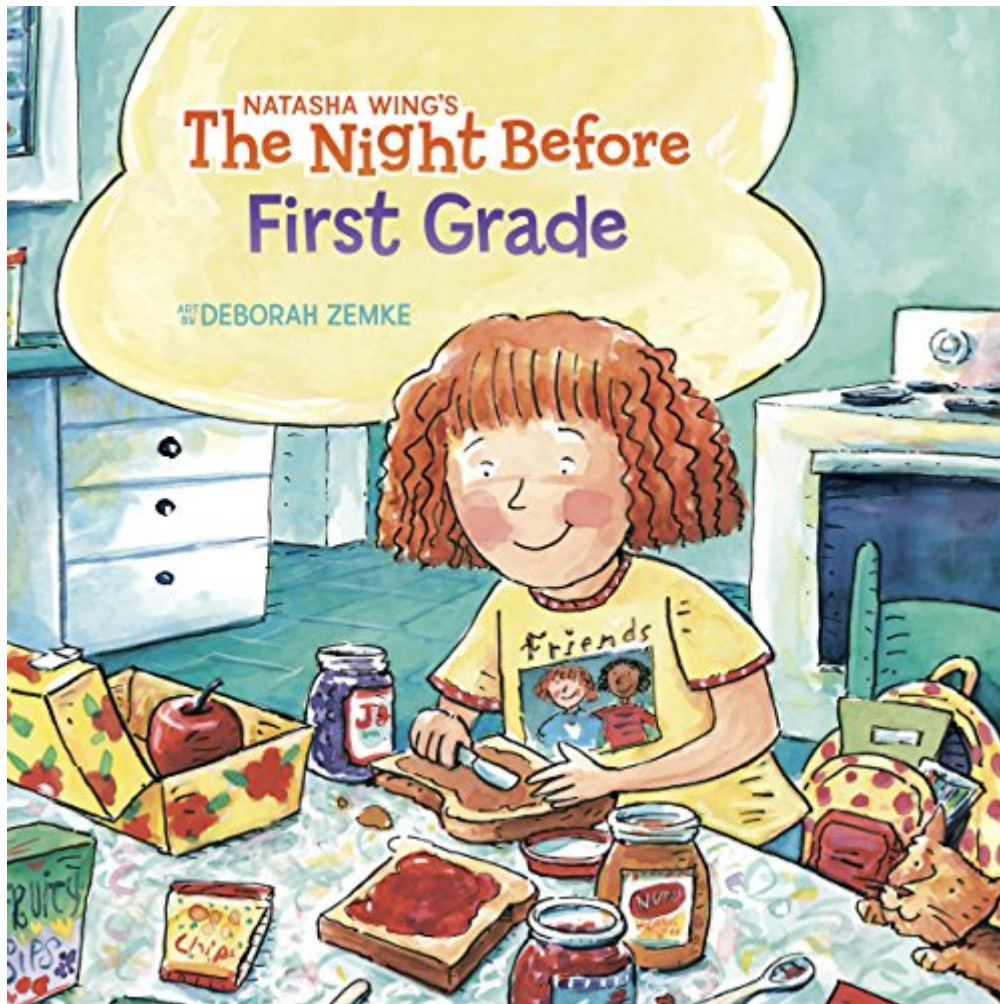


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# The Night Before First Grade



## Synopsis

It's the night before the Big Dayâ "first grade. Penny is excited to start the year with her best friend right beside her in the same classroom. This humorous take on Clement C. Moore's classic tale has a perfect twist ending that will surprise readersâ "as well as the â œheroineâ • of the storyâ "and help all about-to-be first-graders through their own back-to-school jitters.

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## Customer Reviews

It's hard to write a book about first grade jitters. Many of the books out there make the first day seem just perfect, when it often isn't. What I like about *The Night Before First Grade* is the way in which the author recognizes the potentially frightening aspects of the first day of school and resolves them in a realistic manner. For example, when the protagonist arrives at school, she learns that there are two sections of first grade and that her best friend will be in the other section. Bravely waving goodbye to her friend, she discovers new interests in her classroom. The lunchroom is busy and a bit scary, but she weathers it nicely. The text is in a rhythmic prose style, patterned after "The Night Before Christmas." I was a bit skeptical at first, but it works, and young readers will appreciate

the consistent beat of the narrative. Deborah Zemke's illustrations are upbeat and slightly funky - just like first grade!

I gave all of my kindergarten students this book on the last day of school. In September when they arrived as first graders, they were all telling me how much they loved the book over the summer. One parent e-mailed me and told me how helpful she found the book to be over the summer while they were preparing for first grade. I would recommend this book highly!

Excellent! I was a little skeptical at first, but this book is wonderful. My 6 year old has read the book on her own and the illustrations were very helpful to assist her in identifying some new words on the page. She has enjoyed the book so much that she has decided to include the book in her summer book report reading list. It is just the correct length for a child entering first grade. My daughter's school only has 1 of each grade, but it has helped her realize to give things a chance. She realizes there will be new children and she may not be seated right next to her friends but there are many other things for her to explore. First grade can be scary. It's entering what my daughter's school calls 'the upper grades'. Overall, the book is one that both children and parents will enjoy with it's great ending.

My 5 yr old started 1st grade and I have been purchasing this series every year. My son loves it! This one I enjoyed myself too ^ Lol It's a good read and a cute plot twist. Definitely a great buy and I would recommend it to parents and teachers to read to their children and students. Fast and safe delivery as well. Thank you!

This is an excellent book to get and read to your child before the first day of school. I am a first grade teacher and plan on using this book to read and record for my students to watch the night before.

I bought this book for my niece to read the night before first grade. She will be so excited to get this book! I also bought one for my other niece who is going to kindergarten. This will be a great memory for them!

My son loved this book! I bought it for him right before he started school, and we read it every night for two weeks. It a cute, short story that was perfect for his journey through the first days of 1st

grade. I hope there's one for 2nd grade!

My first graders loved the rhyme and chime effect of this read aloud. It is part of my collection for the first week back in school. I also have several others in this series which makes it fun for the students to connect with several texts by same author.

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