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It's nap time on the farm, but one un-sleepy baby has a different plan...

Will Baby do the cha-cha? Will Mama flip her wig?

Will Baby dance the polka with a polka-dotted pig?

Perfect fun for young children who like lively stories, this happy tale invites all to join in and dance along. Read, sing, lift the flaps, do a little jip-and-twirl! It's a toe-tappin', no-nappin' good time when baby starts to boogie.

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Mely says

What a fun and silly book! Little one enjoyed this story and we loved the added bonus peek a boo flaps.

Annburnett says

Cute book about baby not taking a nap.

Goshen PL Childrens says

Read at Storytime on April 11th
Theme: Just Dance!

Dawnesha F says

This children's book is a tale of a mischievous little boy who refuses to stay in bed. Instead, he chooses to have fun polka dancing parties with the various baby animals around the farm. The illustrations are entertaining and whimsical. It was a cute read!

Asho says

I really enjoyed this book because of its lively, energetic rhyme scheme. As a parent, the refrain "It's nap time, little baby, so you'd better stay in bed," really hits the nail on the head! :-) Maybe that's why I liked this one so much, because I relate to putting the baby down for his nap and hoping he'll actually stay down for a bit so I can get some work done! The book is also fun because it is a lift-the-flap book. You lift the flaps to see which stuffed animals the baby is dancing with. Cute! This would be a 5 star for me if only the illustrations were a bit better. Based on the illustration on the cover alone, I don't think I would have been attracted to this book. Luckily it was included in our library book bundle, otherwise I would have overlooked it.

Candice says

Definitely a Sophie book. She likes books where you lift the flap, so this would fit that criterion even if it weren't so cute and lively. It's about a baby who will not take a nap. His mama puts him to bed and tells him he's better stay in bed. "But instead..." While mama and papa do their chores, baby dances with his stuffed farm animals. You see baby from the back and then lift the flap to see who he's dancing with. So cute. The

illustrations remind me a bit of Helen Oxenbury's - simple and colorful and a feast for little eyes. The text is rhyming with a lively rhythm. I have to see if I can buy this one. I think it would be a favorite for Sophie.

Kelsey says

Beaumont provides a rhythmic romp of a story about a baby that insists on dancing with the farm animals instead of taking nap. The text features a repetitive verse, a predictive rhyme scheme and a variety of terms from a country dialect that will delight children. The illustrations feature a variety of cute animals, a loving mother and father and a happy baby that live on a farm in Arkansas. In addition to the text and illustration, the books features sturdy card stock flaps that children can manipulate to reveal animals dancing with the baby. Children will also identify with the baby's desire to play, rather than nap and his parents' exasperation. I would recommend the book as a way to encourage print motivation with its colorful illustrations, interactive flaps, fun rhymes, repetitive verse and baby-relevant plot.

Cassandra Gelvin says

This baby is better-coordinated than I am.

It's cute. It's written in rhyme, and definitely for younger kids. It's a lift the flap book. There's a mama and a papa and a baby who live on a farm. They put the baby down for a nap and tell him to stay in bed, but he keeps dancing with various animals as the parents are trying to get things done. They keep putting him back to bed, but eventually they just give up and they all dance together, which is cute. At night, everybody goes to sleep, including the baby.

It's pretty realistic in the sense that babies and small children do not like going to sleep when you want them to, but it's silly enough to keep the attention of children. It's cute how the parents eventually accept that the baby doesn't want to go to sleep and decide to enjoy the time together. As a book, though, it's pretty repetitive and would get old quickly. But it is short, so it's got that going for it.

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Lynn Davidson says

An enjoyable rhyming story with surprises and humour and fun illustrations. Baby was supposed to be sleeping while his mama and papa were busy doing their indoor chores, but Baby wanted to dance.

Becky says

One of my favorite read-aloud books! It's fun and I love the rhythm. The kids can relate to the baby not wanting to sleep. It also has rhyming and the kids can try to guess what animal the baby will dance with next.

Dewey says

Very cute! It's a little bit wordy for a baby lapsit, but I'm going to give it a shot.

Ms. Jeane says

One of my all time favorite storytime books! I like to call it a Swiss-army storytime book cause I can use it just about anytime.

kim says

quirky, slightly weird

Tiff says

Loved loved loved. Couldn't stop breaking out in laughter. Awesome read!

Amy Forrester says

It's nap time on the farm and Mama and Papa put Baby down for his nap. But Baby has other ideas, he'd rather polka with the polka-dotted pig! Each time his parents put him back in bed that crazy Baby is up again dancing with another stuffed animal. Eventually, his parents give up and they make music and dance until Baby falls asleep with visions of "polka parties still a-dancing in his head."

Named a Notable Children's Book by the American Library Association in 2005, this little book is energetic and brightly illustrated. Mama and Papa are slightly exaggerated; Mama in her purple high heels and papa with his lopsided glasses.

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