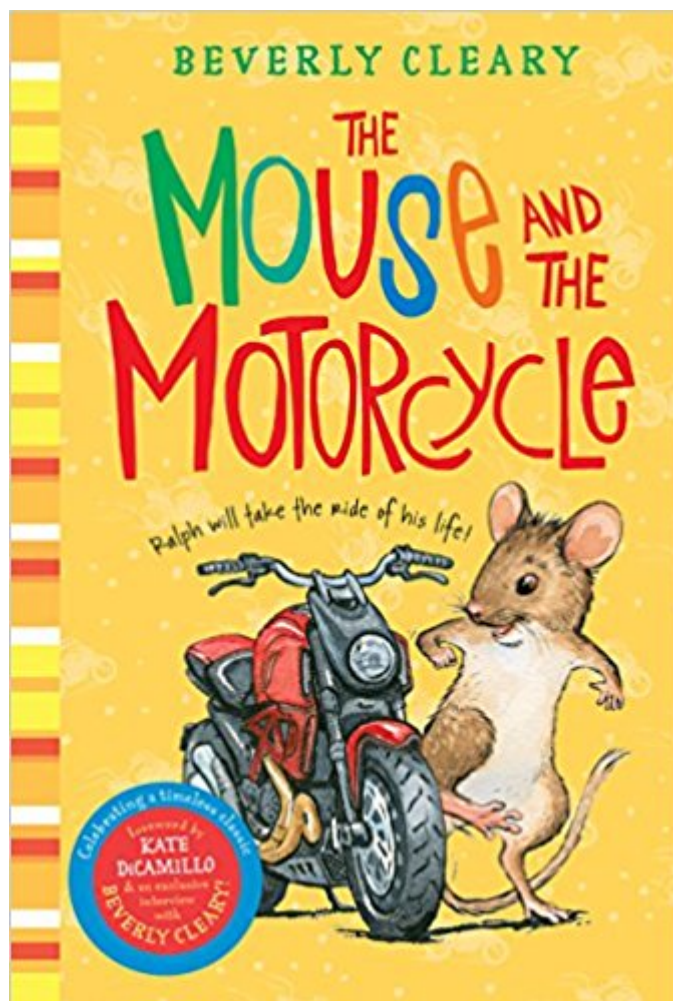


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# The Mouse And The Motorcycle



## Synopsis

In this imaginative adventure from Newbery Medal-winning author Beverly Cleary, a young mouse named Ralph is thrown into a world of excitement when a boy and his shiny toy motorcycle check in to the Mountain View Inn. This timeless classic now features a foreword written by New York Times bestselling author Kate DiCamillo, as well as an exclusive interview with Beverly Cleary herself. When the ever-curious Ralph spots Keith's red toy motorcycle, he vows to ride it. So when Keith leaves the bike unattended in his room one day, Ralph makes his move. But with all this freedom (and speed!) come a lot of obstacles. Whether dodging a rowdy terrier or keeping his nosy cousins away from his new wheels, Ralph has a lot going on! And with a pal like Keith always looking out for him, there's nothing this little mouse can't handle. Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts

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"Pb-pb-b-b-b. Pb-pb-b-b-b." With these magic vocables, Ralph the mouse revs up a dream come true--his very own motorcycle. Living in a knothole in a hotel room, young Ralph has seen plenty of

families come and go, some more generous with their crumbs than others. But when young Keith and his parents check in to the hotel, Ralph gets his first chance to check out. He has always fantasized about venturing beyond the second floor, maybe even outside. Curiosity overcomes caution, and Ralph must have a go at Keith's toy motorcycle. Soon, the headstrong mouse finds himself in a pickle, when all he wanted was to ride a motorcycle. Lucky for him, the boy understands how it is. When he discovers Ralph in his thwarted attempt to abscond with the toy bike, Keith generously encourages the rodent to ride. He even teaches him the simple trick of starting the motorcycle: "You have to make a noise... pb-pb-b-b-b." The subsequent situations Ralph motors into require quick thinking and grownup-sized courage. The team of Beverly Cleary and Louis Darling has been a great favorite for decades, introducing young chapter readers to Ramona, Beezus, Henry, and of course Ralph the mouse. (Ages 8 and older) --Emilie Coulter

One might know that if Beverly Cleary were to invent a mouse, it would be a down-to-earth, boyish mouse with a proclivity for getting into scrapes. A good story! (Chicago Tribune)

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 anywhere, 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

Wonderful, clever book by Beverly Cleary telling the tale of a mouse, a young boy and (of course) a motorcycle. If you are my age (30s) you probably remember these books from growing up. Very nostalgic for my generation - and as I've found out, still very good for all kiddos! Adjectives for this book include imaginative, adventuresome, clever and funny. Great book to read aloud for families or perhaps having an older child read alone, I'd guess ages 5-9 would be well suited.

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.

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!

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.

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!

We adore this book - the story is wonderfully compelling...a talking mouse who can ride a toy motorcycle by hopping in and making motor sounds? What little listener would t be enthralled? Every time we read this book together as a family I wish I could get away to the Mountain View Inn myself.

This is a really fun book for the young reader. My little one is six and she has already read three books in this series three times. It is great to see a child pick up something not digital and really enjoy it.

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