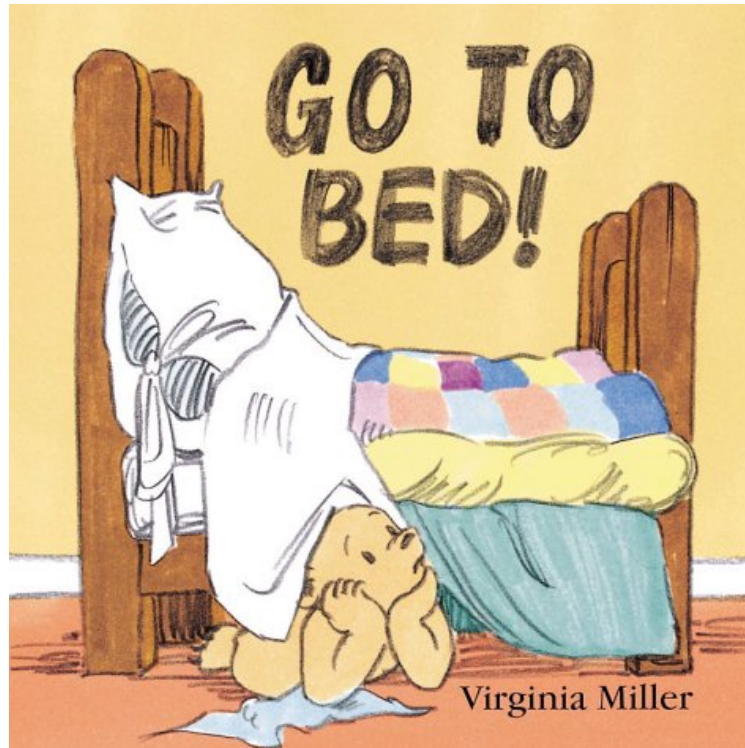


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Bartholomew is a good little bear, except when it comes to bedtime, and nothing George says will get him to go to bed, until tired out from all his daytime activities, Bartholomew falls asleep in spite of himself.

From Booklist ed with Virginia Miller's *On Your Potty!* Ages 9 mo.-3 yr. Originally published in 1994, these volumes work better in their new, board-book format. Toddlers will easily identify with little bear, Ba (whose favorite word is "Nah!"), and big bear, George, who sometimes has to use his big voice to get Ba to pay attention. In *Bed!* Ba is not in the mood for sleep, but when George insists, "Go to bed!" Ba complies. Well, there has to be a bit of tickling and giggling first. In *Potty!* Ba insists he doesn't have to go, even after George says, "On your potty." But while playing outside, Ba gets the urge, and then experiences the big-boy feeling of using the potty--just in time. Miller's art is simple, expressive, and just the right size for young eyes. Ilene Cooper Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved From Kirkus s In the two bears' third appearance, George is trying to put little Bartholomew to bed, only to get a determined "Nah!" ("Ba's" only word here) to each suggestion, query, or command. Even after George's "big voice" elicits compliance, Ba giggles and wriggles before he finally hugs and snuggles and falls asleep, breathing a last, soft "Nah." Though limned in rougher, more schematic lines than Firth's, these bears are close cousins to Waddell's (*Can't You Sleep, Little Bear?*, 1992), reenacting with precision and charm another variation of the classic ritual. The simple, totally authentic dialogue and cozily expressive art are just right for two-year-olds like Ba. (Picture book. 1-3) -- Copyright 1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.