

A Bookworm(Mom)'s Diary

Nana Star

Today I have the pleasure of presenting to you the iParenting Media Award-winning site [NanaStar](#).

The *laugh-friendly company*® is the brain child of sisters and authors Elizabeth Sills and Elena Patrice. Inspired by their grandmother, the creative duo founded *ee publishing & productions*, in order to inspire children and provide them with good role models via books and toys that combine timeless values with vintage style. And it promises a return to simpler, more nostalgic times to the adults in the lives of these children. Since founding *ee*, they've expanded the world of [NanaStar](#) to include a picture book series, character plushies, and an award-winning [companion web site](#).



In *Nana Star*®, join a little girl's magical adventures as she promises to bring a lost baby star home where he belongs. It won't be easy-he lives high up in the heavens. In *Nana Star and the Moonman*, the next book in the series, Nana Star is ready to bring the lost baby star back home where he belongs, but the world has gone to bed and she feels scared and alone. With help from a [new friend](#), she learns that she is never alone, that the Moonman is always watching over and guiding her, even when she can't see him.



Bring these stories to huggable, snuggable, lovable life with the [Nana Star Posable Doll](#) and [Moonman Lovey](#) companion dolls! The sweet and oh-so-very-pretty [Nana Star Doll](#) is crafted with [love](#) and special attention to details that Little Twinkles will appreciate. She even comes with the baby star for them to care for! Made to be loved to pieces, the Moonman lovey glows when Little Twinkles cuddle him and plays a sleepy "luvaby" when they hug his tummy! He's a comforting presence as they drift off to dreamland.

Both of these book/toy combos have just been named to Dr. Toy's 100 Best Children's Products 2008 and Best Picks 2008 lists. But that's not all! Check out more of their multiple-award winning books and characters over at their [Laugh Friendly site](#).

I was sent both these great, award-winning book/toy combos for review. Well-conceived and well-built, these books and companion plushies are too adorable for words. I spent the weekend reading out the books to my not-yet-2 year old toddler. He's too young for the powerful message contained within the pages, but he did enjoy the thought that the doll in his hand was the same one in the book. Once that concept was grasped, he couldn't have enough of it! He ran off the book and the doll and in his excited, and unintelligible babble, tried to explain to his Dad *the awesome* concept that they were one and the same!

As parents, we're always on lookout for children's books and toys with high play and imagination value and the [NanaStar](#) series seem to embody this sentiment. We're now fans of this [Laugh Friendly site](#) where we've also discovered [Blaphhing!](#) A portion of all [Nana Star product](#) sales goes directly to the Nana Star Foundation, dedicated to two main causes: helping make life easier for children attending under-resourced, inner-city schools and for terminally ill children.

So, this holiday season, let your kids learn and laugh with [NanaStar](#) and in the process, help others as well!