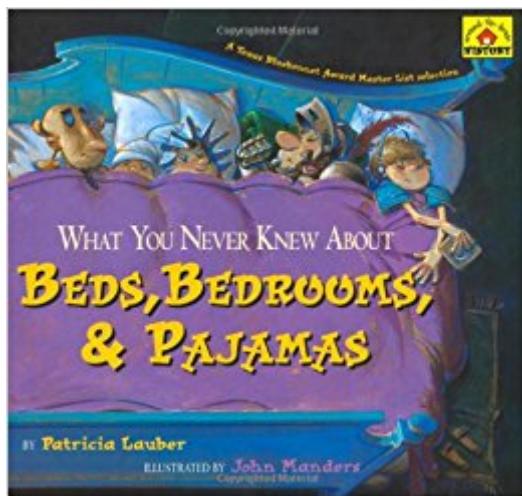


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# What You Never Knew About Beds, Bedrooms, & Pajamas (Around-The-House History (Aladdin Paperbacks))



## Synopsis

You make your bed in the morning. At times in the past, people really made their beds -- and at night they stuffed straw into a sack, making a bed to lie on. Nightclothes were first worn in the 1500s. Before that, people slept in their day clothes, their underwear, or nothing at all. In Ancient Rome, bedrooms were small. A servant guarded the doorway by sleeping across it. Learn these facts and more in this true but funny account as Newbery Honor Patricia Lauber and celebrated illustrator John Manders go under the covers to explore beds, bedrooms, and pajamas since the Stone Age. They'll show you how the world's been sleeping since the dawn of time.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 2-5 •Focusing on sleeping customs through the ages, Lauber begins with the Stone Age and moves up to the 1700s, but includes some more contemporary facts as well. She also corrects common myths, such as the idea that ancient Egyptians reposed on headrests to keep their hairdos neat (not true, since they wore wigs). Manders's engaging artwork varies between full-page and spot illustrations. The humorous asides from characters in the comic-style pictures will entertain youngsters as they get the full impact of people snoozing in very different

ways. All of this history is put into context at the end, where the author draws parallels between slumber habits in the past and current practices. One of the examples is sleeping outside, which was done in the Stone Age and that we now call camping. Overall, a winning look at history. •Susan E. Murray, Glendale Public Library, AZ Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Patricia Lauber is the author of the Around-the-House series and more than 125 other books for young people. Her *Volcano: The Eruption and Healing of St. Helens* was a Newbery Honor Book. She lives with her husband and two cats, Beemer and MeToo, in New Canaan, Connecticut. John Manders uses an old master's technique of layering colored glazes over a monochromatic underpainting and does extensive research for many of his projects. He and his wife, Lisa, live with two dogs and a parrot in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My 8-yr old nephew loves this book and the other two in this series. He's read them so many times over and over again. Although the book seems to be about only beds, it is very educational because it puts beds in the context of history over the ages (e.g. stone age, middle ages, etc). So, children are also learning history. Additionally, the writing is very engaging. I wish there were more in this series.

Patricia Lauber's book is fun. The illustrations are colorful and engaging and the text is quite interesting. The book is enjoyable for the whole family!

This book is entertaining, with cartoon characters and dialog bubbles. The fun cartoons make the text memorable and help kids see an everyday item (bedtime) in the context of history. Informative, well-researched illustrations.

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This book is very well written and will entice reluctant readers. Children will love the references to underwear and "sleeping bare".

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