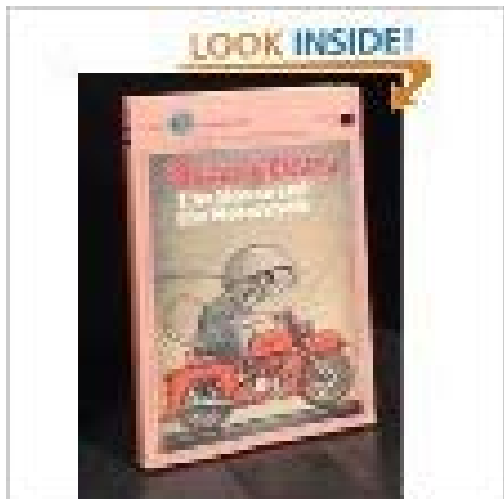


The Mouse and the Motorcycle *by* Beverly Cleary



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A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.



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Thomeena

This review is written by my 4 yr old.

I love everything about this story. My favorite part is when the mouse rides the motorcycle and when the boy talks to the mouse. I wish I could talk to a mouse too!

Malahelm

Summary: About a boy named Keith who stayed in the motel room, where a mouse named Ralph lived. Keith brings some toy cars including a motorcycle, and while he is gone Ralph climbs up the telephone cord and tries to ride the motorcycle. However, he did not know how to start it. He pushed the ground with his feet and rode it around the bedspread and used his heels for brakes. Then, the telephone gave a loud ring, and startled, Ralph forgot to use his heels and fell into the wastebasket. Then, at night, Keith looked inside the basket and was surprised to find a mouse. They spoke the same language, which was no surprise because they both shared a love for motorcycles. Keith showed Ralph how to start the motorcycle, and even provided Ralph's family with food from the kitchen. One night, Keith feels sick, and his parents try to find aspirin. When they can't find it anyplace, Ralph decides to find it for him. There is a thrilling adventure ahead for the mouse, and will Ralph get the tablet on time? Read the story to find out. It has a naturally flowing plot. Got me really into it. Deserves an applause. Genre: Realistic Fiction

Truthcliff

I am a school teacher and I try to buy a class set of these books EVERY YEAR!!! ... for Christmas presents! We read this book aloud each fall and I sew Ralph the Mouse finger puppets and put a half Ping-Pong ball with rubber band helmet on it... I also buy little party favor motorcycle toys at Walmart and the kids have LOVED it every year so far! This is my ALL TIME favorite novel for kids!

Conjulahala

After listening to the first 6 books of our favorite, Hank the Cowdog, I decided to expand my 5 yo grandson's horizons with another of our family favorites. I have read all of them to my older children but this is the first we've listened to on cd. It is great. It captivated his interest from the start. I do have one minor negative to mention...the voice for Ralph's (the mouse) mother is very annoying to me. It sounds like a stereotypical Jewish or Bronx mother...but Ralph is from California. Regardless, it doesn't bother my grandson and that's what counts. I was surprised that Ralph speaks a little meanly to his little cousins and siblings (not remembering that from the books) but I make little comments to my grandson about it as it happens. We listened to Runaway Ralph right after this one. The next one is not available on cd that I could find, but I will be reading that one to my grandson. He can do the sound effects as I read.

Gozagore

Ralph the Mouse lives with his family in a hotel. Kevin and his family stay in the hotel where Ralph sees Kevin's toy motorcycle and desires to ride it. After all, it is the perfect size for a mouse. Ralph gets a chance to ride it but he gets into a lot of trouble which puts his family in trouble. Ralph also gets some side benefits for his family though. When tragedy happens Ralph is there to help.

I enjoyed this story. It was fun and imaginative. I liked how Ralph was independent but thoughtful of his family. When he gets into trouble he knows when to admit it and tries to find ways that will undo the hardship on his family. I liked the courage he shows when Kevin needs help.

I enjoy Ms. Cleary's books. I plan to enjoy more of them no matter what my age.

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My 4th grader and 1st grader love to read, and we got this audio book for car rides. It is read by B.D. Wong (he is an actor that used to be on Law & Order SVU). Wong was a great reader and provided excellent voices for all of the characters in this beloved story by Beverly Cleary. As an adult, I even enjoyed listening to the book...most likely because Wong read it so well. He has a background on Broadway and really brought some voice talent to the reading. I find my liking of an audio book greatly depends on how well it is read out loud, this book had a great reader and was a fun story for my kids. The Mouse and the Motorcycle CD (Ralph Mouse)

Ynap

I have been trying to find a book that will capture all my students (3rd, 5th, & 6th graders) attention and help develop a love for reading. This is it! They lay down for rest time quickly so that I will start reading.

Enjoyable for young readers who like a mouse character who can talk with a boy, ride a motorcycle, solve problems and save the day.

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