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About title:

*In the evening, when the sun is going down
And the moon is rising
Right before it gets totally dark
There's a spectacle you won't forget.*

At the zoo, at eight o'clock sharp, the yawning begins. The tiger's first, the swans take over from him, then the crocs, the giraffes, and so on. One animal infects the next.

*By eight-thirty in the evening
All creatures great and small are yawning (...)
The sloth thinks: "Wonderful,
Now for a bit of peace!"*

Yawning is infectious; so is laughing. Both mingle in this book, guaranteeing bedtime smiles.

*The zoo is closing its gates,
The animals are lying down to sleep.
And you?*

Monika Spang, born in Karlsruhe in 1970, studied agricultural biology and journalism. Her first nephews and nieces made her realize there weren't nearly enough good stories. Her brother is an illustrator, so she began to contribute ideas and texts for picture books.

Sonja Bougaeva, born in St.Petersburg 1975, now living in Hamburg, studied book art and painting at the Academy of Arts. Subsequently, she trained as a designer for animated movies and worked for a cartoon film studio. This is her second children's book.

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