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***Tickle my Ears* by Jörg Mühle**

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This interactive board book is perfect for preparing toddlers to settle down to sleep. The clever storyline invites readers to help Little Rabbit with his bedtime routine.

It's late.

Little Rabbit must go to bed.

He's brushed his teeth.

His pajamas are ready.

Clap your hands -

he'll put them on!

At the turn of each page there's a successful outcome, then another action that encourages Little Rabbit to carry on getting ready for bed. It's an ingenious concept with a gentle progression that should work a treat. Bedtime routines can be tricky and these shared steps are a fun way to entice youngsters to calmly snuggle down to sleep.

Soothing background colours showcase the cute flop-eared rabbit as he carries out his evening tasks. His enormous yawn is catching! The economical text moves the story along at a smooth pace.

Like all Gecko Press books, this satin-finish board book is a durable publication designed to last repeated readings. Parents and their little ones will treasure this charming book.

**Reviewed by children's book author
Jean Bennett**

