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Little Mouse finds the moon so beautiful that she longs to have a piece of it all to herself. What happens when her wish comes true?

Little Mouse loves to look up at the moon every night. But one night, when a piece of the moon falls from the sky, she can't resist taking a little nibble. And another. Soon the moon is no longer round. What will happen to it now? Children will be eager to turn the pages and peek through the holes in an amusing tale of temptation featuring Petr Horáček's bold, vibrant illustrations.

The Mouse Who Ate the Moon Details

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From Reader Review The Mouse Who Ate the Moon for online ebook

Mama Bibliosoph says

Little Mouse wants a piece of the moon. In the morning, she mistakes a crescent-shaped banana for a piece of the moon. She eats half of it, but is soon remorseful about what she thinks she's done. Dragging the limp banana peel around she talks to other forest creatures who do their best to assure her that you can't eat the moon, and in the end the moon shines in the sky and she is relieved of her fear.

As Little Mouse makes her way through the forest, peek-a-boo pages let you see which animal is coming up next.

Both the cut outs and the mixed media art add texture and interest. The font, however, is a terrible choice for young eyes—a very ornamental serif.

I review children's books from the perspective of a parent of two kids with autism. This review is part of a list of 20 recommended picture books with space themes for autistic kids, which can be found on my blog: <https://www.lineupthebooks.com/20-pic...>

Christina says

This book was pretty cute-the cutouts and different shape pages ("peek-through" style) were interesting, and the illustrations were vivid and bright. The story line itself is humorous, with the little mouse believing she accidentally ate part of the moon, because it fell from the sky and then smelled so good she couldn't resist taking a nibble, and then another, and another until half of it is gone. "Oh no! Now the moon won't be round anymore" she laments sadly. (In actuality the 'moon' piece is a banana.) I think this would be a funny one to read in a story-time, because preschoolers will get in on the joke before the little mouse does.

Michael Fitzgerald says

And what would have happened were it not a full moon that night?

Michelle says

I only gave this two stars because I really didn't like the ending. The story is about a mouse who finds a "piece of the moon" (really a banana) and decides to eat a bit of it. It tastes so good that she ends up eating more of it than she intended. She immediately regrets eating the moon, but sees it in the sky the next night and realizes all is okay. The last line of the book is "And the big moon lit up the sky behind them, because really, nobody can eat the moon." Really? You know mice can't talk either, but pointing it out only kills the magic of the story.

Shandra says

Very cute story, but I found one component of the artwork kind of disturbing...

Don't read this if you have read this book, and didn't notice. I told my fellow librarian and now she can't unsee it.

Are you sure?

Okay, hopefully this is enough space to protect those who don't want to know...

I found the mouse's face disturbing in 3/4 of the pictures. Both eyes on the same side of the head, and sometimes the smile, too. It just looked... wrong. Very, very wrong. I would've loved to read this for storytime, but I just can't get past that face, especially the last page. Eww.

Alexis T. says

Adorable book. Love the cut outs and love the ending where her friends helped her feel better.

Tanya says

Here comes mouse who wanted to eat the moon!! Sounds fun!! A mouse who wanted to own her piece of Moon. This seems to be every child's dream.

Illustrations are breathtaking with heart warming story about friends. Perfect for toddlers who dream of their own moon. While little mouse was settling to her bed she thought to have a piece all of her own. Next day when she woke up she saw a piece of moon had fallen from the sky. Her wish has come true. It smelled so delicious that she thought she should eat. So she took a tiny bit and continued until she has eaten half of it. Little mouse thought now moon will never be round. Rabbit asked what's the matter then she said she eaten some part of moon and now moon will never be round. Rabbit told her that no one can eat moon. Mole asked her same thing and told her that Nobody can eat the moon. Little mouse sat sadly in her hole while looking at the remains of the moon. Little Mouse and Rabbit took mouse to the top of the hill and slowly something shiny came out. It was moon. Round and big. Mouse was overjoyed that she hasn't eaten moon. Mouse sat under the stars and ate the other half of the moon.

Emily says

I thought this was darling, potentially a new classic...then signed in and read all the 2-3-star reviews and now feel confused. Which is one reason I hate star ratings for books in general, and kick myself every time I rate one.

4 stars for me. I tend towards silly, loud, dynamic books in my storytimes (which skew too young for long narratives), and appreciated that this was softer and sweeter, yet still totally doable (captivating, even?) for a young crowd and chock-full of opportunities for modeling dialogic reading. I think it would be equally good for one-to-one reading.

Barbara says

The beautiful, luminous moon fascinates Little Mouse who stares at each night and wishes she could have a piece of it. When she awakens and finds a banana, she thinks that she now has a piece of the moon. But the object smells so good that she can't resist tasting it, and eventually eats quite a lot. Frightened that she has caused the moon no longer to be round, Little Mouse feels terrible. Her friends Mole and Rabbit show her that the moon is just as round as ever once it appears in the sky. The mixed media illustrations are attractive although I'd like mouse to be a little more textured, and the die-cuts and variant edges on some of the pages make the book even more visually interesting for young readers. I wondered, though, what might have happened if the moon had been in another phase when the three friends took a look at it.

Dana Zielke says

Lovely art!

Jtimko says

Mouse wants a piece of the moon. The next morning, a piece on the moon (a banana) appears before her. She eats half of it and then laments that she has eaten the moon. It is up to Mole and Rabbit to show her that no one can eat the moon. This is a humorous animal fantasy that presents a concept in a novel way. The bright colorful illustrations cover the entire page and the limited text make for a great story for the young. There are cut out pages that carry the story well. The animals are darling and portrayed realistically. This is a perfect read aloud for the young crowd. Recommended for preschool through grade one.

Katelyn Patterson says

Before falling asleep, Little Mouse admired the moon. When she woke up the next morning, she found a piece of it had fallen on the ground outside of her hole! It smelled delicious so she takes a bite... and accidentally eats half of the slice of moon! Rabbit and Mole tell Little Mouse that no one can eat the moon but she is certain she did. That night they take her out to watch the full, round moon and they finish the rest

of the slice of moon (really a banana) together.

Petr Horacek gives us a cute little friendship story with beautiful peekaboo illustration and design. Each spread of pages contains a die cut that shows a peek at the next page. I really like that the banana is never actually named which makes it a good interactive book. After reading it, you could ask the children to tell what it REALLY is, ask them if they like bananas, or if they think anyone could really eat the moon. It would also be an opportunity to talk about the cycle of the moon. I'm always looking for a STEM tie-in! :)

Tima says

Little mouse is lying in bed looking at the moon through the hole in her little house. She makes a wish to have just a tiny piece of the moon. The next morning when Little Mouse looks out of her hole she sees a slice lying on the ground. It smells so good that she eats half of it. She's horrified when she realizes that because of her appetite the moon will no longer be round. Her friends try to cheer her up, but it isn't until the moon comes out that night that she begins to feel better again.

The peep through design with the adorable illustrations will delight children and parents. The pictures contribute and help tell the story. Children will love the lyrical text and fun plot. The print is large and easy to read. The moon and bedtime theme make this a perfect fit for a bedtime story.

I received this book free of charge from Children's Lit in exchange for my honest review.

Becky says

I enjoyed reading The Mouse Who Ate The Moon. I liked Little Mouse very much. One night Little Mouse wishes she could have a piece of the moon. The next morning, she discovers that her wish has come true. She is delighted to find a piece of the yellow moon had fallen from the sky and landed on her doorstep. She never expected it. She also didn't expect to be tempted by it, tempted to want to eat it. One thing leads to another, and soon Little Mouse is convinced that she's eaten HALF the moon and the sky will never be the same again... Her friends try to gently tell her that she's just being silly. NO ONE can eat the moon they say again and again and again. Can her good friends cheer her up again?

I love the illustrations. I love "the piece of the moon" that Little Mouse discovers. Readers may realize the truth about "the moon" long before Little Mouse does! It is a simple story that is beautifully illustrated.

Jennifer B. says

Cute! Truthfully, maybe not the best story, nor the best message for kids when you think about it, but I just loved the illustrations, and anything about mice.
