

School Library Journal Cahners

December 2002

JOHNSON, Jane. *Are You Ready for Bed?* illus. by Gaby Hansen. unpagged. Tiger Tales 2002. Tr \$14.95. ISBN 1-58925-017-6. LC number unavailable.

PreS-K— Every parent has felt Mrs. Rabbit's exhaustion as she gets her children to sleep only to have the youngest one perk up and need lots of attention before slumbering again. In this well-worn scenario, "Mrs. Rabbit tried warm milk. "Swirly, whirly, creamy white," she yawned. "Time to cuddle and say 'Good night'" However, only after little bunny hops around a bit does he wear himself out and finally fall asleep just in time for Mrs. Rabbit to hear a second child pipe up. The delightful illustrations rest in a palette of soft blues, reds, and greens on velvety vanilla pages. The engaging characters have warm caramel and butterscotch colored fur. Mother Rabbit's fatigue is evident, and her child's delight in being awake a little longer is equally apparent. A bedtime story with lots of appeal. — *Linda M. Kenton, San Rafael Public Library, CA*

