Hi, I’m Chris Eliopoulos. I’m the writer and illustrator of books such as Cosmic Commandos and Monster Mayhem, as well as the Ordinary People Change The World series. I’m also co-creator of Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum on PBSKids. Today, though, we’re going to sit and read my newest book which is called The Yawns are Coming! So I hope you enjoy. It’s about a couple of kids trying to stay up all night and sleepover—I’m sure you guys have done that. So let’s go dig right in.

Ok, so here is The Yawns are Coming! by me, Christopher Eliopoulos.

[NOTE: Chris makes comments as he reads from the book. The text of the book is bolded; non-bolded text indicates Chris’s comment.]

The Yawns are Coming!

We were going to have so much fun.

My best friend Noodles was at my house for a sleepover. But we weren’t going to sleep. We were planning to stay up all night long. We made a list of all the fun things we would do.

Look at how long that list is. That is a lot of things they gotta do. And they look like they’re dressed for the part, no?

We played hide and seek, and board games I always like board games, and soccer. We jumped on the trampoline. And when it got dark, we collected fireflies. See the fireflies. I used to do this as a little kid. You’d collect them in a jar but at the end of the night, you’d set them free, right? Then it happened.

Oh, no! What happened?

“Oh, no!”

“What?” I said.

THE YAWNS ARE COMING!

The Yawns?

THE YAWNS! See, look at them all! They’re so cute. RUN!

They look freaked. They’re running.
There were hundreds of them.

How many can you see on this page? Can you count them all? Wow, I think there’s way too many to even count.

We ran.

Look at them go.

And we climbed.

Maybe they could get high enough away from the yawns, they couldn’t get ‘em.

And we sneaked.

Totally sneaking there.

And we hid.

Hope it’s a good spot.

But it was no use. The YAWNS caught us!

Oh, no! Look at ‘em all! Grabbing on. Poor Noodles.

We couldn’t resist them.

I would YAWN! Then Noodles would YAWN! And then I would YAWN again. Then Noodles would YAWN again! Does that make you yawn? I know when I see people yawn, it makes me yawn. But I wasn’t having it.

“No! I said. We are supposed to stay up all night long!”

Noodles only responded with a—here it comes—“YAWN!”

That was a big yawn, huh?

And then, out of nowhere—SPLAP—a DOZE landed on Noodles’ head. Do you ever start dozing off? Maybe this is what the Dozes look like. I tried to keep Noodles awake. We still had lots of items on our list of fun things to do. But it was too late.

Oh, no! The Doze made Noodles doze off.

The SNORES had arrived and were dancing around Noodles’ head. SNOOOOOORE!

Do you snore? I think I snore. I think my kids tell me I snore once in a while. Do your parents snore? Anyway...
My eyes were getting heavy. They were just about to close when… a SLEEPIE covered me up!

Doesn’t that look safe and warm? It was!

It was warm and safe. Before I knew it… It was morning.

They slept through the whole night.

**Noodles, who was awake and smiling, made a new list!**

Look, look at the new items on the list!

**We were going to have so much fun.**

See and they’re all dressed and ready for the new day. Ready to go and have some fun.

So I hope you liked my book. It’s called *The Yawns are Coming! You can run, you can hide, but you can’t escape the Yawns!* I hope you enjoyed this a lot, as much as I did. And remember, keep reading! Bye.