

★ **Woodland Dreams****Karen Jameson****Marc Boutavant, Illustrator**

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In this lush bedtime story, a gentle girl in a blue anorak, accompanied by her pup, assumes a sandman role for woodland creatures at dusk. Musical, romantic descriptions of the creatures honor their daytime activities as they're lured toward sleep. The book's lovely illustrations have a somnolent effect: as the girl runs through twilight settings, snow starts to fall; pinkish skies peek through the dark branches, and adorable animals close their eyes to meet the quiet. Soon, it's time for dreams to swirl.

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