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The adored children's classic Goodnight Moon gets a classic lit makeover in this charming parody of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice novel. All of Austen's much-loved characters are at the Netherfield Ball.

In the great ballroom, there was a country dance, and a well-played tune, and Elizabeth Bennett; and Mr. Darcy surprised, by a pair of fine eyes . . . And don't forget Jane with a blush and Mr. Bingley turned to mush, and a gossiping mother and father saying hush.

Parents and toddlers alike will enjoy this new take on Austen's timeless work à la Goodnight Moon.

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Amanda Geske says

“Goodnight buffoon.”

Jennifer says

Oh my gosh! This was a hilarious parody!

Sheila Majczan says

Bought this for my 2-year-old granddaughter, Mae, and she loves it. It finally fell apart so they bought her the hard board one. I then bought her 2 other BabyLit books in the JA genre.

Emily Giuffre says

Are you a Price and Prejudice fan? Have you read Goodnight Moon or read it to a little one in your life? I don't say this about ANY book, but this book is PERFECT. Enjoy...

Paige says

SO adorable! Shout out to my sister for getting me this for Christmas.

Wendy says

Not my favorite BabyLit, perhaps because I don't love the style of Goodnight Moon. The images inside are all Pride and Prejudice related but don't really have any story value and would make very little sense to a child who doesn't know the source material. It's not a bad book, it's just more for Austen-loving parents than really a book for the little ones.

Taryn says

This is the absolute best thing! So ironically funny and cute!

Shanna says

Super cute and fun to read! Love the illustrations and especially the "mush."

Meredith (Austen-esque Reviews) says

This review is coming from the perspective of two readers who are not very familiar with the children's classic, *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown (shocking, I know!) Hubby, born in Colombia, didn't read it as a child, and I honestly can't remember if I did! My more memorable childhood reads were books by Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, and Robert Munsch.

Regardless, we were both looking forward to reading this parody of a classic!

OUR THOUGHTS:

Hubby: I enjoyed the story a lot. Being familiar with *Pride and Prejudice*, it was nice to see all the key words and familiar characters represented such as: Netherfield, Lydia, Jane, and Mrs. Bennet. The artwork is well done, attractive, and colorful. I liked how they paid homage to *Goodnight Moon*, with the similar cover, color palette, font, and even saying on one page "Goodnight Moon."

Meredith: Super fun and cute! With such an abbreviated medium to tell the story of *Pride and Prejudice*, it looks like the author mostly focused on two main elements – the Netherfield Ball and the happily ever after. :) Keeping it light for young readers who might not be ready for tales of pride, prejudice, and misunderstandings before they go to bed! I loved seeing such beloved characters in this storybook kind of setting. And the ending was perfect with the rhymes chosen!

However, we both agreed that the story did feel a little bit jarring in how it changed from setting the scene at the Netherfield Ball and introducing the guests there, to saying the litany of goodnights. Maybe one more page about the events of the ball/evening coming to an end would have made a smoother transition.

OUR RATINGS:

As a Children's Story: 4 stars

Great for a bedtime story, will lull little ones to sleep with the rhythmic rhyme scheme. If we were reading it to a child though, we'd definitely elaborate the story a little bit. Explaining what "fine eyes" are and why Mr. Bennet has to say "hush."

As a Parody: 5 stars

Perfect! There many little touches that were added to pay homage to *Goodnight Moon*, including a a cute little mouse! Looking through the amazon preview of *Goodnight Moon*, we see there are so many lines and images that are alluded to in this parody. Very impressed.

As an Austen-Inspired Work: 4.5 stars

Represented Jane Austen's era and characters very well! Austen-lovers will definitely appreciate all the

subtle nods to Pride and Prejudice.

OUR VERDICT:

The books published by BabyLit are a fabulous way for literary minded adults to share their love for great classics with their children/grandchildren/nieces and nephews. Want your children to know Mr. Darcy, Elizabeth Bennet, and Jane Austen? Start 'em young! Goodnight Mr. Darcy is a brilliant way to introduce young children to the world of Jane Austen!

Erikka says

This was super cute and would make a great baby gift, but I wish it parodied "Good Night Moon" a bit closer. It basically turns Elizabeth and Darcy's story into a little meet cute with none of the heart of the novel. I liked it conceptually more than in practice.

Courtney Stevens says

Fun little read, parody of goodnight moon. Glad I know the story of Pride & Prejudice cuz I wouldn't get it from this book.

Sarah says

A wonderful mix of two of my favorite books!

María Eugenia says

El libro es una parodia de Goodnight Moon, así que supongo que tendrá más gracia si es un libro que conoces desde pequeño, pero yo lo acabo de leer por primera vez justo antes de la parodia y sigue siendo graciosa la comparación. La paleta de colores es igual y las escenas que va enumerando son (en mi opinión) igual de random que en el original.

Voy a ser un poco pedante (¡lo siento!) y reconocer que me chocó un poco que los vestidos en muchas páginas tengan el corte por la cintura en vez de ser corte imperio. Y ya, ya sé que es una parodia de un cuento de niños y no una reproducción de la moda de la época, pero no lo puedo evitar, se me van los ojos a esos detalles. ?

Robin says

"Goodnight fine eyes" ?

Brenda says

Cute re-do on Good Night Moon with Pride and Prejudice pages.
