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When a boy named Harry sneaks out of bed one night with his best friend, Horsie, to play with his Super Duper Bubble Blooper—an out-of-this-world adventure begins!

Illustrated with retro-comic art, this is a charming story about the power of friendship and imagination.

Harry and Horsie Details

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Canadian Children's Book Centre says

Reviewed by Kathy Gorgon

With the moon shining through the window onto his new Super Duper Bubble Blooper, Harry finds it hard to fall asleep. With the help of his dearest friend and partner in crime, a stuffed horse named Horsie, Harry captures the bubble gun from the shelf and begins firing. Before long, bubbles of all sizes are filling Harry's room and, suddenly, bubbles are swallowing up his toys and floating them out the window towards space. First his toy train, then his cars, his planes, his shoes, and then... Horsie! Without a moment to spare, Harry prepares himself for an unforgettable adventure in space to rescue his friend and return safely home. Katie Van Camp's debut picture book *Harry and Horsie* is an imaginative story of friendship, loyalty and adventure. The tale is brought to life through the actionpacked vintage comic-inspired illustrations of Lincoln Agnew. Agnew's use of comic panels and splash pages ensures that there's always something exciting to see on each page. This charming picture book is sure to satisfy anyone's thirst for adventure and it celebrates the notion of that friends can come in all shapes and sizes.

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Rachel Trisch says

The genre for this book is children's lit/adventure. One unique feature of this book is the fascinating retro-style it has. This book could be used in a 1-3rd grade classroom.

Samina says

Remember the times when you couldn't sleep at night? *Harry and Horsie* is a boy named Harry who can't sleep at night and takes his best friends, Horsie, and they sneak out of bed one night. Mesmerized by the moon, they decide to take a trip to outer space. They ride a rocket and travel around space. This is a cute book when talking about onomatopoeia with students. There are a lot of words like "Zoom" and "Bloop". The pictures are really nice, almost looking like a comic book. I really like the dark colors, showing that it's night time. Overall, I would recommend this book to younger kids.

Vivian says

This little gem worked perfectly with this week's story time theme blend of "Stars & Cowboys". Yahoo!

Try a "conversational story time" with pre-schoolers...and watch their "Emergent Literacy" skills grow.

Read the title. "*Harry and Horsie*". Tell them Katie Van Camp had the idea and wrote the words. Lincoln Agnew made the pictures. (You're creating the awareness, over time with each introduction of a book, that books are made by people.)

The first page of this book is illustrated in silhouette. Point to some of the shapes and ask the child / children "What is this?" "What is happening?" "What do you think we'll see when we turn the page?"

(You are engaging in "Dialogic Reading" which stimulates their "Narrative Skills" which gives a child the ability to make descriptions, tell stories, and understand flow.)<http://www.readingrockets.org/article...>

Turn page.

"What do we see?" "Does he have a name?" "Do you think these words over here on this page will tell us who they are?" (You are creating "Print Awareness", drawing the child's attention to the existence and function of print.)<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2012/...>

Read page. Read next page (which is formatted like a comic book, with four boxes)

More involvement suggestions..

Invite children to make the "bloop, bloop, bloop" sound with you (unbeknownst to them they are engaging in an emergent literacy skill--phonemic awareness, the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.)

Ask questions. "What did he find on Saturn?" (There's a "Vocabulary" moment for you!--becoming aware of specific names of things. In the case of reading readiness--the more vocabulary in a child's "bank", the better!)

Encourage involvement. "Can you meow like a cat?" (Children LOVE making animal sounds, and it provides another exercise in "phonemic awareness".

Here's the deal-y-oh. It's fun. Just plain fun.

Lynn Davidson says

Harry and Horsie went everywhere together. One night, when Harry couldn't sleep, he got down his bubble blaster and blooped bubbles all through his room. Oops! The bubbles got big enough to carry away his toys, including Horsie, so Harry goes on a space adventure to find him.

Carlos Díaz says

Great illustration, unamusing story.

Steven R. McEvoy says

Harry and Horsie are best friends. And then one night, Horsie gets trapped in a bubble and floats off to space. Harry must rescue him. Based on Dave Letterman's son, the story is charming and fun. Illustrated in a classic style it will take parents back to their own youth. It is almost like a Calvin & Hobbes without the cynicism. My kids loved this story on first reading and asked for it again and again. It will soon become a family favorite. Van Camp and Agnew have created a great story and hopefully there will be many more adventures with Harry and Horsie to come.

Read the review on my blog [Book Reviews and More](#).

Luke Anderson says

Accelerated Reader BL: 2.5

Lexile: 560L (Estimated)

The best word to describe this book is "cute." The character is cute in the illustrations is cute and the story is cute. The limited color is unique and kind of fun too. I liked it, but I'm not in love.

Traits: Presentation, Sentence Fluency

Shannon K says

I pulled this book off the shelf because the cover caught my attention. As I read through the book I was just amazed by the illustrations. Every page is unique and original, looking as if they come straight from a comic book. The illustrator, Lincoln Agnew, used a limited color palette of blues, red, yellow, and white giving it a super hero vibe. The illustrations are intriguing and go along great with the story. Any child would love this adventurous story of imagination and friendship.

Shel says

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Appetizer: One night, Harry and his stuffed animal Horsie are having trouble sleeping. So, Harry decides to get out his Super Duper Bubble Blooper to make bubbles. When one of the bubbles carries Horsie away through the window, it's up to Harry to rescue him. His quest will take him around across the solar system.

I liked the comic style of Lincoln Agnew's illustrations. They very intentionally bring to mind the comics of the 1950s. And the story itself matches the classic feel of the illustrations.

The picturebook is very relatable for young readers with a personified stuffed animal and an imaginative adventure that takes Harry to other worlds.

Dinner Conversation:

"It was way past bedtime, but Harry wasn't tired. Neither was Horsie."

"Wherever Harry went, Horsie went too, so they crept across the room. Harry knew exactly how to get his Bubble Blooper down. And of course, Horse helped him."

"Bloop bloop bloop"

Soon bubbles of all shapes and sizes filled Harry's room."

"And then, all of a sudden, a giant bubble BLOOPED and swept up...Horsie!"

"There was no time to lose! Harry put on his helmet and grabbed his goggles."

To Go with the Meal:

Great for entertaining young readers, this book positions a young imaginative child as a superhero who can rescue others. But while doing that, Harry and Horsie doesn't include any violence (in fact the bubble gun-while fun-actually causes Harry's problem by carrying Horsie away).

This picturebook could also start a tentative discussion on other planets or could be paired with an information picturebook on space or space travel.

In response to the story students could also describe their favorite imaginary friend or stuffed animal and could describe an adventure they would like to go on together.

Tasty Rating: !!!!

Riah says

Clever story with beautiful artwork. Not one that my boys want to read over and over though.

Alicia says

The story, unfortunately, does not suit the fantastic illustrations.

Dionne says

Ok. A one read book for my little one though.

Luisa Knight says

Fun retro illustrations for this bedtime, space adventure.

Ages: 3 - 6

#bedtime

Sierra Kisiday says

This charming story features Harry, a mischievous hero or little boy who is devoted to his favorite stuffed toy but imagines himself as a space adventurer. He delights in seeing his toys having their own adventures. He cheers his cars as they race on Saturn's rings, and spots Kitty luxuriating in the Milky Way. Instead of going to sleep, Harry plays with his Super Duper Bubble Blooper and laughs as the bubbles float his toys away. When Horsie gets picked up in a bubble, however, he goes on a rescue mission. This story is a really cute bedtime story, I feel most children will enjoy.
