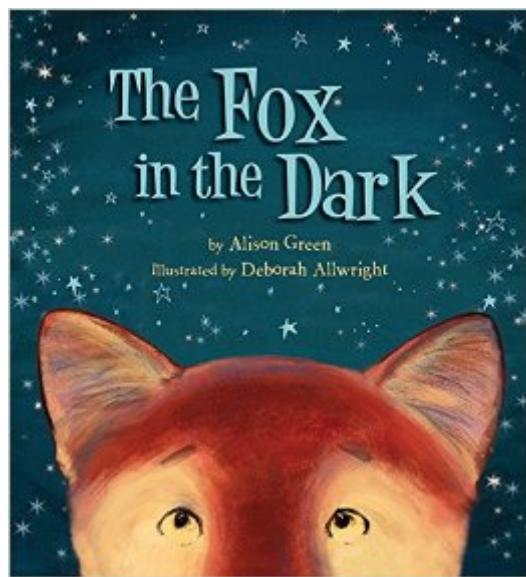


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# The Fox In The Dark



## Synopsis

Who's afraid of the fox in the dark? Rabbit is. So are Duck, Mouse and Lamb. They all squish into Rabbit's house to hide. But is the fox really as scary as they think? This is the perfect bedtime book for rabbits, ducks, mice, lambs ...and children! Foil artwork highlights the stars and the title on the cover!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Look at all those 5-star reviews - and no wonder - this is possibly the perfect children's book. As an author of novels, I had often thought of writing a children's book especially with my own kids in mind. for over a year I dreamed up a book that would have a wonderful underlying theme and moral yet be funny, light to read, full of cute animals, and more. I started developing a plot and even penned out my book. It was far too long, far too complex. The prose was OK but it needed work. It has sat on the shelf for nine months now. Then, one evening as we watched our nightly CBeebies Bedtime story, my need to write a children's book was erased. A woman came on screen and proceeded to read Fox in the Dark complete with the kind of character voices we humble parents only dream of being able to pull off. The story was recorded and has been watched many a time since. It's a firm favourite with our kids. The illustration is superb but it's the poetry, humour and plot that I can't get enough of. Green is clearly an accomplished poet and nothing about the prose feels

contrived. The jokes are cleverly written in and I am mazed at how she has narration rhyming with dialogue. We (the whole family) adore all of the characters and even within the short space of the book feel like we know each one's personality. Even with their faults (afraid, abrupt, moody, weak-bladdered, etc), they are all endearing. This book potentially gets more reads than previous favourites by Donaldson in our household. So thanks, Alison Green, for stopping me from writing a children's book that could never have hit the levels of brilliance that you have. To all prospective buyers, I highly recommend this one. They probably don't get better.

This book deserves wider recognition. We have a fox in our neighborhood. Our nearly four year old son is very curious about the fox. I stumbled across this book. It arrived last night. It had been read three times before bed. This morning he wanted to read it again as soon as he woke up. The story is charming. The vocabulary is smart. The illustrations are the perfect compliment. The rhymes make it fun for the reader too. We both giggled. I am confident this will stay in heavy rotation for a long time into the future.

"The Fox in the Dark" is a delightful versed narrative, picture- book bedtime story about many animals who are afraid of the fox in the dark. Everyone comes knocking at Rabbit's door because they are afraid of a fox in the dark. Soon with Mouse, Squirrel, Lamb and Duck, Rabbit's bed begins to feel crowded. Guess who knocks on the door next? A very little, very unscary fox who is crying and lost in the dark. All turns out for the best even when Mama Fox comes knocking looking for her little lost baby fox and everyone cuddles up for a good night's sleep. "The Fox in the Dark" will charm children ages 3-7 with its bouncy rhyming story and soft, colorful illustrations.

So, this is my first book review on . I almost can't believe it's a kids book that finally got me to do it... but I just felt that I needed to add to the number of reviews. My son just happened to pick this out when the mobile library came to his pre-school a few weeks ago. Both he (4 years) and his brother (2 years) love it and they've wanted me to read it every night, and occasionally at other times, since he got it. And they aren't usually like that about books, they generally like to switch them up. I think the illustrations are really great... I like the combination of the fully illustrated drawings and the more sketched out illustrations. Also, tonight on my probably 10th or so read I just noticed the shadows of other characters in the background in the forest, so that was fun for them to pick out. It's just a really cute story with a great rhyme and great artwork. Highly recommend!

We checked this book out from the library to read to my daughter's preschool class of mostly 5 year olds, mixed boys and girls. They all loved it, and hung on to every word. Clever and fun to read story with nice illustrations and a happy ending that proves not to judge a book by its cover (touche!). I am here on to buy it since my 5 and 4 year old were very sad to see it go back to the library after countless readings.

Such an adorable book! My son has this memorized, as do I. I wish they still made it in hardcover but the soft is nice to take on trips and in the car. I actually bought this copy as a gift and just received the report that they love it too.

I teach young children and I'm always searching for great read-alouds - this one is a real charmer. It's based on the classic formula of more and more animals knocking at the door wanting to come in. (In this case, they're all afraid of "the fox in the dark."). The repetitiveness is wonderful for young children since they quickly understand the format of the story and try to anticipate what animal will come next. The knock on the door is always a loud "Rat-a-Tat-Tat!" which children can knock along to on the floor, their shoes, or just chant along. Best of all, I like that the "scary" fox turns out to be a cute little fox looking for his mom. Of course, she knocks on the door next, and everyone cuddles up together happily. Very cute story with delightful illustrations too.

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