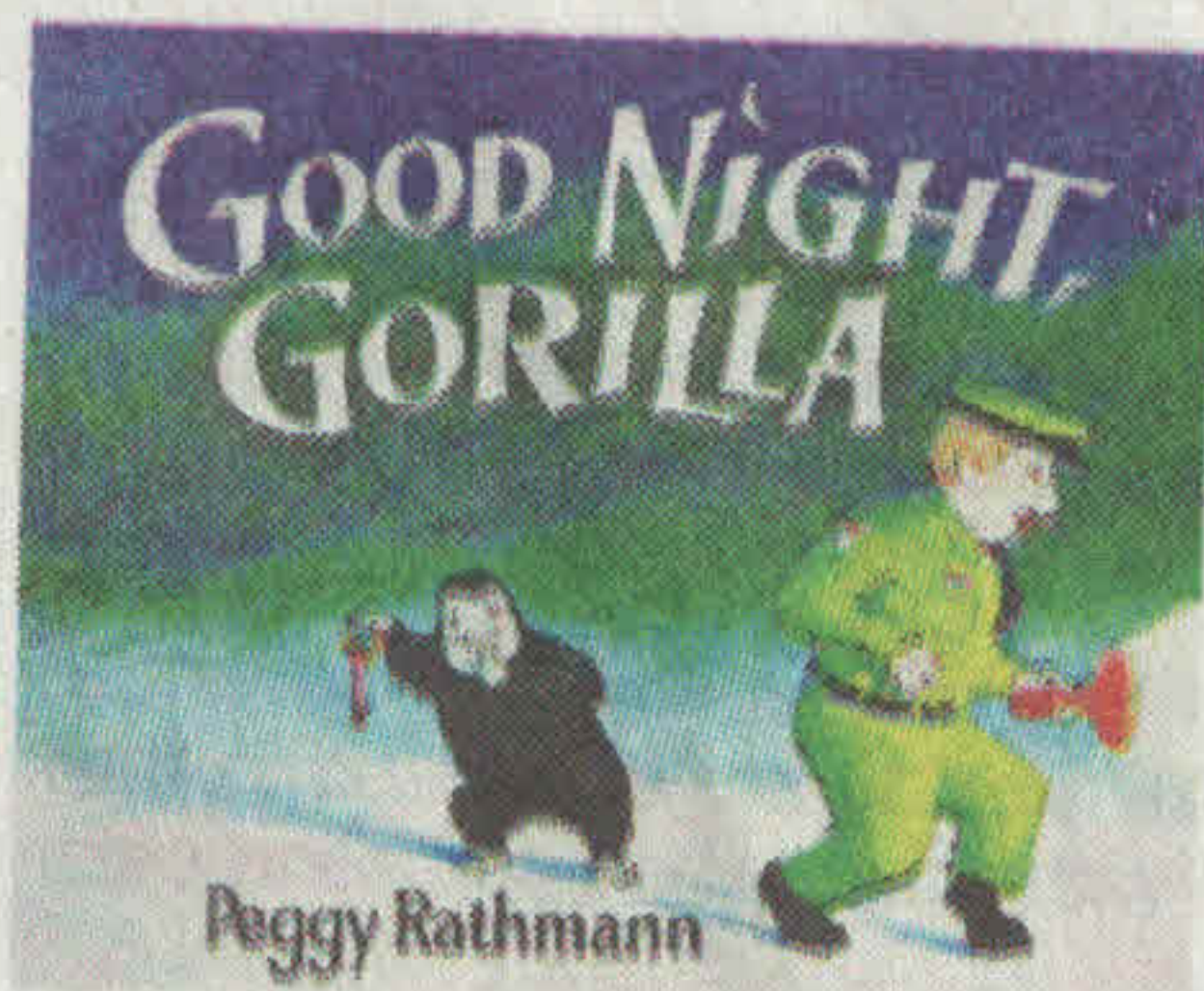




The Village School's Children's Book of the Month



'Good Night, Gorilla'
By Peggy Rathmann



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If you're a new parent and looking for first books for tiny hands, I recommend "Good Night Gorilla" by Peggy Rathmann. If this is one of the first story books that you share with you child, you won't be disappointed. The engaging story line is made accessible through a series of wonderful pictures. In fact the only text needed is in a few speech bubbles that all begin with 'Good night...'

The story begins with a zookeeper beginning his nightly rounds checking on the animals. Little does he know that a cheeky monkey is following him and releasing the animals one by one. They all want to head back to the zookeeper's house to sleep! The story ends with some great pictures of bedtime in the zookeeper's house, before his wife comes to the rescue.

I have shared this book with our 3-year-old countless times over the past two years, and we both still enjoy seeing this humorous tale unfold. The illustrations are rich and detailed, and include many little details that can be noticed on repeated readings. If you invest in the board book edition it should last as long as needed. This book is suitable for 1 to 4 year olds and their parents as a perfect bedtime, or anytime book.