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## Book Tip Sheet

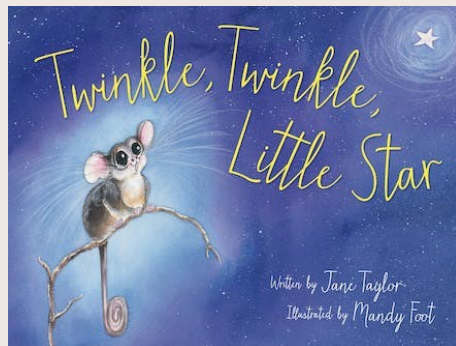
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### **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**

**Jane Taylor and Mandy Foot**

Many people know the wonderful lullaby Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star but did you know it was first published as a poem in 1806? This book has made the song sparkle even more. It is a story about a pygmy possum who has to find his way home in the night and meets lots of Australian animals along the way.



#### **BEFORE READING...**



- ▶ On the cover point to the star and the possum.
- ▶ Read the title as you hold the book where your baby can see it.
- ▶ This is a perfect book to read before bedtime—read with just a lamp on to help your baby get ready to sleep.

#### **WHILE READING...**



- ▶ Point to the star on each page.
- ▶ The last words on each pair of lines end with the same sound: high and sky, light and night, are and star.
- ▶ Read the lines with rhythm and it will feel like music. If you don't know the tune you can look up videos of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star online.

#### **AFTER READING...**



- ▶ You can make this book a regular part of your baby's bedtime routine. Reading a relaxing story with the lights down low can signal to them that it's time to sleep and help them settle down.
- ▶ Babies love to hear their parents and carers sing and don't care if you have a "good" voice or not so sing this and other nursery rhymes in English or any other languages you speak.

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