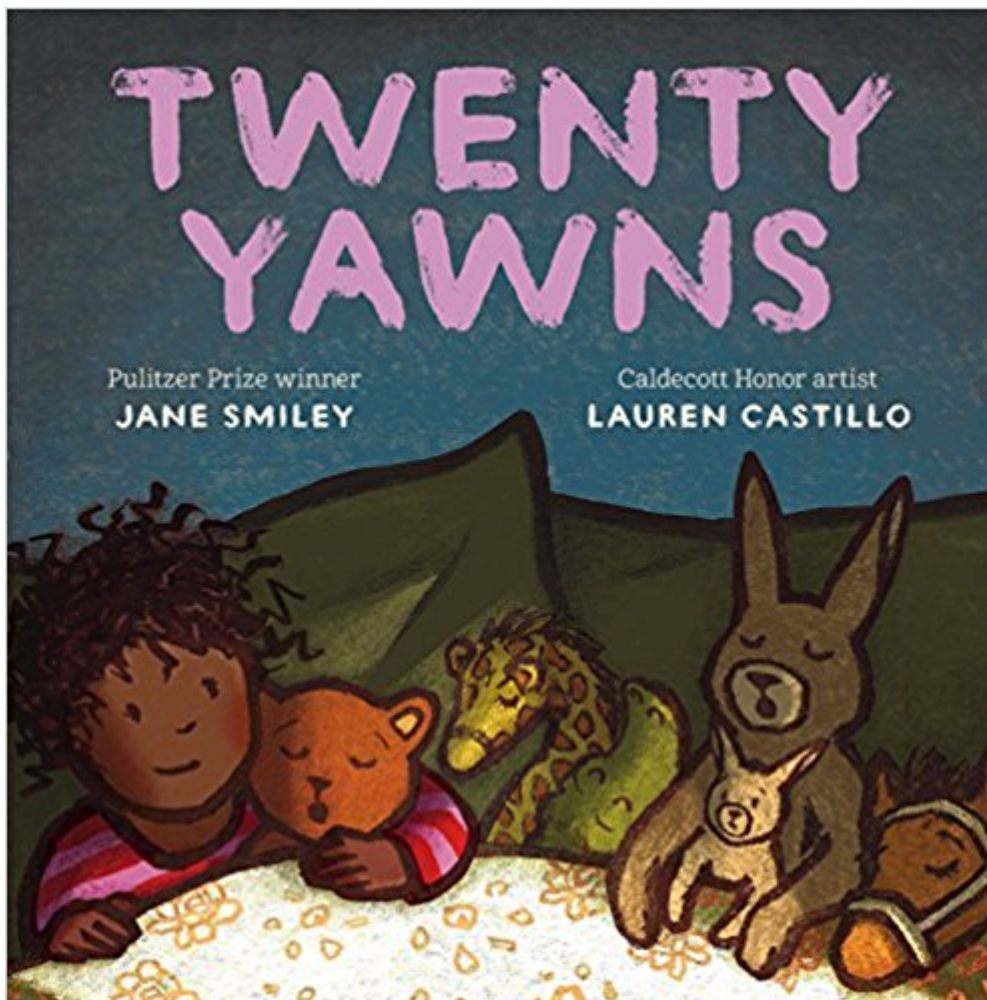


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Twenty Yawns



Synopsis

A Huffington Post Best Children's Book of the Year From Pulitzer Prize winner Jane Smiley and Caldecott Honor artist Lauren Castillo. As her mom reads a bedtime story, Lucy drifts off. But later, she awakens in a dark, still room, and everything looks mysterious. How will she ever get back to sleep? Pulitzer Prize winner Jane Smiley's first picture book, illustrated by Caldecott Honor artist Lauren Castillo, evokes the splashy fun of the beach and the quietude of a moonlit night, with twenty yawns sprinkled in for children to discover and count.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

In her first outing as picture book author, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Smiley (*A Thousand Acres*) explores the spookiness of being awake when everyone else has fallen asleep. After a long day at the beach, Lucy and her parents are out of steam. Mom dozes off during Lucy's bedtime read-aloud, and Lucy finds her father slumbering in his armchair when she tiptoes into the living room to retrieve her bear, Molasses. Lucy's sense of solitude is sharpened as she sees her drawings hanging on her bedroom wall: "Everyone in the pictures seemed to be watching her." Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt Elizabeth, Mom, and Dad. But this haunted moment passes, and by the time Lucy has put her beloved stuffed animals to bed, she's calm and ready for sleep. Castillo's (*Yard Sale*) spreads call up just the right sense of moonlit otherworldliness. Her

signature soft black outlines unite the beach prelude with the main nighttime story, and she quietly embraces diversity by making Lucy's family biracial. As a bonus, readers can search for the title's twenty yawns. Ages 3-7.

PreS-Gr 1-Lucy and her parents spend a delightful but exhausting day at the beach. Lucy digs a hole, rolls down a dune, chases a gull, and builds a sand castle. At bedtime, Mom falls asleep even before she finishes reading Lucy a story. Bright moonlight wakens the child, who searches for her toy bear and eventually carries all her stuffed animals to bed. The animals, the people in Lucy's drawings, and the moon yawn before settling down to sleep. Castillo's illustrations capture the warmth and vitality of sun-drenched beach activities as well as the shadowy calm of moonlit rooms. They add immeasurably to the story's tone and spot-on child-focused sensibilities. Hand-lettered onomatopoeia sounds like "swoosh" and "flap" add flair to the well-designed pages. VERDICT A sweet soporific and an attractive option for most collections wanting to refresh bedtime selections.-Kathy Piehl, Minnesota State University Library, Mankato (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Just finished reading this cute story to my 3-year old right before nap time. All the talk of yawns had us both yawning right along with Lucy. The illustrations are beautiful and the story is easy to read and follow. My toddler could relate to Lucy in so many ways. She said "look her mom and dad are swinging her just like we do!" She immediately asked me to read it again. It is recommended for ages 3-7. A child on the older end of that range may be a little bored with it but my 3 year old loved it. If the child approves, it has passed the ultimate critic. Definitely recommend. The pictures are beautifully drawn in warm inviting colors. I downloaded this on the kindle app on my iPad Air 2 and it came through well formatted and easy to read. I'm including some screenshots below. It's best if you read it with your iPad in the "landscape" position. The second screenshot shows a comparison of the regular text and how it is magnified if you double tap on it.

Starting as a fun day at the beach, this book ends with everyone yawning! This book is perfect for small pre-readers to read along and help. It has the repetitive sounds and playfully drawn words that help children begin to identify words, starting with Flap. Flap! But then it goes to YAWN. Eventually everyone yawns. This is a fun play on many good night books by changing the focus. It is also a fun counting book. It took me a couple times through the book to find the twentieth yawn.

Have you ever been scared at night in your room? Do you bring your favorite cloth friends to bed with you? The author, Jane Smiley, has written a lovely story about Lucy, her family and what happened one night when she was very tired. Lucy and her mom and dad spent the entire day at the beach. In fact, they stayed longer than they ever had before. Lucy was yawning as they trekked home. She put her James on inside out and hot into bed. Mom started reading a story and saw Lucy was sound asleep. However, Lucy woke up, and when you read this story, you will discover what happens next. Parents/teachers will enjoy reading this book to their children. The children will be able to relate to the adventures of Lucy. They will identify with the feelings Lucy had when she woke up in the middle of the night. The illustrations by Lauren Castillo are bright, vivid and colorful. They depict the adventures of the family, and then Lucy's time with her friends. This is a lovely story that most children and parents will find relevant and helpful to their lives. Recommended. prisrob

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My five year old little girl and I sat down to read my new book, Twenty Yawns. After reading a couple of pages, she started to yawn. By the end of the third page, I was yawning too. About that time, her brother (teen) walked into our family room and asked what we were doing. I said, "We are reading a book, Twenty Yawns. Why don't you join us?" He looked at us like we were crazy, but he listened too and soon started to yawn. It seemed we all were reading and yawning. I know, it's contagious! We read to the end, getting sleepier and sleepier. I closed the book, and my five year old looked up at me, still yawning said, "Let's do it again." I said, "we will have to find a soft space to take a nap if we try it again." With all of us still yawning, we decided to put the book away for now and do it again soon.

Lucy has a wonderful day at the beach with her parents. She digs in the sand, plays in the waves, and walks all the way to the end of the beach with her mom and dad. By the end of a day filled with sand castles, kites, and rolling down the dunes, everyone is ready for an early bedtime. When her mother falls asleep in the middle of reading her a bedtime story, Lucy decides that she needs her teddy bear. After she gets her bear (Molasses), and all her other animals tucked in, she finally gives one last yawn and falls asleep. There is so much to enjoy about this book. The cultural diversity of the family is welcome, especially in the current push for more inclusion in media of all sorts. It is nice to see a family enjoying each other and their day together. The illustrations capture the warm golds and browns of the sand and the cool blue of the water. Castillo shows the long walk down the beach by having the family appear several times along the length of the sand. In each appearance they

are doing something different - watching Lucy run after a seagull, helping her fly a kite, swinging her between them as they hold her hands. It is easy to see why they are all yawning as they head back home. The beautiful twilight sky with the silhouettes of palm trees will have readers longing for their own trip to the beach. There are wonderful vocabulary words such as horizon, veil, and mysterious. And I love the little details like Lucy putting her pajamas on inside out because she is so tired. Whether you have beach memories of your own family trip(s), *Twenty Yawns* is a wonderful bedtime story. Younger children will have fun counting all the yawns throughout the book or helping out with the sound effects. Those who are reading independently will enjoy the humor of parents falling asleep while the child is wide awake, or the idea that a teddy bear looks especially tired. A cozy way to end the day for everyone.

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