The Stupids Die by Harry Allard

All About Context

The Stupid family thinks they are dead when the lights go out.

My Personal Review:
We recently discovered this book and, given the word die in the title, I wasn't so sure it would be appropriate. I was quickly reassured by the good-natured tone of Allard's prose, and the kids (5 and 7, both reading) had a great time hunting for quirky in-jokes in the background on each page (like a picture, hanging in the Stupids home, of three beach balls with the caption The Pyramids).
This book was originally published in the 1977, and its amazing to see how innocent its prose is in contrast to kids books today. But this book is never dull or didactic, and it will delight the entire family over and over, while its simple dialogue will thrill early readers (when the lights go out, the Stupids simply declare, We must be dead!!!!). I'm thrilled this book has been reprinted; we will definitely be hunting down other Stupids books in future.

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