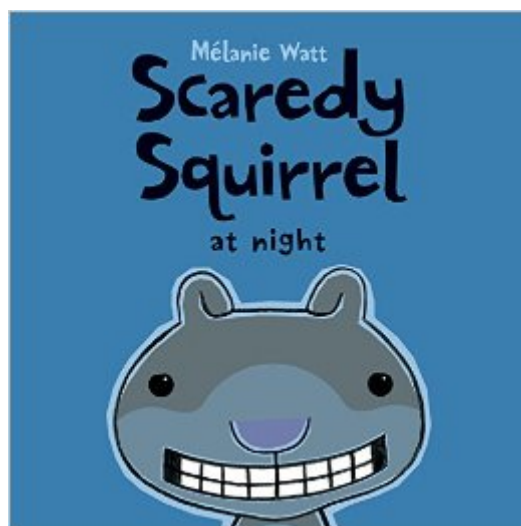


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# Scaredy Squirrel At Night



## Synopsis

Scaredy never sleeps --- sleep might mean bad dreams about dragons, ghosts, vampire bats and polka-dot monsters. Our wide-eyed hero has a plan: stay awake all night, every night. Between counting stars, playing cymbals and making scrapbooks, he does a good job of avoiding dreamland. With exhaustion taking its toll, Scaredy comes face-to-face with an alarming horoscope prediction: All his dreams are about to come true! He must prepare for the worst and his Bad Dream Action Plan includes a fire extinguisher to snuff out dragons and a fan to blast away ghosts. But when disaster strikes, will Scaredy survive this ordeal? Will he thank his lucky stars? Will he find sweet dreams? Scaredy Squirrel at Night tackles a fear everyone --- and especially the young --- can relate to. It's a bedtime story to make light of kids' fear of the dark and a fable for our sleep-deprived society.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: [Preschool - 3](#)

## Customer Reviews

Melanie Watt knows a good thing when she creates it and millions of readers agree. We have all fallen for Scaredy Squirrel. I love his name, his overly white rectangular smile and his neuroses. Yes, his \*foolproof\* plans are destined to fail from the get-go, but it's highly entertaining to watch him plot so carefully, only to tailspin into a wild panic. We shouldn't be terribly surprised to find out

that Scaredy Squirrel is afraid of the dark. Technically, he's not afraid of the actual dark, but rather of the bad dreams he could have if he were to fall asleep at night. There are many terrible things that might appear in his dreams, including, but not limited to dragons, monsters, bats and fairies. Scaredy has found a solution to his problem: NO sleeping. He stays awake by being a busy beaver, er, squirrel. Our furry friend creates a list of activities to keep him so busy that he won't have a chance to even flutter his eyelids. Night after night, he avoids sleeping. Unfortunately, there are some side effects to sleep deprivation, not the least of which is exhaustion. In typical fashion, Scaredy puts together an action plan, involving a detailed schematic. This one is particularly entertaining as it employs molasses, cupcakes and traffic cones. Luckily for the readers, Scaredy's plan is (as usual) an unqualified failure. A horde of hungry raccoons invade the scene, causing him to panic and ... you'll have to read the book to find out. In true Melanie Watt fashion, there is plenty of humor and scads of action. Scaredy Squirrel is his own worst enemy, worrying about the worst case scenarios and desperately trying to avoid them. He's a nut for sure, but we love reading about him and his hare brained adventures!

Scaredy Squirrel tackles issues that mean something to little people. In this particular installment in the series, Scaredy must face up to one of his worst fears--the dark. He is terrified of such things as Polka Dot Monsters and unicorns and does his best to avoid falling asleep by keeping himself busy with such hobbies as playing the cymbals. He has also devised the perfect plan for driving off dread intruders but, as with all of Scaredy's plans, things go awry and he ends up falling back on his fool-proof technique of playing dead. Once again, Watt has created a book that is adorable and funny but yet addresses a real-world issue for small children. Scaredy's fears aren't that different from those of most children but they seem so silly and his methods for avoiding his fears are so outrageous that they provide plenty of laugh out loud moments. One of the best parts of the book comes about when Scaredy turns his spotlight on and the "monsters" that had been lurking on the previous page are revealed. Watt has found a humorous way of showing why there is no reason to fear the dark and yet she has done so in a way that is anything but condescending. She has real intuition when it comes to the way little ones think and so even though we know Scaredy's fears are silly, he is an object of our sympathy and affection rather than our ridicule. One of my favorite features of Watt's books are the Easter eggs that can be found on the flaps. The author information always contains something relevant to the plot of each book. The descriptions of the story are also enjoyable. There is a disclaimer in the description of this book that lets the reader know that it isn't suitable for unicorns. Watt is an immensely talented author and artist and now that we've devoured

everything she's written, it's going to prove difficult to wait for something new. I know that we will snap it up as soon as it becomes available.

The Scaredy Squirrel series is so complex and yet can be done so simply in reading. They're great for multiple levels of literacy development (ex: identifying/understanding literary structures like lists TO very higher level language comprehension with inferences and lots of social language opportunities). Highly recommend. So clever and entertaining for adults and children. Great medium for talking about anxiety and the appropriate sizes of one's reactions too!

I think Scaredy Squirrel is wonderful. He is quirky, imaginative, and hilarious! I originally fell in love with Scaredy Squirrel when he made a friend, and this book did not disappoint. I still laugh when I read it (and sometimes find I do some of the quirky things Scaredy does). Your kids will love this book!

The newest book (book 4 of 4) from Melanie Watt about her character Scaredy Squirrel. My 1st graders LOVE him! He is too funny! In this book Scaredy is afraid of bad dreams...so he comes up with a plan to not go to sleep! A very detailed and well thought out plan. The kids love his obsessive compulsiveness and his need to plan and list everything out. And of course, if the plan doesn't work--he can always "play dead" (a continual back up plan in all the books)! Highly recommend all the Scaredy Squirrel books...a sure fire hit with kids!

Cute book but not as good as I thought it would be. My son is 4 and afraid of the dark. In ways this book made my son a little more nervous. Book was pretty good but I've seen many more cuter books than this.

This book was for my grandson, for his end of year excellent grades in school. He loves Scaredy and the books are great. The price was great and the condition excellent. All in all a good purchase.

When children have all kind of night time fears this shows kids everyone has some fears. Scaredy Squirrel has become a popular book and the kids love him. We use this at the beginning of the year when kids are scared of everything that is new to them. Great activities can be done with this to help kids in all academic areas.

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