Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Perhaps the perfect children's bedtime book, Goodnight Moon is a short poem of goodnight wishes from a young rabbit preparing for--or attempting to postpone--his own slumber. He says goodnight to every object in sight and within earshot, including the quiet old lady whispering hush. Clement Hurds illustrations are simple and effective, alternating between small ink drawings and wide, brightly colored views of the little rabbit's room. Finding all of the items mentioned throughout the book within the pictures is a good bedtime activity--a reappearing little mouse is particularly pesky. By the end of the little rabbit's goodnight poem, the story has quieted to a whisper, and the drawings have darkened with nightfall. As you turn the last page, you can expect a sleepy smile and at least a yawn or two. (Picture book)

My Personal Review:
I too was once a sceptic as to why everyone liked this book. My niece used to love it and I hated reading it to her. Now that I have my own child (3 months old), it is one of the simplest books to read to him before bed. As soon as I utter those first words, he gets a huge smile on his face. We read it every night and have since he was about 6 weeks old. I just love the basic story and rhyme, and I think the basic colors on the pages are appealing to little ones. I got 5 copies at my shower. Highly recommend.

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