

## **There's A Bear on My Chair**

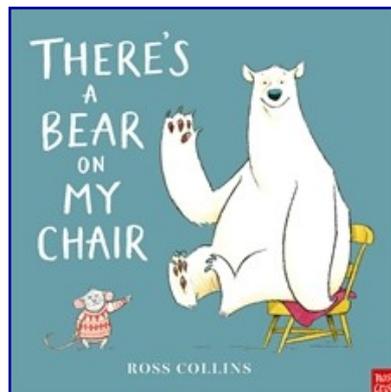
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Poor Mouse! A bear has decided to settle in his favourite chair, and that chair just isn't big enough for them to share. Mouse tried all kinds of tactics to move Bear, from glaring at him and scaring him, to luring him with a pear, but nothing works. Eventually, Mouse gives up. Once Mouse has gone, Bear gets up from the chair and walks home. But what's that? Is that a Mouse in Bear's house?!



### **Themes:**

- Perseverance
- Being stubborn
- Frustration
- Companionship

### **Discussion Points**

- Do you think it unusual for a mouse and a bear to be together?
- Why do you think that Bear was sitting on Mouse's chair in the first place?
- What words would you use to describe Bear?
- Can you tell what type of bear that Bear is? What are the clues?
- How would you describe Mouse? How did he feel when Bear wouldn't move?
- Have you ever felt like Mouse when someone just wouldn't do what you ask? If so, how did you try and resolve the issue?
- How has the author portrayed the increasing frustration of Mouse?
- What happened when Mouse left? Why do you think that Bear left too? Do you think he just wanted to be friends with Mouse? Explain.
- What sort of house did Bear live in?
- Do you think that Mouse went to Bear's house on purpose, or did he find it by accident?

### **Activities:**

- Mouse said that bears are rare and Bear has 'endangered' written on his shirt. Find out what this means and if it is true.
- The story ends with 'Hey! There's a mouse in my house.' Continue the story, thinking up all the things that Bear might do to get Mouse out of his bed.