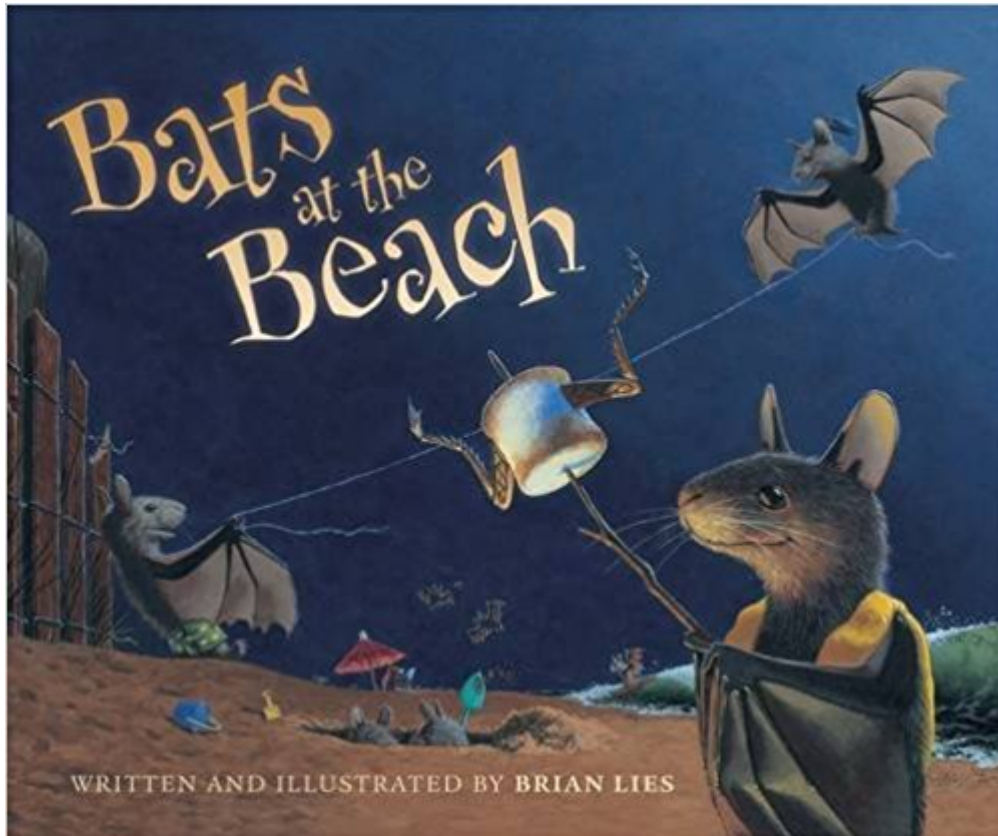




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# Bats At The Beach (A Bat Book)



## Synopsis

Quick, call out! Tell all you can reach: the night is just perfect for bats at the beach! So pack your buckets, banjos, and blankets—don't forget the moon-tan lotion—and wing with this bunch of fuzzy bats to where foamy sea and soft sand meet. Brian Lies's enchanting art and cheery beachside verse will inspire bedtime imaginations again and again. Come visit a bedazzling world of moonlight, firelight, and . . . bats!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 3—This is the quintessential book about going to the beach complete with overflowing picnic baskets, kite flying, singing around the campfire, and scratchy sand in places where no sand should be. Kids will certainly identify with the exuberant and familiar fun, but what will get them howling is the fact that the characters are bats that are visiting the beach in the moonlight. The rhyming text is grounded in reality with many inventive twists to keep the imagination rolling. There is moon-tan lotion, salted 'skeeters, and bat kites. Where the book truly soars is in the dark yet luminescent art where bat wings glow in the light of the full moon and the sky is a steely blue. The faces on the bats are furry and friendly. These creatures use cocktail umbrellas for beach umbrellas; they hold wing-boat races in red-and-white checked food containers; and when it's time for a late-night snack, they enter the ice-cream shack where a lit light bulb attracts a multitude of

succulent bugs. Readers may not be tempted to try marshmallows with bug legs and gossamer wings but that won't keep them from reveling in this grand adventure.~ Martha Topol, Traverse Area District Library, Traverse City, MI Copyright ~ © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

K-Gr. 2. The trope of a day at the beach is turned on its head with a family of bats that spend a night there, complete with "moon-tan lotion." Young bats play with "the stuff [they] find" and bury each other in the sand; older ones sing around the campfire and toast "bug-mallows" (an episode accompanied by a slightly icky image of marshmallows with legs and wings). The rhyming text, which floats white against the dark backdrops, leaves no beach activity or experience unmentioned, right down to the unpleasant feel of itchy sand "where no sand should be." The acrylic paintings are appropriately dark but never muddy, and the gently anthropomorphized bats, every strand of fur sharply delineated, follow in the cute-but-still-batlike tradition of *Stellaluna* (1993). Readers will be swept right along until the sun comes up and the bats return home: "We sigh and snuggle close together / to dream about the moony weather." GraceAnne DeCandido Copyright ~ © American Library Association. All rights reserved

I used this book as a read-aloud while teaching Second Grade. We were using Common Core and used a Bat Themed Unit. There was not much real information in the book but it was a cute read aloud.

My three year old son enjoys this book. I don't love it, but I don't hate it either. Some of the rhyming is a little stretched, or the flow of the reading isn't fluent. But some of prose is cute...the bats roast bugs at the beach (bug-mallows). The pictures are pretty "dark". I know the story takes place during the night, but I just think it could be nighttime, but the pictures be lighter. It is quite a big board book (hence the lap board book) and a little heavy/bulky. Not something you'd want to lug around on a trip for sure.

We all love this book. I ordered it as a gift this time.

Exactly what I wanted.

This book is so creative! I love it for Halloween time and sparking a kid's imagination to think about

the fun things bats do at a nighttime beach party.

I'll start with the artwork: one word - STUNNING! Brian makes those beach-bound bats so appealing! Young children will want to look at the pictures over and over - there's so much to see. The moonglow on the ocean, the fireglow on the faces of the bats, the humorous activities of the bat children..... And what kid won't LOVE those icky bugmallows roasting over the fire! Now the text: this is such a fresh story. Kids will love hearing what those playful bats do at the beach while the rest of the world is fast asleep. This one is a pure joy from start to finish - and one that your kids will ask for again and again.

The book is as much fun to read as anyone has in a day (or night) at the beach.

This book started a love of bats that I found quite unexpected... But, our 6yo and 3yo daughters dress up as bats and create their own stories with ideas sparked by this book. We read it time and again, and they spot new funny details each time. The illustrations are a true work of art. We love this book.

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