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This lively poem by the author of *Goodnight Moon* tells the tale of one little boy's letter. What happens after the boy drops it into the mailbox? How does it get to his grandma's house? Children will enjoy this rollicking tale of the seven little postmen who got the mail through.

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### Winslow says

You've become more interested in the processing of the mail in this book, and wrote and sent a letter to grandma inspired by the book. You also recently acted out gathering, dumping out, and putting mail into a mailbox (tissue box) like the postmen in the book, including delivering letters to various stuffed animals.

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### Marya says

Even after the advent of FedEx and UPS, I still have a soft spot for the United Postal Service. This book reminds us all of what a miracle something like a postal service, even if the seven little postman look kind a like interchangeable pod people.

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### f says

the art has a nice charm, and i like that it focuses on all the unseen work that goes into delivering the mail. However, the book is from a 1952 alternate universe where all US letter carriers were white men in a completely caucasian america. it also seems to want to rhyme but doesn't, which is really frustrating. i like the poem at the end:

Seven Little Postmen  
Out of sight.  
Over Land and Sea  
Through Air and Light  
Through Snow and Rain  
And Gloom of Night-  
Put a stamp on your letter  
And seal it tight.

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### Shan says

I almost want to rate this 4 instead of 5 stars, as the rhyme/rhythm of the book isn't as flowing as most children's books. However, once I read it out loud a few times through to my child, I got the hang of how to time words and which words to emphasize to really keep it going smoothly and in sync,

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### R. says

There is actually a poem by the same title in the back of the book that this story is based off of. The entire premise is that a little boy has a secret to tell his grandmother, so he sends it in a specially sealed letter through the mail. Very little mail seems to be sent this way today, aside from bills that adults read, so children don't have the same experience with this mode of communication as they used to. It makes for an

even more interesting story as they learn just how things used to work and they way presents are still mailed today as those are things that can't normally be sent electronically.

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### **Amie says**

Definitely not the greatest. The rhymes randomly stop, which makes for an awkward read. I'd like to see the illustrations updated to reflect the variety of people working for the postal service.

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### **Louise (A Strong Belief in Wicker) says**

Not Margaret Wise Brown's finest hour I think. The tale of a letter going from a boy to his grandmother. It contains a secret so he puts a wax seal on it. Do kids these days know what that even is? I don't think I've ever seen one.... Still, nice to see how the letter gets to Granny. The rhymes are a bit forced I think though, still enough interest to hold a modern toddlers attention.

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### **Lucy says**

Seven Little Postmen carried the mail  
Through Rain and Snow and Wind and Hail  
Through Snow and Rain and Gloom of Night  
Seven Little Postmen  
Out of sight.  
Over Land and Sea  
Through Air and Light  
Through Snow and Rain  
And Gloom of Night--  
Put a stamp on your letter  
And seal it tight.

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### **John Stotler says**

Horrible, horrible book. It rhymes! Except when it randomly doesn't. You'll be reading the book to your children, start bouncing along with the cadence of the rhyme, and it will just.... disappear. Maybe Margaret Wise Brown lost her rhyming dictionary?

It tells your children that when the mail truck comes to an intersection, EVERYONE ELSE STOPS TO LET THEM THROUGH. Like an ambulance, but more so.

Goodnight Moon is legend in our house. This book has become legend as well, but mainly for how awful it is. I can understand nostalgia for it if it was read to you as a child, but it just feels like noone had enough interest to finish it, so it got slapped together and pushed out.

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### **Laura says**

A rhyming story from my youth. Gave to great nephew Joren for his 4th birthday. Yes he also got a U.S. Mail truck and a post office box.

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### **Cathie Maud says**

It's a cute little story, but it can't make up its mind as to whether it is going the route of rhythmic prose or true-blue rhyming. The interchange feels choppy and forced.

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### **Veronica says**

one of my favorites from childhood, bought it for my son & he loved it too!

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### **Kathleen says**

A classic little golden book in every sense. It was originally published in 1952, so long as you remember that, enjoy the book for what it is.

I enjoy the concept of how a letter gets from one place to another. (What's a letter? Your child may ask. Seize the educational opportunity). The rhyming patterns through me off when trying to read it aloud the first time. If my little boy grows into a boy who loves to read about vehicles, I know we'll be reading it a lot.

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### **Rob says**

I know... I know...

This book may seem "a little" under my reading level. And, it is. But, it's also a childhood favorite of mine. And it's one of the books that we've been reading to the kids. (Well, "kids-to-be," if you want to get technical.)

Something that I didn't really understand when reading this as a child - and can appreciate as a former employee of the US Postal Service - is that this book does a fairly accurate, if simplified and a little outdated, job of describing how a letter moves through the mailstream.

And, it's a fun read, to boot.

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## **Richard Epstein says**

The seven little postmen deliver mail swiftly, efficiently, and cheerfully, and with a good deal of charm. This obviously is a work of primitive science fiction.

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