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It's the night before St. Patrick's Day, and Tim and Maureen are wide awake setting traps to catch a leprechaun! When they wake the next morning to the sound of their dad playing the bagpipes and the smell of their mom cooking green eggs, they're shocked to find that they've actually caught a leprechaun. But will they be able to find his pot of gold? Natasha Wing's latest title is once again told in verse to the same meter of Clement Moore's classic.

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### **Jeff Botch says**

Natasha Wing's book, "The Night Before St. Patrick's Day," is a wonderful story that celebrates the magic of this Irish Holiday.

The story follows Tim and Maureen through the preparation, fun and excitement of this glorious day.

The two siblings ready themselves by hanging streamers and preparing homemade leprechaun traps.

My favorite part is when Wing writes, "They set all the traps 'round the room with great care, in hopes a wee Irishman soon would be theirs."

Mom prepares green eggs while Dad plays the bagpipes and the story culminates with a leprechaun search filled with adventure and mischief.

"The Night Before St. Patrick's Day" shows parents and children how they can make special moments from the most simple things. The story also illustrates the beauty and innocence of children and their ability to BELIEVE.

Make your St. Patrick's Day extra special this year and pick up a copy of Natasha Wing's book, "The Night Before St. Patrick's Day."

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### **Jessica says**

Not all the lines scan correctly, which drives me wild. But it's fun to see the kids try to trap a leprechaun, resulting in their being tricked as well!

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### **Calista says**

I like these 'Night before Christmas' spin-off books. Natasha Wing does a fun job with them. In this story they are setting traps to catch a leprechaun. What a mess that causes. They are sly little creatures. He gets away. I like it that the kids do catch the Leprechaun.

Happy St. Patrick's Day. The kids had fun with these books. They know the rhyme scheme well enough to relate it to the source material.

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### **Jamie says**

Storytime

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## **Gwen Ayler says**

Storytime Theme: St. Patrick's Day

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## **Christine says**

My two daughters absolutely loved this book. There are not many books for St. Patrick's day and even less that are entertaining with a good story line. This was fantastic and has been read over and over. I have taken it out the last two years right after Valentine's Day and my girls and I look forward to taking out The Night Before St. Patrick's Day year after year!!!

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## **Jen says**

Cute St. Patty's Day take on the Night Before Christmas story where leprechauns are abundant and kids are trying to catch them. My elementary students really enjoyed this story!

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## **Brittany Perry says**

Completely original and man oh man do I give the author props on the rhymes and flow of this piece. I would love to have her whole series because I think this series could be very helpful in teaching small children how to read. The familiar flow would encourage reading out loud to a youngster. Soon they would be joining in and gaining a very nice vocabulary in the process. The illustrations are cute and full of funnyaction that will have them laughing.

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## **Kathryn says**

I'm afraid I wasn't wowed by this one. It is a cute idea, a take on "The Night Before Christmas" and even borrows some of the original wording, but it feels rather forced in places and some of the scenes didn't fit with the original, making the occasional references to the original rather jarring. Most of all, I was troubled by the children wanting to catch a leprechaun and setting all sorts of traps for him so they could make him tell where his gold is hidden. At the end, they do catch a leprechaun but he tricks them and they don't get any gold--and the kids just look dumbfounded and disappointed. I know the story is just supposed to be fun (and that the capture-by-humans is a common thing in leprechaun stories) but I would have liked the children to have more of a "moral of the story" and realize that it isn't nice to trap living things. I would recommend instead The Leprechaun's Gold or The Story of the Leprechaun.

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## **Malakai Kong says**

I like holidays, so I read *The Night Before St. Patrick's Day* by Natasha Wing, and *St. Patrick's Day*, by Gail Gibbons. *The Night Before St. Patrick's Day* is fiction, and *St. Patrick's Day* is nonfiction.

Some things in these books are alike. Both books are about St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. They both tell the reader about celebrating it by wearing green. Both books talk about leprechauns and pots of gold.

These books are different too. *The Night Before St. Patrick's Day* is about two made-up children named Tim and Maureen. *St. Patrick's Day* is about the real life of Saint Patrick. In *The Night Before St. Patrick's Day*, Tim and Maureen get fooled by a real leprechaun. In *St. Patrick's Day*, there are no real leprechauns, but the book explains how the Irish believed in them.

My favorite book is *St. Patrick's Day*. *The Night Before St. Patrick's Day* had some fun details, but *St. Patrick's Day* had more interesting facts.

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## **Gela says**

My daughter read this in school, she said the leprechaun is sneaky.

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## **Luisa Knight says**

Here's a fun read for St. Patrick's Day! Children will enjoy this twist on the classic Christmas poem.

Ages: 4 - 8

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## **MrsMaryLibrary says**

It's hard to find fun lively and entertaining books about St Patrick's Day that will appeal to a PreK Storytime audience! But this one hits the nail on the head! It is colorful, engaging and begs for extensions to be created! A brother and sister set traps to catch a leprechaun to find his pot of gold. He is clever and mischievous and ends up playing the tricks! Very cute and adds an often forgot element to the holiday besides wearing green! Extensions could include making an elf house/trap, drawing their version of a leprechaun, thinking map of features they might have, make a plan on how to catch one, something to do with hiding gold coins (plastic!) under rocks w x's! Fun fun book! Thank you to Natasha Wing and Amy Wummer for providing a great read aloud for the holiday!

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**Steve Holden says**

I checked this one out per heavy student request this year. There are several of these, and although forced and predictable, all are a lot of fun for kids. I've had several students this week talking about their plans to trap a leprechaun, and there are scenes dealing with that notion in this book. Interesting take and concept for young kids to try to have some involvement with this holiday, and one I had never heard until this week. Regardless, this is a fun book to have in a library for a theme read or check-out in March.

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**Constance says**

"The Night Before St. Patrick's Day" by Natasha Wing is a fun little ditty which could be made famous by children and adults alike. The illustrations by Amy Wummer, are quite clever. (I hope to see characters, Tim and Maureen, sharing their story on the silver screen. ~Hey, that rhymes!) It was so much fun writing "Twas the Night Before New Year" and when I saw "The Night Before St. Patrick's Day" I knew I would love it. I am reading about St. Patrick's Day in August not March but that is another story.

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