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This playful picture book with audio from Jan Thomas features a courageous cowboy who croons to his cows before bed—with just a *few* fearful interruptions.

Join the Brave Cowboy as he tries to sing his young calf pals to sleep on a dark, dark night—EEEEEEEEK! IS THAT A HUGE HAIRY SPIDER OVER THERE? Oh, it's just a flower? Well then, back to the lullaby. No one does preschool humor with Jan Thomas's wit, verve, and bold, snappy color. And her Brave Cowboy and his silly, interrupted lullaby are sure to get *everybody* singing—before they head off into cozy dreamland...

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Polly says

Very funny! Read it with my immigration centre childcare group, and they all loved it. 4 and 5 year old boys (and one girl) from about 7 different countries, all but one of them speaking English as a second language, and they all thought it was great. One of the boys said "it's funny, and it's silly and it's even kind of scary and it made me laugh", which is a pretty fine endorsement

Erin says

I'm so bad about recording which picture books I've read in story time and how well they went over! June Krell is great about it though, so June, if you're reading this, I'm going to use you as my inspiration!

9/2014: I've done this one a couple of times, but most recently at an evening PJ story time in September. It went over great, and I think it's a good choice for mixed-age groups like that for a couple of reasons:

It's not super long (so good for a group with toddlers/babies)

Thomas's big, bright, colorful illustrations appeal to toddlers in the same way that Mo Willems' and Lucy Cousins' do.

It has a singable refrain (I enjoy making up my own tune for it!)

Older children appreciate the humorous reversal of the ending.

Melanie says

A cowboy who is afraid of the dark tries to sing his cows a lullaby for bedtime. But he repeatedly interrupts himself to worry about a flower that looks like a spider and a stick that looks like a snake. He tries to get a handle on himself by saying that the next scary thing may look like a big hairy wolf but must just be a bunny.

Kids will roar with laughter.

Alyssa Tabor says

Yes, Yes, Yes to Jan Thomas in Storytime!

Jason says

It is so rare for me to like so many of an author's books, especially since I go in with higher and higher

expectations each time. She uses a lot of similar techniques in her stories but manages to keep it fresh. Be curious to see if Brave Cowboy, a new character in Thomasworld, makes any more appearances...

Jenn says

Thought it would be fun to track some of the best children's books we read. This one is by far our favorite right now!

Christine Turner says

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Subjects

Lullabies -- Juvenile fiction.

Bedtime -- Juvenile fiction

Fear of the dark -- Juvenile fiction.

Cowboys -- Juvenile fiction

Wolf

Melissa says

Jan Thomas is pretty much batting 1000. Can't wait to learn the song to sing in storytime!

Kristen says

I have an author/illustrator crush on Jan Thomas. I love her bright, bold art, I love her sense of humor. Here, the Brave Cowboy is singing to his sleepy cows, but each time he interrupts his lullaby with an "Eeeek!"

because he's scared of a spider (really a flower) or a snake (it's just a stick.) The twist at the end is just right. I'd love to pair this with "Are You a Horse?" by Andy Rash for a silly cowboy storytime.

June says

A cowboy can't make it through the cows lullaby, because he keeps getting scared. However, he is able to deal with the wolf. My crowd would love the "EeeeeekS!" Will have to try in my PJ Story Time.

A huge hit at the Halloween Book and Treat.

Nicole Harris says

One of my new favorites for storytime! Signing, then melodramatic acting, then back to singing - a lot of fun and will use again and again.

Elisabeth says

I wish more children's book authors would look to Jan Thomas to see how it's done!

Becky says

I just LOVED, LOVED, LOVED Jan Thomas' IS EVERYONE READY FOR FUN? I really wanted to love her newest book, Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy, just as much. It didn't quite happen. But. I did really enjoy it. I really do love Thomas' cows. They are just so much fun!!! The book begins with a cowboy singing a gentle lullaby to two of his cows, things are going well until....the song gets interrupted...by the cowboy's "EEK!" as the cowboy gets frightened over and over again. The cows do a great job in calming and reassuring the cowboy most of the time...

I thought this one was fun and playful. The cowboy's fears provided the silliness required to be a Jan Thomas book. And it's definitely not your typical bedtime book. I am not sure I'd recommend this one for bedtime, but, I do think it would make a fun anytime read aloud.

Heidi-Marie says

Brilliant! Possibly my favorite Jan Thomas so far! Can't wait to read this aloud--complete with my southern/Texas accent. Haven't heard the recording for the song, yet, but I came up with my own tune to sing. This is wonderful and I MUST read at some time in some storytime. All ages should get it, and if read well, it can be fabulously hilarious!

1/16/13 & 1/17/13: Still haven't listened to the recording, so I sang my tune. Had a fun doing so, as well.

Kids seemed to enjoy it. And I had them telling me what was SUPPOSED to come next--which they easily got. It made the "Eeek!" all the more fun for them. Had to point out and ask about the cows and cowboy at the end, but they got it. Great book for the cowboy theme.

1/29/14: We're going to write off most of the "failures" from today to the little girl who would NOT sit down. Almost every single page span I had to ask her to sit down. For every. single. book. Argh. Still, the kids who were sitting still and trying to listen seemed to enjoy it. They liked the wold with the nightcap on his head.

4/11/18 Used as opener in L theme. Fun to read. They were guessing the Good Night part very well. Smiles all around.

Sent down for Daddy Night. Daddy reported it read.

Sara says

It's Jan Thomas, and it involves singing. That's about all you need to know right there.
