

Whose Mouse Are You?

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Dear Family Member,

Part of a child's self-esteem comes from feeling that she or he is an important part of a family. Children often identify with the mouse in *Whose Mouse Are You?* By Robert Kraus as they develop their own sense of independence and importance. Here are some ways you might share *Whose Mouse Are You?* with your child.

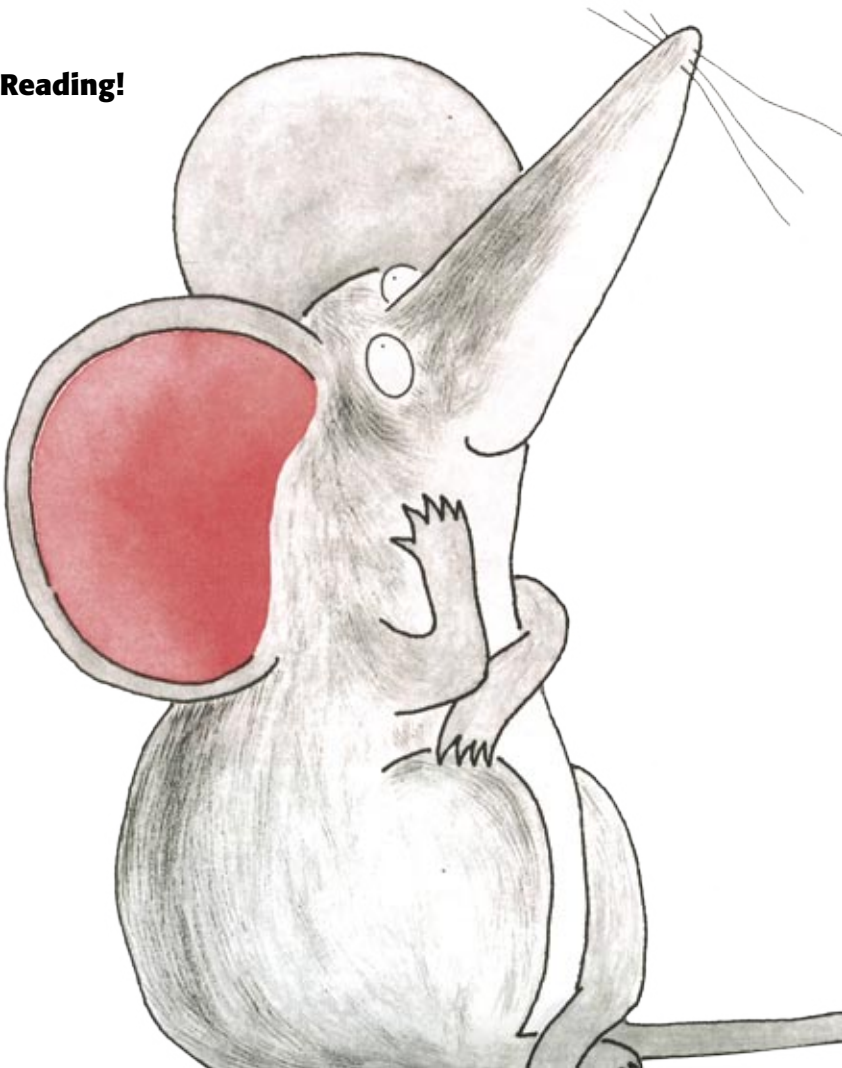
Before you read, look at the cover and point to the little mouse peering out of his hole. Read the title of the book. Then turn to the title page. Point out to your child that the mouse is all alone. Ask your child why this might be so.

As you read the questions, "What will you do?" be sure to ask your child to make some predictions as to what action the mouse will take. Then find out what he does.

After you read, talk about how proud the mice parents are of their son, and how nice it is for families to be safely together.

Finish your reading session with a loving question, "Whose girl or boy are you?" Punctuate your child's answer with a hug!

Happy Reading!



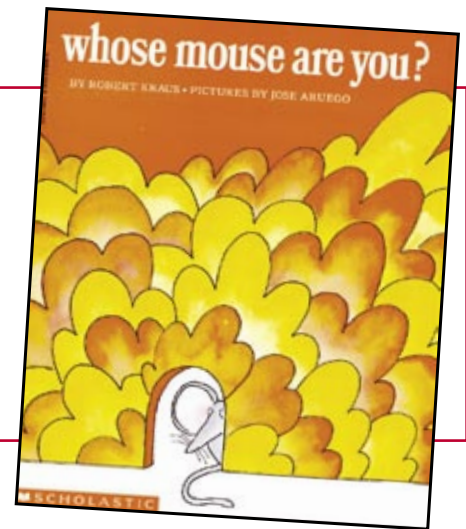
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BOOK SUMMARY

A little mouse bravely rescues each of his family members from different places where they are in danger. At the end, the little mouse is rewarded with a very special gift—a new baby brother.



Talking Together

Read the story again. Take turns with your child—when one asks the questions, the other one reads the mouse’s answers. Then switch.

Explain to your child that when a name is written with an apostrophe and an “s” it means that something belongs to that person, as in Sam’s book or Marta’s hat. Help your child label some of the objects around the house that members of your family own, such as Dad’s tools, Grandma’s books or Liza’s stroller. Your child might even want to label your pet’s dishes.

Doing Things Together

With your child make a paper-bag puppet for each of the characters in the book. Then, help your child put on a play based on the book.

Today’s child lives in a world of superheroes. After reading the story, it might be fun to turn the hero of the book into “SuperMouse!” Have your child make up stories about other courageous acts that “SuperMouse” does around the house, the neighborhood, and the city. Your child might enjoy drawing pictures of “SuperMouse,” too.

Reading More Together

Here are some other books by Robert Kraus: *Another Mouse to Feed; Daddy Long Ears; How Spider Saved Valentine’s Day; Spider’s First Day at School;* and *Where Are You Going, Little Mouse?*