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## The Barnes & Noble Review

Bringing a plucky mouse to school isn't the wisest idea, no matter how much fun it might seem. Thankfully, the bestselling duo of author Laura Numeroff and illustrator Felicia Bond -- creators of *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies* and *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* -- have teamed up to show us the hijinks a whiskered school guest could cause.

Starting with asking for your lunchbox, this critter is set for mischief. The feisty mouse asks for a snack for later (cookies of course), a notebook, and pencils, and wants "to share your backpack, too." After he arrives at school, the pushy classmate tries his hand (make that paw) at math and writing on the blackboard, afterward whipping up a messy, pink science experiment and building a "little mouse house" from blocks. The schooltime antics don't stop there, but a busy mouse tends to get hungry after so much playtime. Naturally his snack is in the lunchbox, which is stored "in a safe place" with his new picture book inside.

Following the whimsical style of their previous books, Numeroff and Bond have done it again. Their high-adrenaline mouse will have readers cheering while their eyes comb the illustrations for extra nibbles of fun. Although the book's main human character looks positively exhausted at the end, we can only holler for more of the little guy with the huge school spirit. *Matt Warner*

## If You Take a Mouse to School Details

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## **From Reader Review If You Take a Mouse to School for online ebook**

### **Anna Dipprey says**

If you take a mouse to school is a great book that would be best suited for beginning learners. The colorful illustrations, silly plot and simple vocabulary make this book great for pre k to kindergarten students. This book would be best as a read aloud to young students, or an independent reading book for slightly older children. In my opinion, this book could be used as an independent reading book for children in the 1st grade.

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### **Tatiana says**

Anyone who has worked with children or had some of their own know that kids ask a lot of questions. Laura Joffe Numeroff builds off that truth in *If You Take a Mouse to School*. If you take a mouse to school... he will get into all sorts of crazy shenanigans, that is for sure!

This book was read to the group at my preschool observation this morning. Their responses to the lead teacher's pre-reading questions were priceless ("Can we have a mouse for here?"). Colorful illustrations work in tandem with the simple story to bring the adorable tale to life.

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### **Rossy says**

He's soooo cute and smart <3 It was really sweet/fun/sad when he wanted the lunchbox!  
I hate mice, but this one is adorable!

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### **F.R. Southerland says**

My daughter loves loves LOVES this book series

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### **Jenny Clark says**

This is one that my pre scholars really liked. It is another one good for beginning readers, also if you have a little one afraid to start school, this shows how fun it can be.

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### **April Castle says**

This tale is about a mouse who goes to school with a boy and what a mouse would do. This book could be used to discuss the things that go on in a school day. This story could explore possibilities about what "if's" this happened. Could talk about things that happen in a school day and why we can not bring pets to school. Keywords: School, mouse, events at school, what you might do in a school day

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### **Robert Owens says**

These books are cute enough. Recently I realized that I can use them in my grammar classes. Most of the sentences are good examples of complex sentences with classic dependent clauses leading the way. This will be a fun book to read with the children as I introduce this skill.

If you take a mouse to school, the teacher will be able to use him to help educate the students. :)

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### **Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says**

Mouse's visit to the school with his owner reads more like a sequence of events rather than a chain of connected events, as in *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. Mouse has interesting adventures that are illustrated with some really cute pictures (mouse peeking around the boy's book, mouse's head only visible in the cloud of dust that the kids kick up as they run for the bus). However, the story just didn't have the appeal to me that the very first mouse book did. It was OK.

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### **M.K. Aneal says**

Very cute book(:

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### **Peter Nicholson says**

I had to read "If You Take a Mouse to School" to my little cousin. He really enjoyed the book and so did I. I am a junior in high school, and I enjoyed this first grade level book. It is about a mouse who wants to go to school and do all of these things at school such as riding a skateboard and drawing. The mouse will want to go back to school again and again.

This picture books main character's are a mouse and the boy who owns the mouse. The mouse seems to be greedy and want a lot from his owner, much like children to their parents. The boy who owns the mouse seems to care for the mouse, because he lets it do anything it wants. He does seem like a nice boy and owner.

I think that this book is in today's time. It does not say when it takes place. It takes place mainly at the school that the boy and mouse go to. I don't think you could mistake where it takes place anywhere else other than a school because of the title and the illustration shows they are at a school.

I personally liked this book, because it was a quick easy read and my little cousin also enjoyed it. I would recommend this book to first grade children or younger. This book is not gender specific, because I think boys and girls would love this book. I think this is too easy of a read for myself, and I would never pick this up just to read on my own.

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### **Jordan Tankersley says**

This story, along with all other Laura Numeroff stories was great! I love that it each action leads the mouse to want something else because it is so relatable to children's actions. Also, I like that it is set in a school. This makes it relatable to young students. Along with the plot, I enjoyed the illustrations. This story is silly and great to read to children of any age. It is also fun to read because the children can guess by looking at the pictures of what the mouse will want to do next.

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### **Jon Gustafson says**

This book is extremely engaging for students of nearly all ages. The colorful illustrations allow younger students to search for the mouse on each page while he is busy making mischief throughout a school. Students' schema is utilized as familiar school vocabulary is explored (science, lunchbox, lunchroom etc.). The story comes full-circle when the mouse asks, just like at the beginning, for your lunchbox.

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### **Juan Zozaya says**

This book I read was really funny because I had to read it to first grade students at Stevenson elementary. It was really an experience because I had never done that before. I liked that the children were very interested in the story, even though they had read it already. I was embarrassed at the moment but when I saw my friend do it I had the confidence to read to them. When I was finished they asked me a lot of random questions. I had fun reading this book to them. I'm sure they had fun hearing me read it. I recommend the book for children.

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### **Alondra Rodriguez says**

What happen is that a boy takes a mouse too school and something's happen when he in school with a boy i did like the book it's a mouse that goes to school that never happens when do you take a mouse to school that's what i like about my book i recommend this book to a first grader or second grader because it is not that hard to read the book but it will be to easy for a 3 grader and up.

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### **Amanda Bonbrisco says**

"If You Take a Mouse to School" is another great series-of-events, or "if you give a" book, by Laura Numeroff. In this book, the mouse goes through a typical day of elementary school. From doing academics

to playing sports before the bus takes him home, the mouse takes on a role of a student. Although the things he does are typical like taking a lunch to school and using many pencils, the use of exaggeration makes it very entertaining, especially for young children.

I think this is an excellent book for K-1 students. I believe the book would be best suitable for a Kindergarten class read-aloud, particularly in the beginning of the school year when the students are just getting accustomed to the new routine of school. The book would greatly help students understand this new transition, and it is a fun read as well. I definitely believe it would be fitting for first graders too. Overall, the whole collection is entertaining and fun, and this book is a great way to get students interested in the routine of going to school.

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