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When Mama Hen kisses her kids goodnight, she expects them to stay in bed. But those chicks...run...wild! They jump around and do cartwheels until Mama comes in and scolds them. But when she turns out the lights, the chicks start a pillow fight! Finally, Mama gets her chickies settled—but it turns out she's not ready for bed, either....

Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen's playful rhymes and spunky attitude pair with Ward Jenkins's exuberant artwork to make a family favorite for each and every bedtime.

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Melissa says

Nice rhyme that actually scans, lively illustrations with fun details (faves: the Abbey Road w/chicks image on the wall and book The Egg & I on the dresser). I also like Stay Awake, Sally, by Modarressi for bedtime role-reversal.

Theophilus (Theo) says

I loved it. No, it's not about young, drunken coeds, on spring break, it's about real chicks. Mama Hen can't get her baby chicks to stay in bed and go to sleep. Every time she says goodnight and leaves the room, they 'go wild'. "She put her wings on her hips and . . . then she gives them all a peck . . ." 15 minutes that will brighten your day.

Tasha says

Mama Hen tucks each of her five little chicks into bed with fluffed up pillows and kisses. But when she leaves the room, the chicks run wild! They jump, play, dance. Even though they try to hide what they are doing from their mama, she figures it out. Again, she tries to tuck them into bed, but again they run wild when she leaves. Finally, she catches them in a wild pillow fight and that is when her response surprises the chicks. She offers to play with them! Now all of them go wild with dancing. The chicks get tired and beg to return to bed, so now is mama's turn to continue the wild evening in her own way.

Bardhan has written the book in a rollicking rhyme that is ideal for reading aloud. At times the rhythm of the verse can be clunky and the rhymes may be a stretch, but the attitude of the book more than makes up for these small issues. Her ultimately flexible parenting model in the book reminds all of us that sometimes rules are meant to be bent and broken.

Jenkins' illustrations are large and vibrant. They will work well with groups of children who will also enjoy their frenetic energy. The illustrations, done in pencil and painted digitally, have a great modern and cartoon feel that will appeal to young readers.

This book will wake up bedtime stories or it can be used to enliven spring story times. Appropriate for ages 3-5.

Kami Kinard says

My favorite Sudipta Book. Fun! Cute. Hens and chicks will all be able to relate. Hopefully, roosters will get a kick out of this chicklet chick lit too!

Katieb (MundieMoms) says

Chicks Run Wild is a fabulous addition to any bed time book collection. The rhyming words, the illustrations and the silly things the chicks do, make this book one both kids and parents will enjoy. As a parent, any book that captures my children's attention and is engaging for them is a huge success.

I really enjoyed the mother hen. Not only did I relate to her in her numerous attempts to get her kids to stay in bed, but I liked her gentle reminder that it's okay to break your own rules and play with the kids for a few minutes, tiring them out more before putting them back into bed.

This is a delightful read and I'm looking forward to reading countless times before bedtime, and the laughs that will ensue from it.

Peggy Archer says

Mama tucks her little chicks into bed, but every time she leaves the room, the 'chicks run wild!' Finally, Mama, who is tired and a bit exasperated, does something that surprises the chicks--and the readers as well! Read the book to find out! Kids are sure to enjoy this book, and the illustrations that add to a really fun read.

Heidi-Marie says

Fun pictures. Rhyming scheme was pretty good (except that I don't say "Pajamas" the way the author does, apparently). Fun to see the story progress. Love Mama Hen's solution. A little disconcerted for a moment that they have feather pillows--but maybe they're goose feathers, so we're all right? :-) I did not like the last page/ending. If I could read the book without that last page, I would totally do this for a storytime.

3/20/13 & 3/21/13: I did a bedtime theme for our first preschool Spring Storytime. This was the opener. I had the kids go wild each time I read "wild." And, from an idea from another reader, I had them kiss each chick each time Mama did. They enjoyed the book, though the ending they looked at me confused. I suppose they're not used to seeing Mama run wild? The mamas in the room at least smiled. And once I asked "Is Mama happy they finally went to bed," they seemed to get it, even if the looks on their faces showed they have no idea just HOW Mama would run wild. Not that I could blame them. I'd probably go wild by having the chance to read a book uninterrupted! :-) Oooo, wild.

Barbara says

It's time for bed for all little chicks, but when Mama Hen puts them to bed, they aren't ready and start to play after she leaves. Time and time again she cautions them to go to sleep, but the same thing happens each time. They wait until she has left, and then chaos erupts. In desperation, Mama turns the tables on them and keeps them busy until they are exhausted. The rhyming lines give this story a fast pace and ear-catching rhythm, and young readers will enjoy hearing and reading this one over and over. The pencil and digital illustrations contain many clever surprises such as the chicks' drawings on the wall and Mama's viewing of the DVD of that poultry classic *Gone with the Wing* whose players actually resemble their human counterparts.

Miss Sarah says

baby chicks run wild after mama puts them to sleep she keeps checking on them and finally catches them and asks where is her invitation. Then she parties with them till they fall asleep.

Mahbubul says

Just read it to my 3 year old son and he loved it. It has colorful pictures and the story is presented in rhymes.

Lynae Aelvoet says

Summary: A mother hen is trying to put her five baby chicks in bed, but she is having some trouble. Every time Mama Hen leaves the chick's bedroom they run wild! The chicks jump on their beds, do cartwheels, and even have pillow fights. The wild chicks are caught by their mother multiple times, but not matter what Mamma says, the chicks still disobey. While the chicks are playing around, when they should be sleeping, Mamma catches them for the last time. Instead of telling the chicks to stop she asks a question. Mamma asked her chicks if she could join in on the fun and they said yes. The family then goes wild until the baby chicks become sleepy and cannot play anymore. Finally, the chicks stay asleep in their beds and Mamma can go wild.

Theme: The theme of this picture book is patience and composure. When something does not go your way or people do not do what you ask of them. Instead of losing your temper, have patience and stay calm.

Personal Response: Chicks Run Wild is a very sweet book that was a fun read. I truly enjoyed the illustration because of the bright colors and cute faces of the main characters. I read this book to a three-year-old, who I babysit, and she could not get enough of it. She absolutely loved the book with the rhyming words, the colorful illustration, and the adorable characters. I think the book's message of patience is key because I believe it is a trait people should have.

Recommendation: I would recommend this book because it is a fun read for both children and parents. The story is a joy to read because of the rhyming words and the illustration is beautiful to look at. The theme of the book also shows children not only the importance of listening to their elders, but also the importance of composure.

Julie says

One of my new favorites! I love the illustrations.

Sarah says

It's not a favorite for me, but I can see the rhyme and bright use of colors being popular with preschoolers.

Donalyn says

I won't deny it; I love chicken books. If I want to smile, I pick up a book starring a chicken. In this hilarious bedtime book, five chicks disobey their mother by going wild at bedtime instead of sleeping. Rhymes are fun and interesting, and the conclusion of the story will delight both young readers and adults. Winner, winner...no chicken dinner, but chicken dancing is good.

Kelly says

Cute, silly, colorful, whimsical. This is a neat book.
