



LITTLE GIRL SQUIRREL WATCHES TV

a children's book by

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Illustrated by Kady Hamilton-King and Maya Hamilton King

Summary: Little Girl Squirrel loves to watch TV. But there is no TV in her nest. What to do? She finds an old chipmunk tunnel. She uses it to get into PawPaw's basement where there is a TV.

One night PawPaw finds her there. Now she's in trouble. She has to leave. But she begs and begs. Please please please.

Finally she and PawPaw make a deal that lets hundreds of squirrels watch TV. But only at midnight. And PawPaw starts to understand the fun.

Illustrators Kady Hamilton-King and Maya Hamilton-King live in the Pacific Northwest but visit Little Girl Squirrel's home area on the East Coast. The author's grandchildren, they were the first to figure out what Little Girl Squirrel was up to and to give the clues that turned into this story. They drew and colored the drawings portraying Little Girl Squirrel's stresses and joys.

Meanwhile the author's boyhood in a Mennonite community where he could only watch TV at friends' houses taught him why Little Squirrel thinks TV is magic—and why she shouldn't watch all the time. Embrace the spirit, to praise; the emotion is true, whether she is writing about nature or the personal. Her distilled poetry is welcomed in this uncertain time.

"I like that the girl squirrel climbed down a hole. And I like that girl who colored the drawings."

—Maja (age four), a supportive reader from the Mountain West, where plenty of Little Girl Squirrel's extended family lives

Market: Anyone interested in a squirrel who loves to watch TV and what it takes to work out an hour of watching each midnight in PawPaw's basement.

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