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A hockey fan's best night ever.

A young boy doesn't want to go to bed. The hockey game is on! And he's worried he won't be able to fall asleep. After his parents have tucked him in and turned out the light, he decides he'll listen to the hockey game on a radio placed under his pillow. With the familiar drone of the announcer's voice for company, the boy drifts off to sleep. And there he is on the ice playing for his favorite team — and scoring the winning goal!

“What a play! What a goal! What a game!” What a beautiful dream!

Award-winning author Andrew Larsen's simple yet evocative story sets just the right tone for the youngest children, who can relate to the boy's disappointment about missing the exciting nighttime game and his fears that he won't be able to fall asleep. Jacqui Lee's illustrations in soothing greens and blues are done in a wonderful blend of nostalgic and contemporary styles that suit the story's timelessness. This book provides all of the appeal of the perfect bedtime story: the reassurance of caring parents tucking the boy in and then coming back later to check on him, the bedtime routine, the atmospheric winter night outside while it's cozy and snug inside, and the promise of dreams come true.

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Becky says

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Carla Johnson-Hicks says

This is a cute title for young hockey fans as well as a great bedtime story for someone who loves hockey. As this young boy falls asleep listening to the hockey game on the radio, he dreams he is in the game. What fun, especially when he scores the winning goal. I was not impressed with the illustrations for this one, I thought they could have really added to the story if done with more colour even. The family all watched the game together which was nice showing a family doing things together and not just being in the same room. A great family book. The publisher generously provided me with a copy of this book via Netgalley.

Vanessa says

I received the digital ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review. I really enjoyed the pictures in this book and the story was something that resonates with me because I Love hockey. The story was about a little kid not wanting to miss the big game but has to go to bed. I love that he puts the radio on to hear the game as he drifts off and dreams. While I enjoyed the book I wish it could have been just a little longer. Definitely one of a kind since hockey books are so hard to come by.

Cindy Mitchell *Kiss the Book* says

Larsen, Andrew Goodnight, Hockey Fans, illustrated by Jacqui Lee. PICTURE BOOK. Kids Can Press, 2017. \$16.99.

A young hockey fan spends the evening watching a hockey game on TV with his family, but must go to bed before the game is over. After being tucked in bed, he pulls out an old radio and tunes in to hear the play-by-play. As he drifts off to sleep, he dreams he subs into the game, himself, and scores a goal.

I have a peculiar love for this book that I cannot fully explain. Its a simple book with a classic feel, and it made me so happy and nostalgic for a childhood winter that I probably never had but just saw in movies. I love the quiet feel of the story, the calming color scheme in the illustrations and I want my kids to love hockey so I have more reasons to read this book. I think adults and kids who love hockey (or sports in

general) will love this book; everyone else can enjoy it for the nice story that it is.

Pre-K, EL (K-3)--ADVISABLE. Reviewer: TC
<https://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2017...>

Janelle says

Any child will tell you, bedtime sometimes comes at the worst moment. For example, when the boy is watching a hockey game. He'd like to stay up, but Mom and Dad are pretty clear that it's time to turn in. The boy finds a clever way to soothe himself to sleep where he has sweet dreams.

This was a charming book with wonderfully evocative watercolor illustrations. The art is soft, clean, and bright, exactly what you want for younger children. The story isn't terribly long or involved, and I could see young hockey fans appreciating it.

I read this to my 8 year old for her feedback--she is starting to get interested in hockey lately. While she liked it, the story is definitely a little young for her. I would say this is a good goodnight book for the 3-5 set.

Amie's Book Reviews says

I have to admit that I have a positive bias toward children's books that are about hockey. As a proud Canadian who also happens to have male children, hockey was a huge part of our lives for many years.

Anyway, with that said, I enjoyed both the story and the illustrations in this book. I think that kids can never have enough hockey titles in their library. I rate this book as 4 out of 5 Stars. ????!

Thank you to Netgalley for providing me with a free e-copy of this book.

To read more of my reviews visit my blog <http://AmiesBookReviews.wordpress.com>

Stephanie (ITakePicturesOfBooks) says

~Disclaimer~

I received this book for free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. This in no way affected my opinion of the book, or the content of my review.

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This is a cute bedtime story about a boy who is told to go to bed in the middle of watching a hockey game. He can't fall asleep not knowing what is happening in the game. He finds his dad's old radio and finds the station playing the game. While listening to the game he falls asleep and dreams that he has joined the action. I think that this was a cute and simple picture book. I loved the illustrations and the use of colour. All kids will be able to relate to having to go to bed and missing out on things. Go and pick this up when it hits stores for your little hockey fan.

Wayne McCoy says

'Goodnight, Hockey Fans' by Andrew Larsen with illustrations by Jacqui Lee is about a young hockey player and what happens at bedtime.

A young hockey player is watching the game, but now it's bedtime. He doesn't want to miss the game, so he sneaks a radio to bed with him to hear the end of the game. As he dozes off to sleep, he dreams he is part of the game!

Any child knows how it goes when bedtime is near and you can't finish watching or reading or playing. I remember reading under the covers with a flashlight because I wanted to read one more chapter. This little hockey fan gets to do one better than I did by dreaming about his game. The story is a cute one and the illustrations match it really well.

I received a review copy of this ebook from Kids Can Press and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this ebook.

Aaron says

Just a cute little story about a kid who really wants to stay up and watch hockey but has to go to bed. It has a traditional feel to it when the child ends up listening to the game on the radio. There is also a dream like feel when the child falls asleep thinking about hockey. The illustrations add to the dream like quality. I think adults who had similar experiences will love this book the way I did. Others might have trouble relating to the experience, but will hopefully be drawn in by how much joy the boy gets out of the experience, I think this one comes out on Tuesday. I got an E-ARC on NetGalley.

Bailey Sulfridge says

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Meag McKeron says

Got in a new batch of books at the library and was beyond excited to see a hockey-themed picture book! This never happens. It's always football or baseball or basketball or track or soccer or literally ANYTHING besides hockey. (Can you tell I'm a hockey fan that feels a little neglected?).

Rant finished. This was good. I thought it really brought the excitement of hockey to life through the broadcaster's quotes and the illustrations. I'm sure a lot of kids can also relate to the feeling of wanting to stay up to watch the big game (no matter the sport) but having to go to bed. I rarely add picture books to Goodreads but I had to shelve this one as a reminder to buy it for my future children (who will be Flyers fans if I have anything to do with it).

Dierdre says

Nice story for young hockey fans. A young boy wants to stay up late to finish watching a hockey game, but his parents make him go to bed. He can't sleep and takes out an old radio to listen to the game. He drifts off and happily dreams that he is the star player. I haven't seen as many hockey books as the other popular sports, so that was a bonus. I appreciated that his parents have different skin colors, though they are not necessarily different races. The radio part was a bit dated. Sadly, my children probably don't even know how to work an old transistor radio, just digital, so it was actually nice to see a young person using old technology.

Tara says

Review also published at kissthebook.blogspot.com

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Tara Morrow says

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This book is super cute and does a great job at using imagination for children

This book would be great in any early classroom especially in pre k where students still have story time.

Stephanie says

Goodnight, Hockey Fans by Andrew Larsen, illustrated by Jacqui Lee, and published by Kids Can Press is

the perfect bedtime story for your young hockey stars.

We had the privilege of seeing Andrew Larsen at Telling Tales Festival in the fall and got a first glimpse of this sweet little story. It was so interesting to hear the inspiration behind the story of the late nights listening to Hockey Night in Canada on the radio until gently drifting off to sleep.
