Review of: Goodnight Little Bookstore
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AdultReviewer: Jan Butterworth
Student Reviewers: Kyle Butterworth, Kindergarten
Jake Butterworth, 2nd Grade

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**Adult Review:**

This book did not have a traditional plot and instead conveyed the ins and outs of running and closing a bookstore for the night. The book also doesn’t focus on specific, named characters and instead features a diverse cast of human and animal patrons and employees of the bookstore. While the first part of the book focuses on one bookstore, the story ends by showing bookstores all over the world, implying a common experience for those who frequent these spaces. This concept may be hard for young readers to grasp; however, they will enjoy meeting the various characters and viewing the beautiful illustrations throughout the book.

This book was reviewed at the request of JoLLE. It would appeal to educators who are interested in stories that feature diverse characters and those emphasizing the shared human experiences. The book would appeal to children who enjoy studying the illustrations, as there is much to be observed in each picture.

As stated in the earlier section, the ending of this book (connecting it to bookstores everywhere) may go over young readers’ heads and require additional explanation. Also, the illustrations include many unique details, so it is worth taking the time to pause and allow readers to examine all the “Easter eggs” in each image.

**Student Review:**

Kyle Butterworth: I liked all the pictures. Other kids will like this book because it is pretty and they might think it’s funny.

Jake Butterworth: I didn’t like this book because it was too short and there was barely even detail. Little kids might like the pictures. Maybe Pre-K kids or Kindergarteners.