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Explore the world of such a little mouse--from the bestselling author of *LITTLE BLUE TRUCK!*

"And way down deep in the hole
lives a mouse.

Such a little mouse,
with his smart gray coat,
with his ears pink as petals,
with three twitchety whiskers
on each side of his nose."

With Alice Schertle's sweet descriptive language and touching illustrations from Stephanie Yue, a little mouse interacts with the world around him. Every season of the year, "such a little mouse" pops out of his hole and goes out to explore the wider world.

Praise for *Such a Little Mouse*:

* "The book begins in spring. 'In the middle of the meadow, under a clump of dandelions, there is a hole.' Out pops '[s]uch a little mouse,' with 'ears pink as petals' and a tiny smile. He sees bees on clover blossoms and his own reflection in a puddle. Each season is represented in one exploratory day. In summer, the mouse sees beavers and a porcupine; in autumn, rustling leaves, honking geese and busy ants. When winter arrives, he sees his landscape covered in snow. 'Brrrrrr,' he says, retreating underground to his cozy burrow, which features tunnels and many discrete rooms--a bedroom, a kitchen and a fully stocked larder. All year he's been storing seeds, watercress and acorns; now he can bake acorn bread and cook seed-and-watercress soup. Preschoolers will recognize the wooden alphabet blocks that form the base of his counter. Seasons and animals aren't new topics, but Yue's idyllic meadowscapes are full of clean, fresh air. From full-page to spot illustrations, from the breezy greens, blues and yellows of spring to the rustic browns of underground, her colors glow gently. Her lines have a light touch but feel grounding; fine details, shadings and a real feel for weather make this special. ... Perfectly charming." -- *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

* "Yes, Schertle and Yue's hero is cute as can be, 'with his smart gray coat, with his ears pink as petals, with three twitchety whiskers on each side of his nose.' But he's also self-reliant, self-directed, and very much at home in the world--in other words, what readers in the target audience aspire to be. The story follows the mouse through spring, summer, and autumn as he emerges from his wonderfully snug underground home to gather food for his winter larder. Neither obsessive nor a procrastinator, the mouse knows he can get the job done and still have time to kibitz with neighbors (he contributes a twig to a beaver's dam) and savor the scenery (including his own handsome reflection in a puddle). Yue (the Guinea Pig, Pet Shop Private Eye series) channels her customary jaunty energy into a more old-school drawing style, delivering nature scenes that are warm but not treacly, while Schertle's gentle prose ('Such a little mouse. Off he goes into the wide world') has just enough repetition to provide a comforting structure and a cozy lilt." -- *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

Praise for *Little Blue Truck* (written by Alice Schertle and illustrated by Jill McElmurry)

* Schertle "gives readers plenty of opportunities to chime in with animal and vehicle noises." -- *Publishers*

Weekly, starred review

Praise for *Very Hairy Bear* (written by Alice Schertle and illustrated by Matt Phelan)

* "Schertle's patterned language sets up a playful cadence." --*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

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