

Red House, Blue House, Green House, Tree House!

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From a dynamic author–illustrator team comes this fresh, fun and rhythmic exploration of colour. Bold and bright, it's the perfect book for reading aloud and sharing with young children as they learn to identify the colours of their world. Filled with great rhythmic language and a delightful look-and-find element in the illustrations, this is sure to become a book kids will want to read again and again.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Colours
- Learning about the world
- Active engagement with stories

Discussion Questions & Activities:

- Before you start reading, examine the cover. What do you think this book will be about?
- After reading, discuss as a group any opinions on the story. Do you have a favourite page, or a favourite illustration?
- There are lots of different colours in this book – can you count them all? Which is your favourite? Can you make a drawing using only your favourite colour? Why do you think everyone has a favourite colour?
- Are there any colours that give you different feelings?
- There is a lot of white space around the illustrations. Why do you think it is there? Do you like the way the pages look?
- On page 5, the text goes up and down to match the words. Does this change how the words are read? Does it impact the meaning?
- How does this book talk about opposites? How many examples of opposites can you find?
- How do the rhythm and rhyme work in this book? Can you pick out the rhyming words?
- Make up your own rhyme about colours with a partner and perform it to the class together.
- Draw your own illustrations to go with the text.
- Where do you think the mouse will end up at the end of her ride on the balloon page? As a class, brainstorm your own story about her adventures.
- Did you find the mouse on every page?
- Draw a mouse and cut it out. Hide it somewhere in the classroom. Have a class mouse hunt and see who can find the most mice!