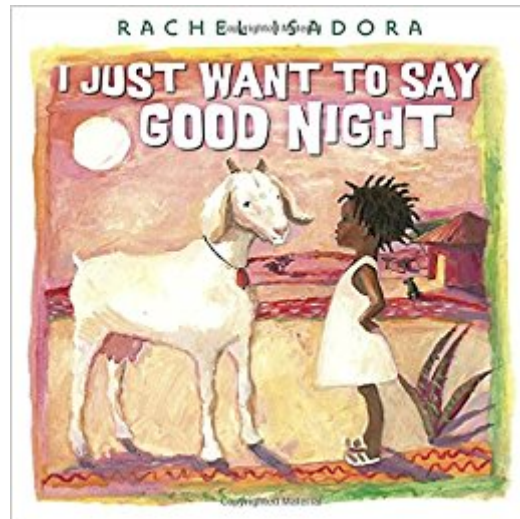




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# I Just Want To Say Good Night



## Synopsis

Caldecott Honor-winner Rachel Isadora's stunning oil paintings illustrate this delightful bedtime tale, set on the African plains. "The sun has set and the moon is rising, and that means it's bedtime. But not if Lala has a say—because she's not ready to go to sleep! First she needs to say good night to the cat. And the goat. And the chickens. And, and, and . . . Lala's adorable stalling strategy will ring true for all parents whose little ones aren't ready to say goodbye to the day—and all will appreciate the wonderful culmination to the bedtime ritual."

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

"This gentle title is wholly original and a homage to the classic bedtime story. . . .

Universalities, such as a loving family coaxing an adorably stalling child to bed, are also depicted. A charming, soothing bedtime tale that begs to be shared again and again. "School Library Journal" "Isadora revisits the rural African setting of some of her fairy tale retellings in a story spotlighting the age-old phenomenon of bedtime stalling. . . . The repetition gives the story a predictable, lilting cadence that invites children to echo Lala's good night wishes. . . .

Dramatic oil-and-ink artwork offers tender portraits of Lala gently interacting with each animal against a darkening landscape as the sun descends, the moon rises, and shadows

emerge. **• Publishers Weekly** “The African setting is harmoniously rendered in oils and ink, and, as night falls, the scenes become even richer. Lila, her hair in twisty braids, dressed in a simple shift, is a sweet yet spunky heroine who captures the universal defiance of children at bedtime. **• Booklist** “There are some behaviors that span the globe. . . . Preschool-perfect conflict, and the text could not be simpler, giving to Isadora’s illustrations, oil paint and ink, all the drama of sunset on the African plains. The ever-deepening blue of the sky is the backdrop to a rich display of plants and animals, all naturally but boldly hued and anchored by the human forms of Lala and her family and their fellow villagers. A twist at the end . . . is a good gentle joke in its own right but also serves to reinforce the universality of the situation. **• The Horn Book**

Rachel Isadora ([www.rachelisadora.com](http://www.rachelisadora.com)) received a Caldecott Honor for *Ben’s Trumpet*, and has written and illustrated numerous other books for children, including several classic tales set in Africa (such as *Old Mikamba Had a Farm* and *The Princess and the Pea*), *I Hear a Pickle*, *Bea in the Nutcracker*, *Bea at Ballet*, *Jake at Gymnastics*, *Say Hello!*, *Peekaboo Morning*, and the *Lili at Ballet* series.

The simple story and beautiful pictures

A perfect bedtime story for little procrastinators who go to great lengths to avoid bedtime. This story is endearing and spunky. Little Lala just wants to say goodnight. I especially love the ending. Written and illustrated by Rachel Isadora. Published as a Nancy Paulsen Book. #PB #bedtime #animals #diversity

We love little Lala!!! The rich colors and sweet illustrations transport you so easily into Lala’s village on the African veld. Lala, like so many kids just isn’t ready for bed, she just has to say good night to the goat and the fish and the ants and... My son exclaimed "wow momma, she wants to say good night to everything!!" This is one of those books that sticks. We love it, highly recommended!!

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