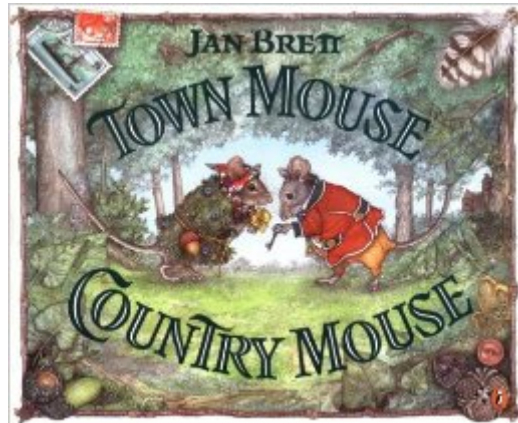




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Town Mouse, Country Mouse



Synopsis

A story filled with suspense and humor, this classic tale of a town mouse and a country mouse takes a new twist in the imaginative and talented hands of Jan Brett. She introduces two engaging mouse couples eager to get away from their everyday lives. But when they agree to swap homes, they find unexpected adventures around every corner. Lush green scenes alternate with the elegant details of a fine Victorian townhouse to make a sumptuous and stunning picture book.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

The grass may be greener in the country, and the carpets softer in the city, but--as the two amiable mouse couples in Brett's rich interpretation of the timeless fable finally resolve--"There's no place like home." Brett's (*The Mitten* ; *Trouble with Trolls*) version of how they arrive at their wise conclusion serves up a sumptuous visual feast. The art on each double-page spread (alternately devoted to urban and rural settings) is brimming with droll details; exquisite patterns appear on clothing, china and rugs; and imaginative borders range from silk cord to pottery shards to dandelions. The text also conveys the culture gap between the city and the country mice with a good deal of humor. When she feels a raindrop on her head, the city-mouse wife asks, "Is the bathtub leaking?"

Kindergarten-Grade 3-A new spin on the familiar fable. A mouse couple living in a town are enchanted by the simple life of the country, and, while on a picnic, meet a pair of local mice who long for the luxury and convenience of the city. Homes are swapped, but they find that reality is different from their expectations. Both couples end up fleeing from unfamiliar predators-a cat in town and an owl in the country-all the way home. The owl and cat collide, and in an original twist, negotiate a territorial swap of their own. Traditionally, the town resident is portrayed as a pompous snob who turns his nose up at the country dweller's simple fare, while the country mouse is a folksy bumpkin. In Brett's version, the town mice are as charming and naive as their country cousins. Furthermore, the original fable depicts country life as utterly tranquil, but the city mice find that it is anything but serene. Brett's narrative alternates the parallel mishaps of the two sets of mice with lively, smooth writing and a deft touch of humor. As with any of her books, the illustrations are rich with meticulous detail. The natural fibers of the clothes of the country mice are as realistic in texture as the fine beaded and bedecked clothing of the town mice. The text is neatly integrated into each double-page spread. Lozenges at either side portray the activities of the two predators and are bordered with natural objects such as buttons, stamps, coins, and safety pins. Because of the wealth of small details, the book is better suited for one-on-one sharing than as a group read aloud. Donna L. Scanlon, Lancaster County Library, PA Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I wanted a more hard paper since I purchased this for my toddlers enjoyment, she loves books but so thin paper is hard for her inexperienced hands. People complain printed books are a thing of the past but I say, well it depends on the toddler, my toddler loves printed books but the market for quality books for toddlers is bad, if this books were printed in hard pages (carton like) I'm sure more parents would purchase but this inaccessibility is the problem, so we opt for the ebook since it will always be easier for toddlers to handle a tablet, but my toddler wants printed books, she demands them, so perhaps is not that printed books are not in demand is simply that the way they are published does not fit the current demand.

My two favorite illustrators are Clare Beaton and Jan Brett. Out of all the Jan Brett books, this is a favorite. The story of the town mouse and the country mouse is so perfect for her style, because it lets her illustrate two rich and fabulous environments. Her details are so good, and on every page there are clues to what will happen next. I can't get enough of this book, and I like the twist at the

end. Our family doesn't so much read books as we fall into them, and the good ones bring us back for more. I love this book, and I would vote that Jan Brett is a genius storyteller in pictures. This is a truly terrific book.

A nice little story with gorgeous illustrations. I gave it to my great grandson and he adores the mice.

This book is filled with gorgeous artwork that tells the classic story of two mice from different parts of the world.

Town Mouse, Country Mouse is one of my favorite children's books of all times. Thank goodness I'd already given this book to my two children for their children so I get to keep this one for myself. I never get enough of reading Jan Brett's books or pouring over her fabulous artwork. It is pure perfection from cover to cover.

This is a beautiful book-the illustrations are gorgeous - full of detail and color - you could spend a long time just looking at the details on each page. It would be a wonderful book to read to a child and ask them to tell the stories illustrated on the side panels. So happy I purchased this book.

This book was an absolute delight! The story of the town mouse and the country mouse is a classic and a goodie, and Jan Brett did a fantastic job retelling it! Rather than having one mouse per, she made her characters into couples! This adds a suggestion of sweet romance that will have the little girls swooning and the boys, of course, gagging (but what can be expected?) The story goes into surprisingly complex reasons for why the mice move. The way they switch is charming. Post-move, however, they have their various misadventures, and Brett is quick to let us know how the proper mouse couple could have handled the situation. The dialogue is clever and cute, as well as the descriptive prose. As usual, much of the story is said with pictures, but when writing there is a great amount of detail and foreshadowing. Best writing from Brett I have seen! Cute, detailed, and a great length for a long-time read, and the final punchline is clever and hilarious. Plenty of lessons and entertainment right here!

Another wonderful book by favorite children's book author, Jan Brett!! As usual, the borders on the pages tell another layer to the story and make it all the richer for young and old alike.

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