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**The perfect hardcover gift book for anyone head-over-hooves for unicorns, flying horses, or little ponies!**

"For all those little lords and ladies who adore unicorns, this book is the bedtime story for them! The illustrations are top-notch and beautifully colored. The prose is perfect. Highly recommended." — *The Children's Book Review*

As night falls in the enchanted forest, the unicorns and their friends gather to get ready for bed. Say goodnight to all the types of unicorns — the pearly-whites, the foals, the oldens, the fluffies, the jet-blacks, the cuties, and more — as well as the wonderful beings who attend them, from rainbows and fairies to baby dragons and, of course, the full moon.

Readers who've always wondered about unicorn habits, what a group of unicorns is called, and other mysteries will also be captivated by the fun unicorn facts that follow the story.

It's a magical, fantasy bedtime story for unicorn lovers young and young-at-heart! Grown-up fans of *My Little Pony*, *The Last Unicorn*, and Lisa Frank will treasure this book just as much as the new generation of unicornophiles!

## Goodnight Unicorn: A Magical Parody Details

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## From Reader Review Goodnight Unicorn: A Magical Parody for online ebook

### Julia says

This was a beautifully done parody of "Goodnight Moon" but targeted for those who love fantasy and/or unicorns so done with an eye to capturing the essence of magic. The story isn't so much in the words of either the beginning plot or the parodying but in the beautiful pictures that are used to convey the reader into the land of the exotic.

The pictures are truly beautiful with your guide being either the seen phoenix in most cases or the mess of feathers that are left behind although on a few pages both seem to be missing. Other characters seem to appear for the majority of the time although not all the time such as the little mouse, the little frog and trolls along with a gnome while you can never guess which of the unicorns will be seen on the pages even if they are in the background.

What really catches my eye is that the illustrations and later on the facts in the back of the book pay tribute to the actual original unicorn(s) while at the same time combining them with the original and more recognized modern unicorns. And I also find that the baby dragon is more Eastern than Western fashion.

Finally for those young readers who may be interested in the world of unicorns there is some unicorn trivia in the back that discusses different parts of the unicorns presented while begging the reader to be interactive with questions that have been directed at them. And after these few pages there is also a breakdown of unicorn anatomy that follows the same suit.

All in all it is a great book although I am still wondering where they got the collective noun of "a blessing" of unicorns as I was raised under "a glory (such as "A Glory of Unicorns" by Bruce Coville)" of unicorns. In the end I think I can let it slide past my reading preferences pettiness as part of the world of the author's imagination to match the other unusual unicorn facts that were designed for the writing of the book itself.

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### Melissa says

The moment the mail lady dropped off a package my daughter came running up saying "it's my book!" After opening it she curled up with her unicorn and read it over and over. She even made sure to show it to everyone and tell them her book arrived. She loves it and seeing her smile as she reads and looks at the pictures is her review

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### Lisa says

I love unicorns!!!! This story was sweet and an good night night book for children. I want that unicorn hoodie that the little girl had.

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### **Anna says**

I loved this book. It flows so beautifully, the words are chosen well, and the illustrations are so colorful and wonderful. Perfect for any unicorn fan! I also enjoyed the magical facts at the end and the questionnaire. Great for engaging and making the child think about what they just read!

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### **Kelly says**

The book calls itself a parody, but I don't consider it that. It's very sweet!

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### **Esperanza says**

The most delightful book I have read in a long time. I saw it come through the library, and had to have it. I bought it the next day. The book is an homage to "Goodnight Moon", and even has a nod to the character Max from "Where the Wild Things Are." There's no way to describe the magic within this book. You must read it to discover the magic within.

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### **David Blaylock says**

I received this book from Goodreads First Reads in exchange for an honest review:

I have been a fan of Goodnight Moon and its many variants since my daughter was very young, so I had to check this one out.

My 16 year old daughter read it out loud for the family to enjoy together.

I subtracted 1 star in my rating because they removed the word Bronies and replaced it with the word Colts.

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### **Angie says**

**My Review:** When I saw this parody, I knew I had to get it. I love Goodnight Moon and read it often with Munchkin, but I have always loved unicorns. I love the way this one integrates the different versions of unicorns from historical art to modern movies and stories. It is a fun little book that while it doesn't quite reach the level of the original is still a fun addition to the shelves, especially for unicorn lovers!

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### **Tonja Drecker says**

If you're looking for a story that will help ease a young unicorn fan into sleep, the gentle rhyme and lovely text in this book might do exactly that.

Unicorns are the star of this book, in all sizes, colors and varieties. With the help of a phoenix, the reader is lead to their magical world where other creatures such as trolls and dragons live. The text is simple and in rhyme. Toward the end of the story, a soft repetition takes over making it easy to listen to (as a read aloud).

The illustrations are colorful and made with much thought and love. The unicorns each have their own flair and fun details are sprinkled here and there. Even without the text, little book lovers can glance through them over and over again.

At the end of the book, a fun list of unicorn facts lets unicorn fans learn more about their favorite animal, and on the very last page, the physical attributes of a unicorn are presented.

Summed up, this is great for the youngest unicorn fans. It's easy to read and gentle enough to fit as a bedtime read, and has illustrations which fit into sweet dreams.

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### **KathKin says**

I have loved Margaret Wise Brown's Goodnight Moon for years. Calling Goodnight Unicorn a parody of her book is a bit misleading, because it is not meant to be funny; when I think of a parody, I think of Weird Al! Goodnight Unicorn imitates the meter of Wise's poem which is the text of her book, and echoes the book in many of the illustrations, but it is a beautiful bedtime book in its own right. Some of the unicorns are reminiscent of My Little Ponies, Rainbow Bright and even Disney, so this book is filled with nostalgia. It is really a lovely little book which will thrill any unicorn lover, of any age. Spanjer's unicorns lean towards the sweet and lovable. I absolutely love the way the final page of the story ties together everything we've seen earlier in the book. And youngsters will enjoy the pages of unicorn facts at the back of the book.

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### **Veronica Moss says**

Obviously this book is amazing and features several wondrous unicorns. A must read!

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### **Miss Sarah says**

A cute book about different unicorns. The book is in two parts and features an introduction to the unicorns and then saying goodnight to them. I particularly enjoyed the ending pages with many explanations of unicorns. Toddler and up without the last two pages.

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### **Kestrel says**

Possibly the best re-imagining of Goodnight Moon. If I had children, I would probably insist that we read this each night for a long time. :)

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### **Lucy Takeda says**

I had Good Night Moon memorized when my son was little. I greatly enjoyed this adaptation.

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### **Amanda says**

Cleverly filled with whimsy - a must read for every unicorn lover.

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