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Christmas will never be the same with this irresistible photographic story featuring wild squirrels in homemade miniature settings - wearing Christmas sweaters, building snowmen, and opening presents -- delighting readers and animal lovers of all ages!

Mr. Peanuts loves Christmas - but he loves it even more when he has a friend to share it with. When Cousin Squirrel invites him to spend the holidays together, Mr. Peanuts is in for a whirlwind of winter fun! Mr. Peanuts and Cousin Squirrel are the perfect holiday addition to every household. Featuring photographs of wild squirrels in handcrafted homemade miniature settings, this striking book is sure to surprise and delight young and old alike.

Merry Christmas, Squirrels! Details

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Matt says

The pictures in this book are pretty awesome, while the story is just OK. The photographer for these shots set up mini props, and got the squirrels to enter the scene by strategically placing peanuts around the props. I like that aspect of the book, but again, the story wasn't anything special.

This will likely be Ben De Bono's Christmas present next year.

Kimberly says

I hardly know what to say! The author/photographer of this one is certainly committed!

Amy says

I read "Merry Christmas, Squirrels" to my Kindergartners immediately after I read "The Secret Life of Squirrels." We are talking about the differences between fiction and non-fiction and these are fun books to use for that. Interestingly enough, my Kindergartners were most concerned if Cousin Squirrel was going to be a character in the Christmas book as well. They shouted with joy when they found out the answer was "yes!" Amazing photography!

Emmaline MacBeath says

SUMMARY: This is the second Squirrel book from Nancy Rose. In this installment, Mr. Peanuts is getting ready for Christmas. His cousin invites him to his home for the holiday. Mr. Peanuts packs his convertible and goes on his way. Mr. Peanuts and Cousin Squirrel enjoy many activities including snow shoeing, building a snowman and roasting chestnuts over an open fire. On Christmas day, they are very excited to open their many presents and are not so surprised to see what they give each other.

ILLUSTRATIONS: The pages are illustrated with photographs of squirrels and props created by the author.

THE GOOD: I enjoyed this book as much if not more than the first one. I was fascinated with each and every photograph of what Mr. Peanuts and Cousin Squirrel were doing. I spent extra time looking at the props Nancy Rose created and even though I do not enjoy rodent animals, I was entranced by these little squirrels and their actions. I especially enjoyed the Christmas theme. My favorite picture was of the two squirrels reading story books--"Twas the Nut Before Christmas and The Nutcracker--on Christmas Eve. I noticed a copy of Rose's first book, The Secret Life of Squirrels in a basket nearby! As a photographer myself, I can appreciate the enormous amount of time and patience it takes to get even one good picture of animals in the wild let alone alongside of props. Ms. Rose tells how she went about accomplishing these amazing photos in the back of the book.

THE NOT AS GOOD: Although the wording of this story is a little weak and doesn't flow as smoothly as it

could, I was fascinated with each and every photograph.

AGE RECOMMENDATION: This book is recommended for ages 3-6. I think that can be bumped up to age 8 as the older children will be fascinated with the photos. I highly recommend this book. It encourages imagination, curiosity, and creativity.

Linda says

This is the book that has me reaching my goal for the year and it's a winner.

It is amazing to see Nancy Rose once again getting real life squirrels to do enough things to make for a sweet Christmas story that will delight young children and have them wondering if that's what their neighborhood squirrels are doing behind local trees.

Hope there's more to come from Nancy Rose and her squirrels.

Mariah says

This is a cute, funny picture book that shows a squirrel doing different winter activities. My students found it funny.

Sharon says

Received this as a gift due to the fact that I love squirrels! The photos are staged with real squirrels along with a cute story!

Allison says

Really fun photography.

Colona Public Library says

Another great squirrel book by Nancy Rose. Did you know that she builds these sets herself, then puts them on her deck. She then puts out peanuts and waits until the squirrels appear. Squirrels are curious creatures and will investigate.

In this book, they have some winter fun. Love it!

Cheryl says

In this second book about Mr. Squirrel, he travels to spend the Christmas holiday with Cousin Squirrel. Once again they enjoy each other's friendship and company and share many wintertime adventures. On Christmas day, they each receive a wonderful gift!

Once again, Nancy Rose has created miniature settings for the wild squirrels to "act out" a story. The photographs are adorable. This is a delightful children's book!

Lara says

A Christmas storytime regular for me. The story itself is pretty simple: Mr. Peanuts visits Cousin Squirrel for the holidays. Nothing groundbreaking in the story itself, but the squirrels are adorable, and the kids enjoy what holiday activities the squirrels are sharing (even if they themselves haven't seen snow, or even squirrels, before - side effect of living in Hawaii). So, have added it into my holiday storytime rotation.

Her illustrations are the really clever part. Great photographs, and no, these aren't tame or stuffed squirrels. These are all pictures of wild squirrels playing on props that she has staged around her birdfeeder and yard. Tons and tons of pictures taken, I'm sure, to fill a book with just the right ones, but with the result being as cute as it is, I'm glad she has such a *squirrely* hobby.

Sorry, couldn't resist... Hehehe. I crack myself up :)

Ksenia says

I adore this book! A dear friend of mine sent this to me just in time for Christmas. I read it out loud to my husband and my mother-in-law that night. If you know me, I love all things squirrels, and this was just delightful!

Danette says

Fun, creative photography.

Melissa says

I picked this up in a Barnes & Noble's and it just cracked me up! Nancy Rose creates miniature scenes and attracts her backyard squirrels to them with peanuts - then photographs them with fantastic results. I can't imagine the patience she has, but the results are quite impressive. Thus illustrates the simple story of Mr. Peanuts and Cousin Squirrel spending quality time together at the holidays, doing those things that we all enjoy - from sledding and building snowmen to waiting for Santa and opening presents :) A joyful and cute story.

Shelby says

This book was really cute and also very a adorable story. I found this book at Barnes and Noble yesterday and I picked up and I read it. As soon as I read it reminded me of one of our squirrels that hangs around our house. He does not really anything like the squirrel does in the story. This is no normal squirrel. It is a great story for younger readers.

Erica says

Again with the cuteness!

This lady is a terrible influence. Seriously. If I get arrested for harboring wildlife in my home, I will blame Nancy Rose and I don't care that she advised against taming the critters of nature.

So, this time, Mr. Peanuts checks for Christmas cards every day and is invited to visit Cousin Squirrel, the visitor in The Secret Life of Squirrels, for the holidays! He snowblows the drive and heads out in his convertible! His favorite Christmas story is The Nutcracker!
OMG!!! It kills me! KILLS ME!

Thank goodness squirrels don't hibernate. That's all I'm gonna say.

Steph says

I cannot believe that Nancy Rose not only photographs these squirrels but makes the mini sets, too! WOW! Serious talent.

karen says

AND NOW IS THE TIME OF YEAR I FLOAT OLD CHRISTMAS REVIEWS TO COUNTDOWN TO BING BONG BING BONG!!

happy squirrel appreciation day!!

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/sq...>

a hundred million thank yous to erica, without whom i wouldn't have heard about nancy rose's first book: The Secret Life of Squirrels, nor would i physically have this follow-up christmas-themed book in my

grateful little hands.

now, before anyone starts crying **nooo those poor squirrels** - never fear - these are real live squirrels who haven't been pickled and stuffed at *all*.

these amazing photographs are the result of rose's superhuman patience, where she builds tiny props and arranges them into little welcoming tableaux in her backyard, hides delicious peanuts throughout them and then sits back and waits for her squirrel-friends to come for a visit, capturing them on film acting like fuzzy little people with zero photoshopping or other trickery.

is there a peanut in this bag??

what about in this cup??

does this car run on peanuts???

if i snowblow your yard, can i have a peanut???

ack so cute! and industrious!

and i know that these are not genuine nerd squirrels and they are probably just regular squirrels who are sneakily eating peanuts and not actually reading those tiny books, but a girl can dream that they are doing *both*, right?

because that's what i am dreaming. i am also dreaming they want to snuggle with me because i am capable of having two dreams simultaneously the way a squirrel is capable of reading.

thank you so very much to erica and nancy rose and squirrels!

Catherine Austen says

Even more adorable than the first Squirrel photostory by this author/illustrator. OMG those pine squirrels are cute and curious. I love this book. So adorable. Everyone gets just what they want for Christmas. ?

Briana says

I don't like giving this book two stars because I know Nancy Rose puts in a ton of creative work to make something like this exist. However, it's a children's book and I dislike the corny dialogue betwixt the squirrels. I know for a fact that they are not thinking about knitting Christmas sweaters, though we would all like to think that they are doing just that. I found the story distracting and decided to look at the cute pictures instead and make up my own mind as to what they were thinking. Can I put this in my mouth? Can I put THIS in my mouth?? Can I put ALL THESE THINGS in my mouth? That's mostly what they say in reality, we all know this. If, like me, you love miniature items and squirrels...this book is worth taking a look at.
