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Amanda says

Loved the illustrations! The text was charming too. Great little "factoids" in the back to take it another level deeper. All around a terrific book! Best of 2015.

Beth Kakuma-Depew says

Fun planetary bedtime story. I just wish that the author hadn't kept Pluto as the Sole Ninth Planet. The text says that it's not a real planet, and the end note discuss that it's a dwarf planet along with others. But couldn't the author had skimmed some kids non-fiction books and included those new dwarf planets?

Rachel says

Fun bedtime book about the planets.

Marcie says

PK-2nd grade. As two kids (from earth) are getting ready for bed, the author tells readers how beings from each planet in our solar system get ready for bed, too. The fun, rhyming language describes routines that may be oddly familiar to earth children. The text even includes some interesting facts about each planet ("Since Neptune swarms with icy clouds..."). The sometimes-silly illustrations are bold and colorful. This book is a great bedtime story for any space fan!

Angie says

Synopsis: *"Aaaaaand they're off . . . to bed! Aliens from every planet rocket through their out-of-this-world bedtime routines—they sink into steamy crater bubble baths and shimmy into deep-sleep suits, just like you (almost)! Brian Won's glowing graphic art pops off the page, and Rob Sanders's goofy rhymes will have kids racing to snuggle under the covers and blast off to dreamland."*

My Review: Munchkin has decided he wants to be an astronaut, so I went on a hunt for some astronaut and outer space books for him. This was one of only 4 I could find in 2 book stores. It was okay, I would have preferred something a little more realistic but it definitely was creative. You get to travel through space and visit aliens on the different planets as they prepare for bedtime. It had a nice rhythm and the artwork was very vibrant.

Read Ribbet says

Sanders envisions a Bedtime story that tells Earth kids using a rhyme verse how all the other planets inhabitants go to bed. Structured around the eight planets and Pluto ("so very small it's not a planet at all") with end notes capturing facts about the planets, it's a fun read with some factual information sprinkled in.

Kelsey says

Age: Toddler+

Science: Space

Two boys snuggle up in bed and hear about how alien children across their solar system go to bed. Rhyming poetry make this a fun and fast read-aloud with delightful illustrations of various aliens throughout our solar system.

Semantics, but the uncertainty is present. It's not entirely clear why it's called a bedtime race--are the aliens racing against each other to go to sleep first? In the end, we see the Earth boys barreling through space on their bed but I'm not entirely sure how they got there. Have they been racing around the solar system this whole time?

Carrie says

I wasn't that hooked on the story, but the pictures are nice and it's full of facts about each planet--that Jupiter has 60 moons, that outer planets are icy, etc.--so kids who like space would probably find it neat to read. It also winds down nicely and ends with a "and now it's your turn, sleepyhead!" so it could make a good bedtime story.

Paula says

Outer Space Bedtime Race, in concept, sounds like a great idea, pairing cute aliens with a bedtime theme. And yet, the concept falls a bit flat, due in large part to the uneven rhyming couplets and in small part to the "race" which is less of an actual race and more just the planets relative distance from the sun. Even more strange, the Earth is never mentioned. In the beginning, the reader is introduced to two pajama clad boys "spinning on their earthly ball", but Earth, as a planet with its own set of rhyming couplets, never appears between Venus and Mars. To its credit, the illustrations are whimsical and the text gives hints to the true nature of each planet. When paired with the 'Sleepy Bedtime Planet Factoids' at the end of the book, the reader gets even more information about the solar system. But, overall, this is more miss than hit and an optional purchase.

Tori says

As the planets of our solar system race around the sun, bringing nighttime to all the children (human and alien alike), the narrator describes how all the alien children get ready for bed. A cute, colorful rhyme. Could work in either an alien-themed or bedtime-themed storytime.

Sheri says

This book about what the people on all the planets do to get ready for bed and fall asleep ties in all nine planets (yes Pluto, too). Makes a progression from the Sun to Pluto and rhymes along. At the back are some factoids about each planet and the references. The illustrator had great fun guessing at the inhabitants looks.

Luisa Knight says

Cute outer space pictures and a fun, rhyming narrative!

Ages: 4 - 7

Cleanliness: mentions children sleeping in the buff and shows one outlined child with his butt showing.

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Tori Kelley says

The gorgeous language of Rob Sanders' writing makes learning about the planets fun. It's always a plus when an author can mix facts with fun fiction and this book doesn't disappoint. Paired with whimsical illustrations, each planet gets its own clever description of how children in outer space prepare for bed. This book gets my little ones ready to be lulled into dreams of the cosmos while riding a shooting star all the way.

Amy Ackerman says

Opening: "How many of you have been in a race? [Students raise their hands.] What type of race was it? [Invite student responses.] [Show the cover.] Today we are going to read a story about a bedtime race between kids on different planets. What are the names of some planets that you know? [Students respond.] One of the great things about this book is even though it is fiction; we will learn some pretty neat facts about each planet."

Opening moves: invites personal connections, activates background knowledge, alerts reader to the genre
Rationale: I chose this book because it is fun fictional story that fits with the text set of outer space. The students can relate to two themes in the story- bedtime and races. The illustrations are colorful and eye catching for the children to enjoy. I also really like how the author carefully crafts in facts about each planet. They are woven in so well that the students won't even know they are learning while enjoying the story!

Matthew Winner says

First up is Outer Space Bedtime Race by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Brian Won. And this is published by Random House. This is a bedtime book, a race to bed (of course) in rhyming text with a visit to each of the planets along the way and my goodness does this not have the most beautifully designed art by Brian Won. This is the guy who brought us Hooray for Hat earlier this year. And it has so many different charming aliens, spacey pictures, and everything just kind of seems to glow off of the page. It's beautiful. And paired with the Ron's rhyming text that... I've just got to flat out say that there is one point where we talk about the creatures of Saturn going to bed in the buff, which is something that I think kids are not going to be able to forget. This is such a beautifully designed book and one that feels new for space books. It feels new for designing characters from from other planets in making them look unique and cute and adorable. So, really well-done! I love this book! Outer Space Bedtime Race. Check it out!

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