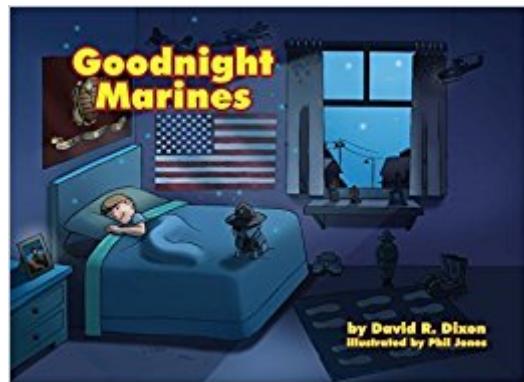


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# Goodnight Marines



## **Synopsis**

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My father has been in a memory care facility since May. What's evident since his dementia began to show up is that he still has a keen memory for his long career in the U. S. Marine Corps. This book was perfect for him. But more importantly it was perfect for me. I wept in my first read and I weep now as I share this with you. If you are a Marine, know a Marine, were a Marine, married a Marine, or were raised by a Marine, this book will melt your heart. This book is a intimate tribute to my Marine father and perhaps yours too.

This is a great children's book! The author truly reaches out to the little ones, especially those that have parents that are in the service. We are not a military family but we do whole-hardheartedly support them. Our 7 year old daughter enjoyed the story and the additional information helped to explain to her some details, as well. The illustrations are pristine and heartwarming. Thank you to the author and illustrator for bringing this subject to light in a kid-friendly way!

Goodnight Marines is a thoughtful homage to the Marine Corps presented for both young and old to enjoy. The book ends with the Marines Hymn which we sing every time we read the book. I cannot give this book more praise.

This is a great book for all ages. Great pictures, clear text. Perhaps the best thing is that I only found out about this book a few days ago. Through the efforts of someone (David Dixon? ?) It arrived in time for Christmas! Thank you so much. The 4 children of the Marine who will get this book, will cherish it because it is (in their mind) about THEIR DAD! I loved the Marine Hymn in the back of the book. This book should be widely available to Marines, their families and friends and all Americans who reap the benefits of living in a country protected by Marines and other Military. Thanks.BTW...Any plans for "Goodnight Soldier", "Goodnight Sailor", "Goodnight Airman/Airwoman", "Goodnight Coastie"?? I think it would have a big market.

My daughter asked me today why there was not ANYTHING like this book when her daddy was active duty! Bought it for her for Christmas today... (This is a Marine Brat that is now 28!) Being an "old Marine wife" the pictures that are shown brought tears to my eyes, so many deployment memories; thank you for the F-18's! When anyone enlists or marries into the military you do so as an adult and have a decent idea of what you may encounter, regardless of MOS. Never once has a child born into the military asked to be a Brat. They have the hardest job in the military. How do you explain to a three year old her daddy is somewhere and sees the same moon each night? And this was 25 years ago when there was no Goodnight Marines to help me! To this day the two of us look at the moon and know that the other is thinking about the other. Thank you for FINALLY helping the little ones to understand where their Marine is! Semper Fi and may your heart feel the hope you are giving to our "Marine Brats!" (They really should have their own MOS!)

This is a great book! It covers a wide variety of military occupations in its storyline. The illustrations are beautiful as well. The book also covers some Marine Corps history offering definitions of terms seen throughout the book. And of course, it wouldn't be complete without the Marines Hymn at the end of the story. A must have for Marines and all service members who want to give a special gift to their little ones before they deploy. I myself have been in the USMC for a little over 19 years now, and have seen the pain in little ones' eyes when their mommy or daddy is being shipped off overseas to do what they do best. In some ways, this book is more than just a book, it can also be

therapeutic to young family members. Even if you have not served in the Marine Corps or the military, this is still a wonderful piece of art to learn some history and traditions that are so near and dear to all Marines. Easy to read and very entertaining, not just for children, but to all of us big kids as well. From one Marine to another, job well done Sir, and Semper Fi!

I purchased "Goodnight Marines" for Rory, my soon to be (June 19th 2017) 2 year old Granddaughter. She was delighted with "Goodnight Marines" from the first time I read to her! Rory loves the bright colors and unique images, especially the Marines in their uniforms and "Chesty", the dog. She recognizes, and points to "Chesty" as a "dog", and knows the word "dog", since she has two Boston Terriers at home. Whenever I reach for the book and sit down, Rory IMMEDIATELY climbs into my lap as I read to her, and "helps me turn the pages

This precious book is beautifully illustrated with bold vibrant colors and adorable pictures. It is a nice sized book and will make a great gift for any child with a US Marine in the family, or for children who are curious about the military. I gave a copy to my nephew along with a collage of photos of my Marine son in uniform, and he absolutely treasures this book and is so proud of his cousin. My nephew brought the book to school for show and tell and it was a hit with his classmates.

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