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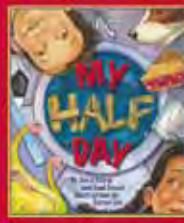
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Illustrations by
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EVEN

The award-winning team of One Odd Day has done it again with My Even Day and My Half Day.

Join in the fun as a young boy awakens to find that everything around him is "odd." See if you find all the odd things that surround him throughout the day—both at home and at school. Will his "odd day" end when he goes to bed that night?

It's so much more than a picture book . . . this book is specifically designed to be both a fun-to-read story and a launch pad for discussions and learning. Whether read at home or in a classroom, we encourage adults to do the activities with the young children in their lives. Free online resources and support at www. ArbordalePublishing.com include:

· For Creative Minds as seen in the book
   (in English & Spanish):
    ˚ Odd Fun Facts and Counting
    ˚ An Odd Coloring Chart
    ˚ How Odd Oddities
    ˚ Creative Sparks
  · Teaching Activities:
    ˚ Reading Questions   ˚ Science
    ˚ Language Arts   ˚ Math
· Interactive Quizzes: Reading Comprehension,
   For Creative Minds, and Math Word Problems
· English and Spanish Audiobooks
· Related Websites
· Aligned to State Standards (searchable database)
· Accelerated Reader and Reading Counts! Quizzes
· Lexile and Fountas & Pinnell Reading Levels

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Thanks to Kathy Skinner, recipient of the 2004 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching for the State of Texas, for vetting the accuracy of this book and for providing the math riddles.

Doris Fisher loves writing in verse. In addition to co-authoring the award-winning series of One Odd Day, My Even Day, and One Half Day, Doris is the author of Happy Birthday to Whooo? A Baby Animal Riddle Book, also an award winner. A member of the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, her children's writing includes fiction, nonfiction, poetry, word puzzles, and mazes. Doris and her husband live in the Houston, Texas area.

Dani Sneed is a mother of three, full-time engineer, part-time writer, and former substitute teacher. While teaching, Dani enjoyed explaining math in silly, but memorable, ways. Oddly enough, she was inspired to co-author this math series based on a conversation she had with an elementary school librarian. Dani lives in the suburbs of Houston with her family which includes a dog, Muffin, and a cat, Cupcake.

Karen Lee has quite a humorous imagination, and it shows in this math series—the illustrations are full of hidden items that children will love to find. Karen has also written and illustrated the award-winning ABC Safari and is also the recipient of the 2004 SCBWI Magazine Merit Award for Illustration for her work in Highlights For Children. She and her husband, also an illustrator, raise their family outside of Raleigh, NC.

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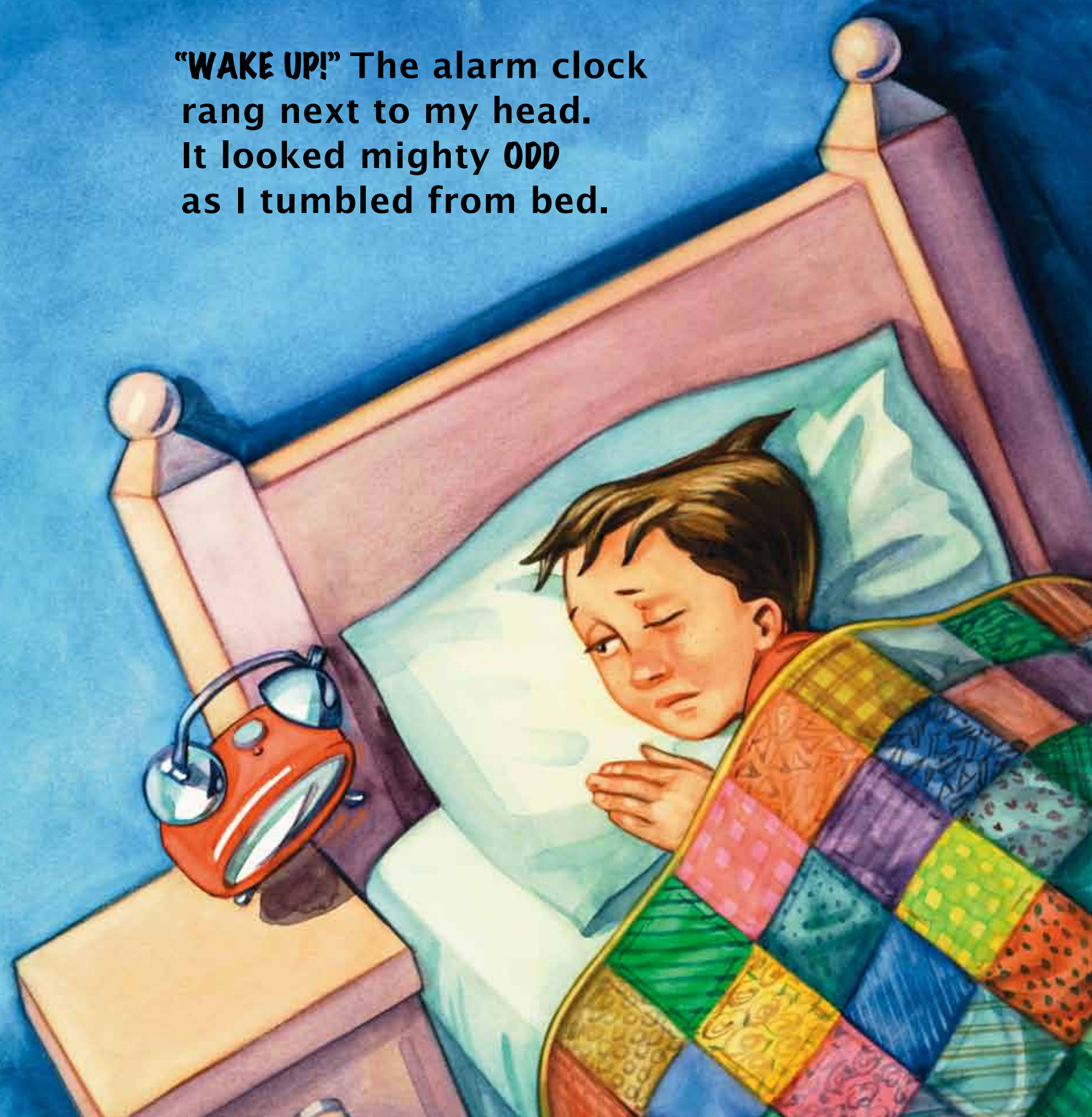By Doris Fisher and Dani Sneed
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"WAKE UP!" The alarm clock rang next to my head. It looked mighty ODD as I tumbled from bed.

The clock had just **ODD** numbers…
ONE, THREE,
FIVE, SEVEN,
followed by **ODD** numbers…
NINE and **ELEVEN.**

I put on **ONE** sock
and found **ONE** stinky shoe,
pulled on my old jeans
and a shirt that was new.

What a surprise!
I discovered **THREE** sleeves.
ONE hung down my back
as I hurried to leave.

I gulped down my breakfast
of burnt toast and eggs,
while Princess, my dog,
danced a jig on FIVE legs.

For Creative Minds

It's So Odd!

Odd numbers cannot be grouped into pairs—there is always one left without a buddy.

Use small candies, pennies, or buttons to count and sort. Put the items in pairs or with buddies to see if the number is a pair or not. Start with one—does it have a buddy? How about two, three, four, etc?

If you add an odd number to an even number, will you get an odd or even number?

If you add two odd numbers together, will you get an odd or an even number?

How Odd!

"Odd" means "not having a pair or a match." For example, when the washing machine "eats" a sock, you might end up with an "odd sock."

"Odd man out" is the person who is left alone after everyone else finds a partner for a game.

Something that is odd is also something that is unusual or different. Does it seem "odd" or strange to you that the school bus has polka dots in this story? *What other things are odd in the story and illustrations?*

Can you find the following objects in the story?

1 screwdriver
3 dolphins
5 flamingos
7 swings
9 ninjas

If someone is an "odd ball," they behave a little differently than most people.

Sometimes we ask, "What are the odds?" when we talk about the chance of something happening.

Three cars were black, two were blue and five were white. What are the odds that the next car that passes will be white?
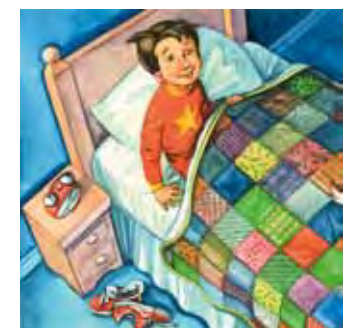*What are the odds of rolling a "6" with one roll of a die?*

Creative Sparks

When the boy wakes up to find the new day is even; what numbers do you think would be on the clock? Why?

Make a Very Odd Creature

There are some very odd creatures in this story! Make an odd creature of your own out of modeling clay and give it only an odd number of eyes, wings, legs, etc. Use toothpicks, paper clips, buttons and other found objects to create the oddest creature you can think of!

Color the odd numbers yellow and the even numbers red. Optional for older children: color prime numbers blue,

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89
90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99

Do you see a pattern? Can you describe it?

Odd numbers always end with a 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Is the number "zero" odd or even?

Optional: Are most prime numbers odd or even? Are they all? Why or why not?