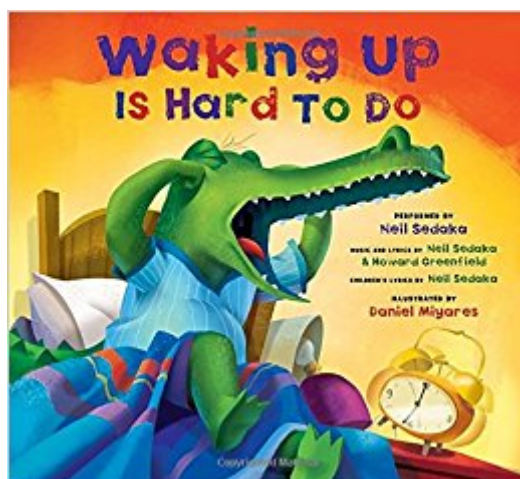


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# Waking Up Is Hard To Do (Book & CD)



## Synopsis

A unique offering of a book and CD recorded by Neil Sedaka, one of the most popular songs in music history becomes one of the most delightful children's books ever. Rise and shine! It's morning time. The alarm clock's ringing, the birds are singing. Everything's saying: get up, get going! Breakfast is warming, school is calling. The street's are bustling, all the world is stirring. It's sure to be a happy day with this bright and sunny picture book and CD, with new lyrics based on the hit song by Neil Sedaka and Howard Greenfield. Daniel Miyares's delightful art opens the eyes with its vivid colors, playful details, and adorable collection of animal characters. And to make waking up just a little easier, there's a CD with Neil Sedaka singing this happy song, plus two new songs with lyrics and music by Neil written especially for this CD: LIGHTNIN' JIM and SING. Warm and friendly and full of fun, this is a musical and visual celebration of the everyday joys of home, family, and neighborhood.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2-Grammy-award winner Sedaka has rewritten the lyrics of his 1962 and 1975 chart-topping tune to create this child-pleasing book. The alarm clock is ringing, birds are singing, breakfast is warming, and school is calling. The repeated chorus, "Wakin' up is hard to do," will

allow children to chime in. There are some breaks in the rhyme pattern, but overall the lively nature of the lyrics will keep kids engaged. A young alligator moves through his morning routine of brushing his teeth with a large toothbrush, going downstairs for breakfast, and catching the school bus while still fighting the sleep in his eyes. The charming art has fun details and an adorable cast of animal characters. Family portraits in the stairway and the smile created from bacon and eggs at breakfast are pleasant extras for those who pay close attention to the illustrations. A CD includes the title track as well as two new songs: "Lightnin' Jim" and "Sing."-Sarah Polace, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, OH (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

The history of rock & roll would be incomplete without the innumerable contributions of Neil Sedaka. Sedaka began studying music at the age of nine, and later catapulted to stardom with hits such as "Oh Carol," "Calendar Girl," "Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen," and especially "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do." His songs "Bad Blood" and "Laughter in the Rain" both reached #1 on the music charts. He has written over a thousand songs, received a Grammy Award for Record of the Year for "Love Will Keep Us Together," has been inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In his fifty plus year career, Sedaka has sold over sixty million records. But he does not rest on these laurels: he continues to write, record, and perform worldwide. Sedaka has been married for over forty-five years to his wife, Leba, and they have two children and three grandchildren.

Wking Up Is hard To Do by Neil Sedaka was released in 2010. It is a great children's book. and is inspired by his #1 hit Breaking Up Is Hard To Do. I am lucky enough to have an autographed copy ! A wonderful three song CD is included. Fans of Neil Sedaka will like this the most.

As a teenager in the 60's, I was rockin & rollin with Neil Sedaka. I ordered the book & CD the same day I heard Neil on the radio promoting the book. I actually "sang" this book along with the CD to my 3 year old granddaughter. When we got to the end, she said "more Nana". By the 4th "reading" she was also singing the words. It was glorious sharing my old music with new words with my grandchild. The artwork is lively and colorful. When we were finished singing, we went through each page slowly and talked about each animal in the story and what they were doing. It was wonderful! Thank you Neil!!

Students ask for this at the beginning of story time. They adore Sedaka's re-make of his old hit. Great for librarians, teachers, or parents who want quality entertainment for their children.

Children ALWAYS say "do it again"!! A perfect gift book. The CD is great, and the kids love it in the car! The story guides young one to get up and get ready for the day...brushing teeth etc. Neil Sedaka's song original " Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" is a tune from the past and grabs a Grammie's heart, bringing past and present together for Grand children who sing and clap along!!! LOVE this!

I gave this as a gift last weekend - My niece and nephew (ages 3 and 5) loved this book! They sat surprised and amused when their mom, aunt, and grandmother danced and sang to the title's song on the CD. They will soon love Neil's music as much as we do! Update: They have memorized this music and love singing it - their grandmother says they give impromptu 'concerts' even when away from the house/book. Awesome book!

I ordered this on suggestion from a friend who used it for her volunteer work in the schools. As I do the same thing I thought it would be great for 'my' young students as well. It was a hit. This is a book that is great which comes with a CD that even the older generation will not get sick of listening to.

Great fun! Sung by Neil Sedaka. Played it so much in our classroom that I don't really remember the original lyrics. Haha

I bought this product for my daughter. She is a teacher in Brooklyn NY and is always on the look out for see and hear books. I have not heard from her yet about the children's reactions to this book and CD. I found the book thru NPR and have wonderful experiences with all the products that I purchase thru NPR referral. Thank you for asking.

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