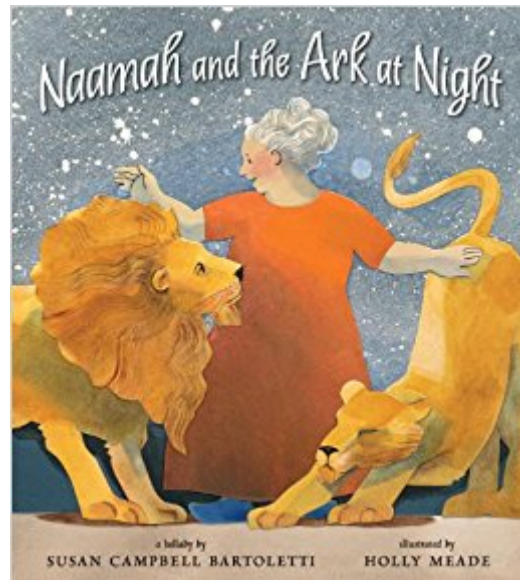




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# Naamah And The Ark At Night



## Synopsis

As Noah's wife sings the animals to sleep, an age-old tale is told afresh in a soothing poetic form brought to life with beautiful collage illustrations. Naamah is the wife of Noah, and her name means "great singer." For forty days and forty nights, as the ark tosses on storm-wracked seas, Naamah sings. She sings to the animals, two by two. She sings to her husband, her sons, and their wives. She sings, and they all sleep, finally at peace. Acclaimed author Susan Campbell Bartoletti's rhythmic, lyrical text pairs with Caldecott Honor winner Holly Meade's luminous collage for a cozy, tender lullaby, and an ode to the power of song.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Lovely and lyrical...Bartoletti and Meade take a most familiar story and make it breathtakingly new. "Booklist (starred review) Sunlit figures with a peaceful absence of detail contrast with quietly dramatic, near-black silhouettes. Affection between pairs warms many a scene. "The Horn Book (starred review) The text has a lovely, soothing effect, with the repeated ending words and a lilting cadence that effectively suggests a comforting lullaby. Meade's watercolor collage illustrations match the dramatic pacing of the text with varied perspectives and humorous views of the sleeping (or prowling) animals. . . . This captivating interpretation creates a remarkable partner for Noah, who

uses her special talent in a memorable way.â "Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

Susan Campbell Bartoletti has written many celebrated books for children, including the Newbery Honorâ "winning *HITLER YOUTH: GROWING UP IN HITLER'S SHADOW*. She wrote *NAAMAH AND THE ARK AT NIGHT* in a strict but exquisite poetic form: the ancient middle-eastern ghazal. Susan Campbell Bartoletti lives in Pennsylvania. Holly Meade (1956-2013) wrote and illustrated *IF I NEVER FOREVER ENDEAVOR*. She earned a Caldecott Honor for her illustrations in *HUSH! A THAI LULLABY* by Minfong Ho. She also illustrated *AND THEN COMES HALLOWEEN* by Tom Brenner; *ON THE FARM, IN THE WILD*, and *IN THE SEA* by David Elliott; and many others.

I have bought this book multiple times to give as gifts to family and friends with small children. It is a lovely bedtime story with a sing-songy cadence to it. And the illustrations are beautiful. All around a lovely book. I highly recommend!

This is a nice poem and story of Noah's wife. The pictures are quite lovely and the poetic form intends to soothe and comfort the reader or listener as Naamah does the same for the passengers of the Ark. A note for the author's note, someone unfamiliar with this potential name for Noah's wife who wouldn't know how to pronounce it learns at the end of the book how to do so. For a first time reader including this information at the start of the book will help them relate to the character better as they will know how to speak her name in their thoughts as they read or aloud if they are reading to others.

This is one of my one year old son's favorite books, and I love reading it to him. It's a short and lyrical read with gorgeous pictures. My son loves to roar at the lions, kiss them good night and point out all the different animals throughout the book and on the front and back covers.

I love reading this book to my three-year-old granddaughter. It is a peaceful, quiet story, just perfect for bedtime. The story of the origin of Naamah's name is interesting. There are few words tucked into a wonderful rhythm.

It was what I ordered as a gift for my baby nieces.

Great story especially for girls to see the woman behind the man. Beautiful picture book for a variety

of ages

The pictures were well done and it was nice to see a female included in the story of the ark.

The author's not at the end of this book explains the style of writing used to write this lullaby. The style is inspired by an Arabic form of poetry dating back to at least the seventh century, called ghazal (pronounced like guzzle) It makes for a lovely, rhythmic feel as we read about Noah's wife singing the ark to sleep at night. The illustrations feel like cutouts pasted together to make pictures and are soothing rather than bold in colour. Naamah and the Ark at Night is a perfect bedtime book.

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