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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Three worried owlets wait for their mother to return from her night flight. PW said, Benson's disarming cross-hatched pictures of fluffy, wide-eyed owl babies, and the use of light-colored text against a black background, turn this sweet story into a hauntingly lovely book. Ages 3-7.

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From School Library Journal

PreSchool-- This simple story pales in comparison to the exceptionally well-crafted illustrations. Rendered in black ink and watercolor with an abundance of crosshatching used to show background, shadow, texture, and depth, each stunning woodcutlike panorama fills a double-page spread. Benson has chosen shades of turquoise, pale yellow, and light green for the large-type text in order to avoid detracting from the blue-and-green dominated paintings. Realistic as they appear, the three, fluffy, white baby owls and their mother are infused with distinct personalities. The owlets awaken one night to find their mother gone. Sarah, the largest, reasons that she is out hunting for food. Mid-sized Percy tends to agree, while tiny Bill will only repeat, "I want my mommy!" Mom, just out for a night flight, does return, of course, and her fledglings are delighted to see her. The repetition just doesn't work. The plot is too meager, the text too unexciting. Hutchins's *Good Night Owl* (Macmillan, 1991), Thaler's *Owly* (HarperCollins, 1982), and Yolen's *Owl Moon* (Philomel, 1987) are all better stories for preschoolers. Simple, well-written books about mother love and reassurance for this age group are abundant. --Susan Scheps, Shaker Heights Public Library, OH

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Touchingly beautiful ... Drawn with exquisite delicacy ... The perfect picture book. The Guardian Stories about home-alone baby animals don't come more appealing than this. Daily Mail A perfect bedtime story. The Irish Times Waddell's stories treat the fears of the very small with wit and sensitivity ... Benson's pictures are outstanding. The Independent on Sunday Clever paper engineering. I love the way the baby owls' eyes move and the impressive pop up owl and her three flapping youngsters. Celebrating 21 years of this well-loved tale, this is a charming book for the very young -- Caroline Franklin Newbury News Weekly

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