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# While You Are Sleeping

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Red Fox Picture Books  
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*We are the bedside toys.  
Do you ever stop to think what we go through,  
night after night, while you are sleeping?*

Every day they sit as still as stone but at night the bedside team come to life; scaring away bad dreams, squishing the bed bugs flat and even checking for monsters. It's hard work, but in the morning, when their owner awakes, the bedside toys are richly rewarded. With breathtaking illustrations and poignant text, this wonderfully atmospheric picture book is suffused with magic.

### **Praise for the Hardback**

Distinctive and contains surprising details . . . the words, medium and technique are all suitably soothing and sleepy, making this an ideal bedtime book. *Nicolette Jones, Sunday Times*

Delightful illustrations . . . a lovely addition to an already impressive body of work by the talented writer and illustrator. *Publishing News*

A stunningly beautiful book by one of the finest artists to emerge onto the picture book scene in recent years . . . Deacon brings such originality and sensitivity to the idea through his sublime draughtmanship that we are instantly transported to a wholly convincing night-time world. *Books for Keeps*

Alexis Deacon graduated from the University of Brighton where he studied Illustration, with a first class honours degree. Before graduating he was also awarded the Burt Brill and Cardens award for the second best degree show in 2000. He now lives in London. Beegu, Alexis' second book was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2003.

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