



How the Sun Got to Coco's House **written and illustrated by Bob Graham**

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As Coco sleeps, we follow the journey of the sun as it rises in various parts of the world.

Each page of this picture book is an individual story in itself, showing what happens when early morning sun rays light and warm a certain street, house, village, or forest. There is a wonderful mix of the domestic and the geographic as the reader travels the world with the sun.

The sun's movements link the individual stories together and the book ends in a satisfying way when sun rays reach Coco's bedroom window and wake her.

The illustrations are soft, gentle, and tell each story from a different perspective - through the window of a plane, or a paper boy on his bicycle. The text is brief and full of beauty and movement.

As a read aloud there is room to extend the story through further exploration about what is occurring on each page. Sunny yellow endpapers are the perfect opening and closing moments of this beautifully designed book.

How the Sun Got to Coco's House is as warm, uplifting, and full of promise as the first rays of the rising sun. A delightful book to share with pre-schoolers or early readers either in a group setting, or as a bedtime story.

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