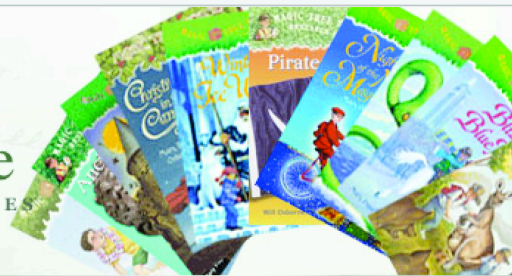


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MR. BEZO

Posted by Mary in [Adventures of Joey & Mr. Bezo](#)

Mr. Bezo is winding down for the day. He's sitting on my desk right now, getting his little black and brown head scratched. (He and his best friend Joey often climb over the back of the couch in my study and step onto my desk, uninvited.) Whenever I try to type, Mr. Bezo reaches with his nose under my left hand and lifts it off the keyboard for more head scratching. (It's a struggle to get these words down.)



Soon Mr. Bezo will start "talking" to me to tell me it's time for him to go to bed. He likes for us to take him upstairs and put him to bed around 8:30 every night. If he's ignored, he talks louder and louder, hitting every note of the scale. Mr. Bezo also talks when he wants dinner, when he wants to go outside, when he wants attention, and whenever he sees an animal on television.

Mr. Bezo loves watching TV. Last winter, he particularly loved a children's video called *The Busy Little Engine* made by our friend Desmond Mullen of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The video was about a pig and a train. Every time we played the video, Mr. Bezo would dash to the TV, sit down in front of the screen, and start talking back to the

pig. Mr. Bezo can get restless and barky late in the day, so I began playing the video every evening around dinnertime. One day I forgot and watched the news instead. Mr. Bezo started talking his voice getting louder and louder, until finally I realized what I'd done. I immediately put his pig video on. He stopped talking, settled down and contentedly watched his show.



Joey doesn't enjoy watching TV. He's jealous of the attention Mr. Bezo gives to it, and will often bark and paw the rug when Mr. Bezo is sitting in front of the set. But Mr. Bezo is unfazed by Joey's objections. He loves all kinds of shows, especially cartoons or anything with an animal in it. He's not afraid of tigers or wolves -but for some curious reason, he is horrified by a local dentist's commercial featuring an animated dancing tooth. Whenever the tooth comes on, he cries and runs from the room in a panic.

Whoops. Mr. Bezo has just started to talk to me now. It's almost nine o'clock. I got carried away writing this and forgot to take him up to bed. Joey likes to stay up late.

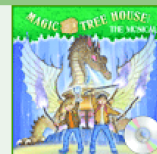
But for Mr. Bezo, it's time to say "Good night".

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