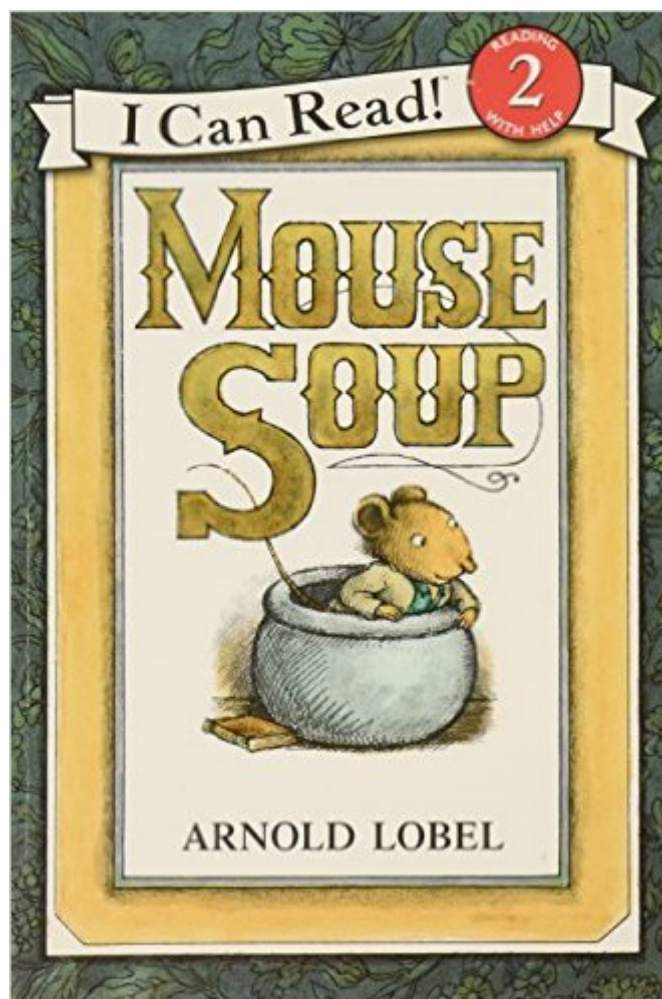


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# Mouse Soup



## Synopsis

Weasel is ready for his dinner, and poor Mouse is it. Can he stop the weasel from serving up mouse soup for supper?

## Book Information

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Series: I Can Read Level 2

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Mouse Soup is another wonderful children's story by Arnold Lobel. For any 1st to 3rd grader learning to read, this book will allow the child to feel confident and very successful! Four stories are presented by the mouse, who was captured by the weasel for his mouse soup. The mouse tells the weasel that his soup will not taste good unless he puts stories into the soup. One plain old mouse will not a soup make! The stories are: Bees and the Mud, Two Large Stones, The Crickets, and The Thorn Bush. After the mouse has finished his delightful stories, the weasel cannot comprehend how he will get the stories into the soup! Mouse instructs him to find a nest of bees, two large stones, some crickets, and a thorn bush. Not being very smart, weasel dashes out of the house to find the items, which allows mouse to escape to the warmth and comfort of his home, to eat a great meal and to finish reading his book! The stories told by mouse are entertaining, lively and a hoot! They will keep the little reader guessing and wanting to know what is going to happen! The illustrations are entertaining and really help to contribute to the charm of the story! A true delight! I love Arnold

Lobel's books for children!!

My son (5) is language impaired. At tonight's rereading, he was telling ME the story, & what he thought should happen next! This is more spontaneous conversation than I have ever gotten out of him. So, here I am looking for more mouse stories. Our favorite ingredient in Mouse Soup is "Bees and the Mud." There's such a charming lyricism about Mouse Soup, that makes this one of the few children's books that I REALLY enjoy reading, really!

I have to bow to a superior opinion in rating this book. After reading it to my 5 y.o. son, I had come to the conclusion that the subset of stories were pretty lame and uninteresting. I mean one of them is about two rocks that get lied to by a bird (or so the rocks think). And another is about a rose bush growing out of a comfy chair. But my 5 y.o. informs me that I don't know what I am talking about. This book is great, he told me. And he convinced me that this was true by doing something his active little self seldom does: he went and got the book off his shelf and dragged his father over to the couch so that dad could listen to him read the stories. [Could have knocked me over with a bookmark.] The AR Reading level for this book is 2.4 which means that the Accelerated Reading committee, and its software, suggests this book for Second Graders in their fourth month of school. [The AR designation is a general "guide" that rates books on a relative scale of difficulty. Children can certainly read at levels above or below their group range, so that this number should only be used as a aid to help choose books that are appropriate and not frustrating.] Four Stars. This book has a mouse cum Scheherazade premise: A weasel captures a poor little mouse and the mouse plots to get out of being eaten by telling stories. The stories the mouse tells didn't appeal to me, but my five y.o. son sure liked them. The AR reading level indicates the book is suitable for Second Graders.

The Multiple Stories in the book "Mouse Soup" are good stories for young children to read and/or listen to. The book is about a weasel that catches a mouse and wants to put him in his soup. The mouse tricks him out of it by telling the weasel that his soup would taste much better if there were stories in it, so the mouse began to tell the weasel stories. The first story is about a mouse and he was walking through the woods and a bee's nest fell on his head, and the bees loved their home on the mouse's head, but the mouse did not. The mouse had to trick the bees to get them to move their house somewhere else, and that he did. The second story was about two rocks on one side of a hill that wanted to know what was on the other side. The rocks were sad that they didn't know what was

on the other side of the hill. They asked a bird and a mouse, and to their surprise, they weren't sad anymore. The third story was about a lady mouse that was trying to sleep but she couldn't because of one loud cricket chirping. She asked him nicely to stop, but the cricket kept bringing more and more friends. The fourth story was about an old mouse that had a thorn bush growing in her chair. A policeman walked by her house and heard her cries. To the policeman's surprise she wasn't in danger, she was crying because her thorn bush was dying. The policeman told her to water it, and she got a delightful surprise. After the Mouse told the stories he tricked the weasel into getting away, to find out how... go read this great book by Arnold Lobel.

I remembered this book from my own childhood & bought it for my son. The stories are SO much fun. A great book to read aloud to your toddler. In general, Arnold Lobel's books are just fantastic. If you like this, get Owl at Home and of course the wonderful Frog & Toad books too!

My son is in 2nd grade and struggles with reading. This book and Mouse Tales are his favorite books to read. They are easy enough for him to get through with little help from us (large font and relatively simple words) but are still engaging stories. We talk about what he has read afterwards, and there are lots of details for him to recall. He also loves the preposterous nature of some of the stories, which he finds hilarious. Most books at this reading level are pretty boring, but these books are wonderful, and make my son actually want to read, which is the greatest sign of success.

I can't count how many times my almost two year old has had me read this book. She loves it. We regularly \*make\* mouse soup, wherein we tell stories about our day or sometimes go for a walk and collect rocks and leaves for the soup. This book inspires lots of creative thought in little ones and it entertains for ages. Would also recommend the Audible narration of this, Frog and Toad, and Mouse Tales.

My son loves this book, it was his first "chapter" book. We bought this to replace the well loved copy from his classroom and bought an extra copy for home since he loves it so much. It's one of his newest favorites, I (and my son) highly recommend this book!

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