

# Early One Morning

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# It's too early to be awake!

A young boy and his cat are awake before his moms and sister. It's too early to make a sound, but his rumbling tummy needs to be fed. The boy and his cat finish their breakfast just in time to say "Good morning!" to the rest of the family.

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A young child wakes up before the rest of the household to make himself and his cat breakfast.

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- The author won a Lambda Literary Award in 1997 and 2007, and was a finalist on 14 other occasions.
- In 2007, 2013 and 2021, the author had books recognized by IBBY's Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities.
- This book features same-sex parents.
- Also available in French as *Trop tôt pour se lever!* (9781459831780).
- This book is being published alongside *Bedtime, Not Playtime!* by the same author and illustrator, which features a girl, her dog and her dads.



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Light fills the window  
and I see the sun.





I jump out of bed.  
The day has begun!



**My moms are still  
in bed asleep.**





My sister too.  
I won't make a peep.



But then I hear  
a rumbling sound!





It's not from my tummy  
so I look all around.



Through the door  
I see a flash of fur.





Cat's awake too.  
What I heard was her purr!



In the kitchen  
I carefully spread





butter across  
a slice of bread.



# Cat decides to eat instead





just the butter—  
without any bread!



Time for a drink.  
I gulp and she sips.





Then I wipe the milk  
from both our lips.



# When the others finally get out of bed





Cat and I  
have been thoroughly fed.  
Good morning.





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