skunk. Then Wolf comes running. "What could it possibly be?" asks Bat. "Night Animals!" the animals declare. "But you are night animals," Bat informs this not-so-smart crew. Children will love the oh-so-funny animals in this twist on a cozy bedtime book.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Night Animals is a beautifully designed, hilarious book that is an excellent choice for nighttime themed story times, and a must have for any young child experiencing nighttime fears. The characters are so funny! Placed against a midnight black background, the creatures really pop as they share dialogue conveyed in cartoon bubbles. Nighttime noises prompt each animal to be afraid of the next animal to enter the picture. The skunk and possum are afraid of the wolf, who asks them to help him, because he's afraid of the bear. The bear enters the picture totally afraid of "something huge", and they all run from the bat who can't figure out what they are all afraid of. When they say they are afraid of night animals, the bat tells them that they are night animals. Their relief is short lived when they are scared by two people camping in a nearby tent. The book ends with everyone running from everyone else. Everyone is afraid of each other! This is a brilliant, light-hearted look at nighttime fears that reinforces the idea that whatever is out there is more afraid of you than you are.

of them. The visual gags occur on every page and are all spot on hilarious. The possum is so expressive, and his interactions with the skunk are priceless. This is a great choice for story time for it's smooth flow, excellent pacing and humor. I think it will find it's best home as a one on one bedtime share so kids can fully appreciate the humor to be found in these illustrations. *Night Animals* is an enthusiastic recommend.

This book is adorable. We checked it out from the library when they placed it on the new release shelf and my kids were in love. I ordered it a few days later so they could add it to their personal bookshelf. It isn't a long read, but from the stinky skunk, to the opossum playing dead half the story and the panicking animals thinking other "night animals" are after them, it's a fun quick read.

**Summary:** Possum is scared. He warns Skunk that they better hide from the night animals. Before long, they're joined by a nervous wolf (â œHelp me! • â œHelp YOU?! You're a wolf!â •), and then by a bear. When a shadow appears across the moon, all four animals freak out until they realize it's just a bat. The bat asks them why they're so scared; when they tell him it's because of the night animals, he tells them, â œYou ARE night animals!â • That sets their minds at ease until they come across some campers in a tent. The campers and the animals manage to scare each other, and each group runs off in opposite directions. **Ages 3-8.**  
**Pros:** Cartoon bubbles keep the dialogue short and funny. The white parts of the animals, including their big round eyes, seem to glow in the dark against the black background. Anyone who has ever been told, â œThey're just as afraid of you as you are of themâ • will surely appreciate this book.  
**Cons:** The interesting facts about each animal are printed on the back of the dust jacket, which make them inaccessible on library books.

This is just a fun book for little people. You can have a really good time with this book and learn some things about nocturnal animals as well as just fun. My children like this book a lot and I would recommend this one for preschools and kindergartens especially. I like it very much.

This book is my 16 month old daughter's favorite. Every time she sees it she asks to sit on my lap and when we're done she says "more!" She loves the vivid illustrations and speech bubbles. She imitates the possum saying "shhh!" and the wolf's howl. Nothing makes her laugh harder than hearing her dad do the big bear voice or the squeaky bat voice. Because this book is so short, it's easy for a young toddler to follow along and enjoy. It's also great because the limited language

doesn't burn you out on re-reading it (over and over). A great choice for kids of all ages, and a definite keeper for our book shelf.

I would give it even more stars based solely on the awesome opossum. I checked this picture book out of the library, laughed out loud at the illustrations, and then purchased it for my own collection. This is such a fun book, especially if you have a child (or adult) who is afraid of the dark.

My 6-year-old niece loved this book. It was the perfect read for her very first sleepover with me. We read it together and giggled and ad libbed some silly lines of our own. Then she took it home and now reads it to her 3-year-old sister. It's a hit!

This book succeeds on every level - fabulous illustrations with the dark background and expressive animals. Fun plot about being scared at night by animals which you wouldn't think would get scared such as a wolf, a bear, a skunk. Engaging plot as children wait to see which animals is going to be afraid and show up next. Fun climax when everyone runs off afraid of nothing, it turns out. You can use the book to show sometimes we are afraid when we shouldn't be. This would be a great bedtime story as your child will feel superior to all of the animals who are afraid when he/she knows they shouldn't be. A preschool - first grade classroom would enjoy it, too. Although you have to be careful of not downplaying REAL dangers in the REAL world, so it's a fine line to walk. Maybe best read at home by parents.

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