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When day is done, and shadows begin to deepen, it is time for Grandfather Twilight to close his book, put on his jacket, and go for a walk through the forest. Little birds hush as he walks by, and the rabbits and other small woodland creatures watch in silence as he performs his very special evening task and returns to his house among the trees. Small readers and listeners, too, will sense the serenity of this poetic story, and will be comforted to learn that the twilight is a gentle, friendly time.

Exquisite pictures extend and illuminate the text, to reveal the nightly miracle so faithfully performed by Grandfather Twilight. Perfect for reading aloud and for sharing at bedtime, this beautiful and reassuring book will be cherished by old and young alike.

Grandfather Twilight Details

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Kathryn says

The illustrations in this story are so lovely; soft, glowing, and gently magical--perfect for bedtime! The story is pleasant, too, following the activities of Grandfather Twilight as he awakes at the end of the day and sets about putting the moon in the sky. There was one point in the story that I found a little odd/confusing given the cycle of the moon, but otherwise I quite enjoyed the overall book mostly due to the illustrations.

Munro's Kids says

The velvety-soft illustrations in this book about twilight transforming the world were a key influence in changing how I thought about the wilderness as a child: while not overly cutesy, the forest and its creatures appear beautiful and nonthreatening, and the coming of night is shown as a welcome part of their rhythms. Peaceful and memorable; the perfect bedtime picture book.

-Anna

Miriam says

Very gentle story about dusk, with sweet and picturesque illustrations.

Ann says

3.5 stars

4.5 stars for the illustrations

The illustrations in this book are beautiful! The good thing is, they could almost tell the story all on their own. The down side is that I almost found the little text that was there to be confusing. Still is a great story and the illustrations are a true feast for the eyes! Recommended for those alone!

Lisa Corathers says

Charming, sweet book with splendid illustrations. I love the idea that the full moon grows from a tiny pearl...with Grandfather Twilight's help, of course.

Julia says

Alright I am ashamed I don't ever remember this having an actual story lol since I was too caught up in the

beautiful pictures, which can tell the story instead. The pictures are softy glowing, muted and just breathtaking in the colors that they give as well as the details of the members within the pictures. If you are into art this book for the pictures alone will haunt you.

Getting a chance to read the story again I can remember it vaguely. The words are simple and easy to read so definitely a good book to get any child started on. This is one book I strongly suggest for any children's library.

Anna says

Such a beautiful classic. Everyone should read this to their children.

Jill Pickle says

Luminous. I still have my copy from childhood.

Samantha says

This was one of my most favorite of stories growing up. I still imagine I have a room sometimes that is half room and half nature as is depicted in Grandfather Twilight. This book is full of beautiful illustrations, imagination, creativity, and inspiration. I would recommend to children everywhere and even adults who still recognize their inner child.

Jane G Meyer says

Though I'm a big fan of Donkey's Dream, also by Barbara Berger, this book doesn't strike me the same way. The illustrations are lovely, even magical, and the text is short and lyrical and nice for bed time, but the theme could be quite confusing to little ones.

Not that they shouldn't be exposed to fantasy and metaphor, but I'd prefer for my small children to think that God is the one who sails the moon into the sky--or even--if subtly we knew that this was a task that was given to the grandfather by God, then I'd be happier with the tale. We are all given tasks in life, some big, and some small, but some things need the help of heavenly strength to be accomplished...

I'd love to hear your thoughts if you've read it.

Hannah Groeschen says

I loved the illustrations in this book! I loved the color contrast between the reds, greens, and white/blues that are used throughout the pictures! I like how the text was simple and that the pictures help move the text

along.

Sarah says

Grandfather Twilight is an old man who lives in the woods and puts the full moon into the sky. This is a beautiful bedtime story, with illustrations that take us to an imaginary world where a pearl grows to the size of the moon and an old man's body blends into the dusky sky. Spare text and creative vision.

Jane says

I have owned *Grandfather Twilight* as part of my classroom collection for years. It is a magical book and the children love it and ask for it often. The illustrations are delightful and the story mystical and appeals to children's imaginations.

Selestalis says

One of my childhood favorites that was gifted to me from an artist who was our neighbor. My mother recently brought out all my old toys, clothes and photos, and other various keepsakes in her attic to give to my children and we rediscovered this book together on her most recent visit. The minute I saw the cover I was instantly transported to a happy place. The artwork is exquisite. This is a true joy for adults and children alike. My favorite childhood bedtime story.

Allie says

This is definitely a book that was read to me before bed as a child! I didn't remember it at all until I came across it on goodreads and requested it from the library. I remember every single illustration! It's nothing super groundbreaking, but I have very warm memories of this book and I'm considering ordering a copy for my library (provided it's still in print).
