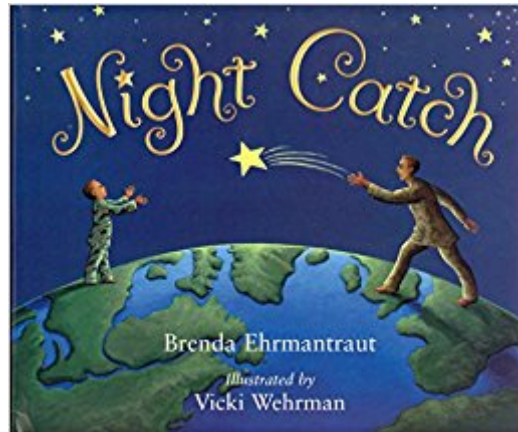




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Night Catch



Synopsis

When a soldier's work takes him half-way around the world, he enlists the help of the North Star for a nightly game of catch with his son. Night Catch is a timeless story that connects families while they are apart and offers comforting hope for their reunion.

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Customer Reviews

"Night Catch is a staple in our Parent to Parent program. Used for Tell Me a Story events, Night Catch provides military-connected children a unique opportunity to maintain close, personal bonds with moms and dads during deployments or long separations. We enthusiastically recommend it!" --
--Military Child Education Coalition"Keeping military families connected during deployment is the core of our work. Brenda's exceptional imagery allows military families to realize mindfulness--keeping the parent in the mind of the child and the child in the mind of the parent. Night Catch is the best of the best!" --
--Sally Ann Zoll, Ed.D, CEO, United Through Reading"Night Catch is my favorite book to read with my two girls when daddy is away. We are BIG FANS!" --
--Tara E Crooks, Cofounder, Army Wife Network

As a teacher, Brenda Ehrmantraut spent years filling notebooks and journals with stories and ideas. Night Catch was inspired when her brother deployed to Iraq and Brenda wanted to create a story that would connect and comfort his family during their year apart. About Night Catch, she says, "I love hearing how parents and grandparents get choked up reading it; it makes me feel like I've made a human connection and a tiny little difference." Brenda feels honored to play a small part in supporting the sacrifices military families make through the distribution of her book. Brenda was a

reading and language arts teacher in Ohio and Washington before having children of her own. She and her husband, a minister, live in Beresford, South Dakota, where she continues to work in education.

A friend suggested this book to me after my son was having a difficult time with Daddy away. We have many books on deployment, however my oldest prefers this over the others. This book is beautifully written and the illustrations really bring the story alive, showing the bond between father and son lives on regardless of the distance between them.

This book is precious. It's not about "a boy with a baseball", as one reviewer said; rather, it turns the very simple concept of playing catch (something practically every child would know how to do) into something that can be done with a parent even when they are across the world. I am reading it nightly with my 8-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son (we change words like son/guy/boy to kids/friends so it applies to both kids) during a year long deployment. After the story, we go outside and blow our star to Dad. It's a fun routine for everyone but is especially meaningful to my older child. Staying connected during long absences can be a challenge and I consider this book and our routine with it to be a very helpful tool.

I'm in the military and going through a really long technical school. Its been really hard on my 3.6 year old. He LOVES LOVES LOVES to read this book with me, through not as much with mom when I'm gone, but it seemed to get him to understand that I was leaving but I would come back. I suspect when I eventually have to go on a deployment and he is a bit older and able to understand more of the book, it will be even greater.

i recorded this for my 2 boys before I left for deployment and they love following along while listening to the recording

My son is deploying soon so I got them this book. They love it!

My dear friend gifted our family with this book before my husband deployed for 22 months. We had to make sure we could read through it without crying before we read it with the kids :) It is a touching story and while the pictures recognize that the far off place is a desert, the story does not focus on the war or the soldier as a hero (there are enough books like that). The soldier in the book is a dad

and the child he plays catch with is a boy, but both girls and boys of many ages can apply this game of catch in their specific situation. This worked for my boy (6) and my girl (3) who never went to bed without throwing Dad the North Star. I am buying this book for friends who have their dad deploying. When I asked my kids (now 11 and 8) if I could borrow out their book, the thought of parting with it put tears in their eyes and they asked if we could find one online to buy. This book touched our family in a special way.

This book is amazing we read it every night and I have even cut out stars to use as our coming home countdown. Each night we read the book we "send" a star to daddy! I highly recommend getting this book if you are currently going through Deployment or will be soon! I even had my husband record it on voice notes so this ensures he hears daddy every night.

The flow was a bit off and it could've been worded better but still a decent book to help kids out when daddy is away.

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