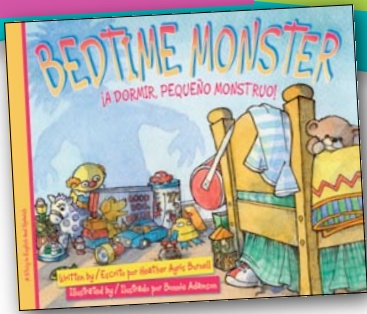


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Paul knows that it is time for bed. He topples his skyscrapers and crashed cars onto his bedroom floor. He parked his cars in a long row and yawned. His mother tells him again that it is time for bed. Paul does not want to go to bed. Everybody is still

up. His lips trembled, nose sniffled and his eyes watered. He twitched, quivered and his hair grew. A tail sprouted and claws jabbed his fingertips. He bashed, crashed, shrieked and howled. What did his parents do to calm Paul? The illustrator, Bonnie Adamson, did the beautiful pictures in this book.

*Mary Barrett,  
The Nashville News*

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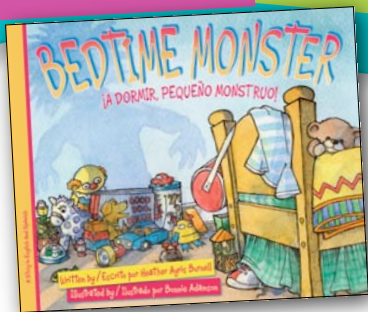
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A welcome addition to the literature about children who refuse to go to bed, **Bedtime Monster** is a delightful tale of little Paul and his transformation into a monster when his mother announces bedtime. Mom and Dad wait patiently as Paul yells and screams and finally develops the tail and claws of a monster. With soothing words and actions, they calm him down, and his animal appendages disappear as he drifts off to sleep.

Children and adults alike will relate to this humorous story. The drawings of Paul's room with all his toys, cars, books, blocks, and stuffed animals, will be familiar to all young children and provide opportunities for language development. Even though the story itself is simple, the descriptions of Paul's behavior and detailed illustrations will encourage conversation and develop children's vocabulary.

The story is told in both English and Spanish with a short bilingual vocabulary list at the end. Young children from preschool to third grade will enjoy this book while learning a few simple words in another language. Ages 4 —10.

*Roberta Gordenstein, Catholic Library World*

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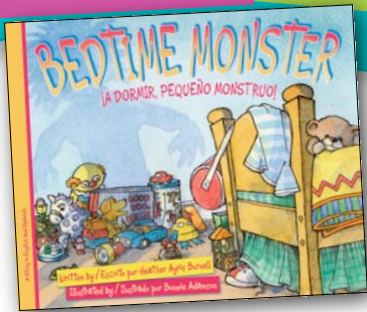
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"It's bedtime, but Paul doesn't want to go to sleep. He does everything he can to stop the inevitable, including throwing a massive tantrum. He turns into a little monster. But his parents don't budge, love him anyway and soon he is asleep with the knowledge that he is safe and secure in his parent's care.

Not sure if this story is more for the child or parent. Both will identify with this story of a little boy turning into a monster. The illustrations follow the transformation to monster and back into a little boy fighting bedtime, with pictures that draw us in, but won't scare the little ones. A good before bedtime book. Or will it give other little monster ideas? Shows parents how to handle the situation with firmness and love. Fun and enjoyable."

*Carolyn R. Scheidies,  
Author's Choice Reviews*

"Many of us have had to deal with a toddler that doesn't want to go to bed. Bedtime Monster illustrates the drama quite nicely, providing us with the visual we often imagine when our toddlers descend into tantrums and chaos. A very charming tale with an equally lyrical Spanish translation."

*Luisa LaFleur, Children's Book Review,  
"New Bilingual Fables on Overcoming  
Fears and Finding Your Place"*

"Written in English and Spanish. A colorful caterpillar separates the text. The English text is in black and the Spanish text is in red. Little Paul transforms into a monster when he is told it is bedtime. Mom and Dad know exactly how to cradle their little monster in order to settle him down to bed. If children look carefully they can see the resemblance between Paul and his dad at the end. Vocabulary is presented at the end of the book for reference to English or Spanish text."

*Kristi Betts, Librarian, Irving ISD*

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