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It's a noisy night in this city building! The residents of each floor can hear their neighbors above them, and are wondering what's going on above their heads. Climb floor by floor and page by page to find out whose singing, dancing, cheering, and cooing are keeping a grumpy old man awake.

With innovative split-level spreads that offer the feeling of climbing an apartment building floor by floor, this clever and colorful collaboration between *New York Times* bestselling author Mac Barnett and gifted illustrator Brian Biggs offers an irresistible investigation of one noisy night.

Noisy Night Details

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Sylvester says

5* art

5* story/poem

Brilliant. The sounds we hear through the floors of the apartment - what a great idea. This is a perfect read-aloud book if you like to do accents and animal sounds. We had fun just fooling around with the sounds.

Emily says

Very cool predictive/interactive book. Visual cues help kids guess the next level.

paula says

Mac Barnett's first picture book for super-littles. Lots of onomatopoeia and suspenseful pageturns. I like Brian Biggs's bold, bright art, too.

Tasha says

It's quite a loud evening in the apartment building. People on each floor can hear what's happening on the floor above them. The person on each floor hears a strange noise, wonders what it is and the illustrations give a hint as well. Each of the noises rhymes with the others, building the feeling the illustrations give of climbing higher and higher up the stories of the structure. There is a great energy about the book

There is a great energy about the book with the climbing of the heights. It's added to by the rhymes and rhythms of the book, a strong structure for the story and one that creates a book that grows and builds. The ending is perfection, the timing throughout just right and the humor bold and delightful.

The illustrations have a wild zaniness that works perfectly with the story. There's a subtle vintage feel to them in the patterns used in the setting but the bold colors are clearly modern and add to the energy of the tale.

This book begs to be shared aloud and children will guess what is making the next noise. Appropriate for ages 2-4.

Amy Layton says

This book was a fun look at night-time and just what your neighbors might be doing in their spare time. Narrated with a fun rhythm and illustrated with vibrant colors, *Noisy Night* is a great book to wind down with! It's great for younger audiences, and perfect for the child who loves color and repetitive sounds.

Review cross-listed [here](#)!

Erin Donaldson says

Fun book about what's making noise above...kids can guess what's on the next page.

Erica says

A bit predictable and boring. Just not up my alley.

Eve says

Boy can I relate! Reminded of that lease I signed when I was sandwiched between a gamer and a musician. There was rarely a quiet night that year.

Jana says

This fun picture book imagines the night life in a tall apartment building by going floor by floor - from the first floor where a little boy is trying to sleep to the top floor where an old man is trying to sleep. On the floors in between there are dancers, cheerleaders, sheep, and many other noisemakers. I like how each page is split between two floors, with one person wondering what's making the noise above his or her head and a sneak peek at the culprit. As I read each page, it was fun to look back at the front cover to see in the window of that floor's resident(s). As I was reading it, it took me back to my college days, when my dorm building was full of all kinds of noises above my head on any given night. This would definitely be fun to share with young children.

Michelle (FabBookReviews) says

I **love** a good, boisterous book for reading aloud and *Noisy Night*, from award-winners Mac Barnett and Brian Biggs, certainly delivers on multiple fronts. A rambunctious story centred around figuring out the various- and unexpected!- noises going on in an apartment building, readers are treated to one wacky surprise after another.

Noisy Night opens with a quiet scene of a young boy fast asleep in his bed. The lights are off, the scene is washed in blues and grays and then...suddenly, the lights are on and something or someone has woken up the young boy! As the young boy asks what is making the 'la la la' noise above his bed in the apartment above, readers are treated to a reveal on the next page, followed by the next apartment resident asking what is going on above *their* own head. *Noisy Night* follows a straightforward pattern, allowing readers to easily get into the rhythm of the ask and answer. If performed as a read aloud, kids might really get a kick out of trying to guess who or what could be making noises- especially as the reveals get a little bit kooky as we get higher and higher up the apartment!

Overall, Barnett and Biggs have crafted a genuinely vibrant, livelier than lively story here. As with Lane Smith's *A Perfect Day*, the story format and plot in *Noisy Night* is arguably simple and accessible. And as with *A Perfect Day*, author and illustrator give that something *extra* to the story to make it memorable. In *Noisy Night*, it is the particular details of Barnett's flare for comedic language and approach to *sounds*, in combination with Biggs' unmistakable vivid art that gives this story that extra pizzazz to make it shine. I have already had the pleasure of reading this story aloud to my daughter multiple times and she loves the artwork and making the variety of funny noises along with me! Mark *Noisy Night* as a must-read picture book for a funny (and booming!) storytime or read aloud.

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Bridget Neace says

Cute story. While little guys would enjoy it, I'd like to also read this to older students to see if they had the background knowledge/context clues in their repertoire to guess what was making the noise in the next level.

Kelly says

From an adult perspective, the book was okay. It wasn't particularly engaging. However, for a young one, being read to, I think it's a very nice book. Each page encourages a guess for what might be happening next. The illustrations are bold and not so detailed as to lose the interest of a child.

Mississippi Library Commission says

Kids will love reading this bedtime picture book: as each page is turned, a new noisemaker makes their appearance. Discovering each one, from singers to dancers to animal friends, and imitating their noises will lend a special anticipation to this book about the various tenants in a high rise apartment building. The illustrations are big, bright, and exuberant. We guarantee this one will be read again and again.

Jason says

Great read aloud with a funny ending.

Deborah Morgan says

Heard Mac speak and was given a copy of this book which I adored the first time I read it. Took it home to my 1 1/2 year old granddaughter whom insisted I read it about 9 times that first day. She loves it and loves making all the sounds the characters in the books make.
