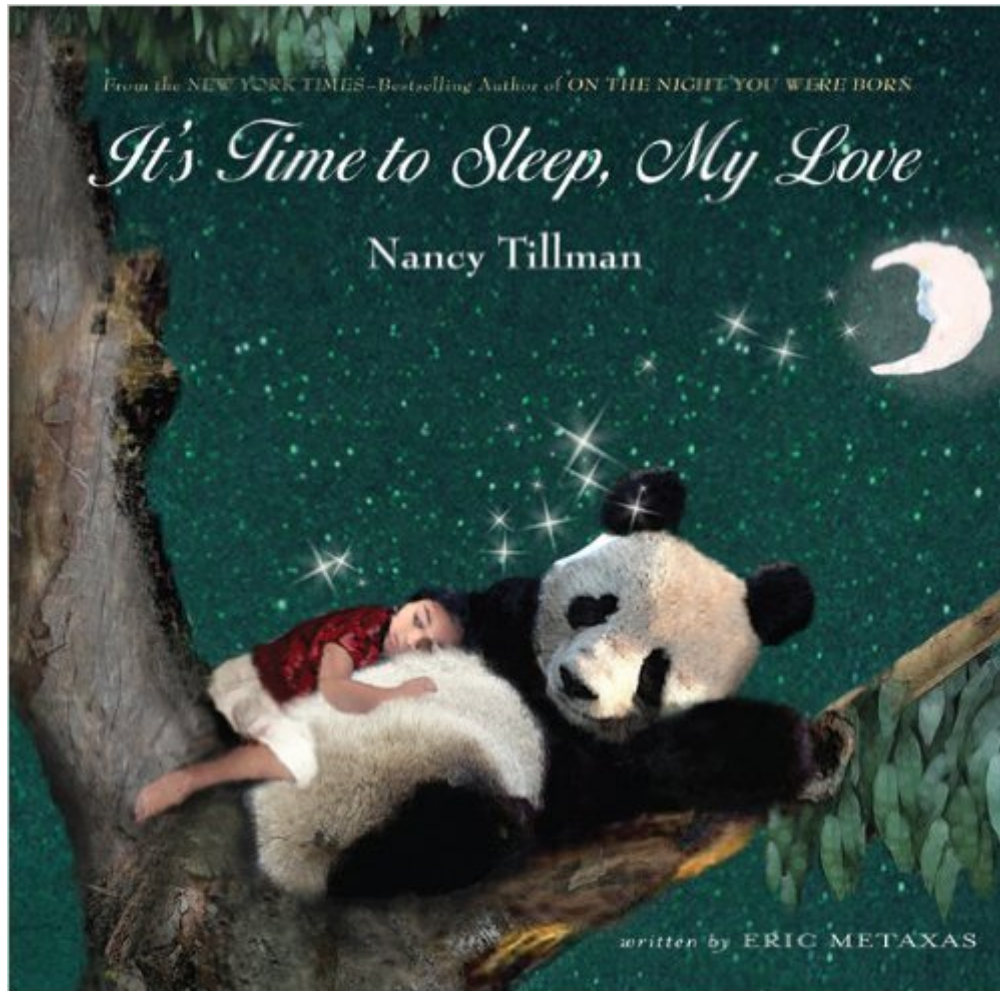


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# It's Time To Sleep, My Love



## Synopsis

It's time to sleep, it's time to sleep, the fishes croon in waters deep. The songbirds sing in trees above, "It's time to sleep, my love, my love." As children prepare for bed, the world around them is also settling down for the night. Animals who live in the jungle, the forest, the sea—all whisper to their babies a soft refrain: It's time to sleep, my love. As comforting as a soft blanket and warm as a goodnight hug, Eric Metaxas's lullaby is lovingly brought to life by bestselling artist Nancy Tillman (*On the Night You Were Born*), whose illustrations celebrate the wonders of the natural world, and the bonds of family. *It's Time to Sleep, My Love* is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 1 - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

For any parent that has ever tried to get their little one to sleep - while falling asleep yourself - this is a gorgeous, heartbreakingly beautiful book. It will become a classic. The artwork is stunning, the story is truly loving. Whether you are a mom or dad, grandma, grandpa or know of a little one out there, you will find this book a treasure.

As soon as this book by Eric Metaxas, along with its two sister books also illustrated by Nancy Tillman arrived, I ran around to Walter who runs my local bookstore in London, England. His comment was "Exquisite. There is definitely a market for these books in England". Eric's innate love of his daughter, of life, of God flows through the poetry of his lullaby. Three babies are due in my

family this year, and all are going to receive a set of these beautiful books.

The simple message is: It's time to sleep, my love. The artwork is stunning, done by an award-winning artist who specializes in nature. The animals are accurately depicted, but in dreamland settings. There is no better bedtime message than telling a child s/he is loved.

We just got these two books yesterday and I'm blown away by both of them. My two-year-old is more of a Harold fan right now (Harold and the Purple Crayon) and has been put out with me for reading these the two times I have so far, but I'm sure when he gives them a listen he'll love them. I can see these books lasting for many years to come. I have to disagree with what appears to be the majority and say that I've found this a slightly better book than "On the Night You Were Born." Perhaps it's just my personal taste. I'll try to highlight the reasons I like this one better. It's time to sleep my love: Has more spectacular illustrations, in my opinion Rhymes are all perfect, or nearly perfect, Rhythm is perfect, (the reason it's described as a lullaby) Text is more evenly distributed, 1-2 lines per page (4 or so on the last few pages) so each page gets roughly equal face time without disrupting the story, also helps with the soothing bedtime rhythm. Is so sweet it makes me cry every time. On the Night You Were Born: Also has beautiful illustrations Rhymes are sometimes there, sometimes not, which works if you know what's coming but this annoys me a bit Rhythm also works if you know what's coming but is not even throughout Text is not as evenly distributed. One page has three words and another has eight lines. You have to flip past the short ones pretty quickly to keep the story moving which is sad because they're so beautiful I'd like to spend a little more time on each. This is not a big deal and the book is still wonderful Also is so sweet it makes me cry every time Tells kids that they are unique and special and loved Get both these books, you'll be happy you did!

My 18-month-old daughter loves this book. And so do I. Even after I've gotten tired of the other books in her repertoire, I can still read this beautiful book. I love the lyrical lilt of the words. I love how I can whisper them to her as she's falling asleep, as if it were some magical tune. And we both love the images. Amazing artwork. She loves to look for the moon on almost every page, and to identify the different animals.

I do really like this book, very sweet and well written - I especially like the "sister" book: "on the night you were born" and the related journal book - i recommend getting all three, not just this one. on a

side note, another amazing book for going to sleep is called "I'll see you in the morning" - I cannot read it without welling up (in a good way). as good as "It's time to sleep my love" is, I personally rank "I'll see you in the morning" a notch higher. that being said, I do really like this one as well

I've read this to my 9-month old since she was born. Now I don't even need the book - I whisper it to her by rote and her eyelids start drooping. It settles her before sleep. Simply beautiful!

Gorgeous pictures grace this book. There have been some critics who say the language is not modern enough, but I believe that children need to learn words in lots of contexts, so they can read classics later...so I do not have a problem with it. I really enjoy reading this book to my granddaughter. I keep it at my house for when she visits.

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