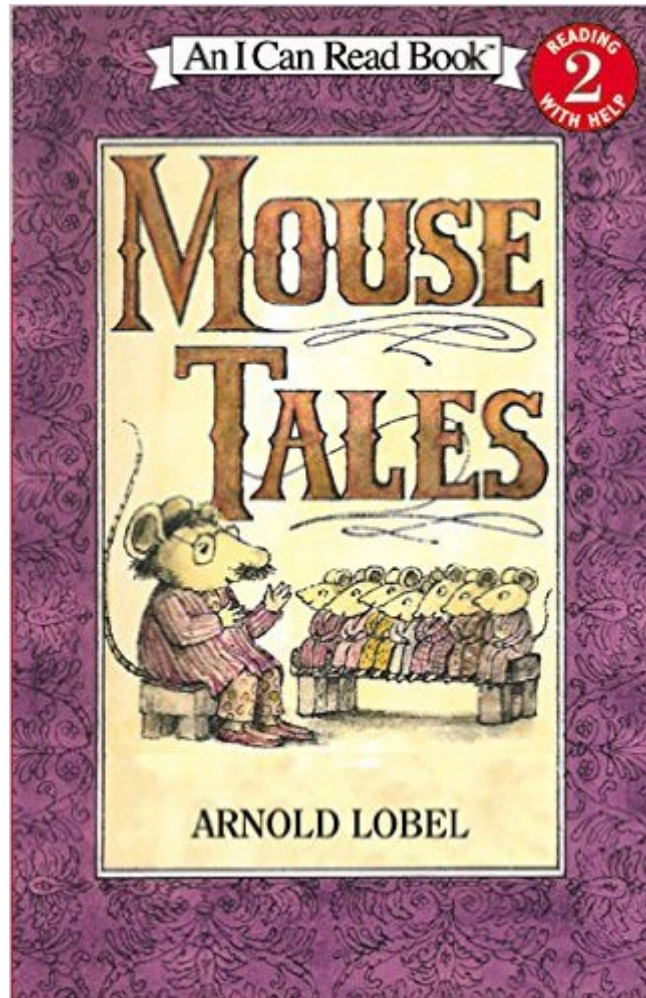


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# Mouse Tales (I Can Read Level 2)



## Synopsis

When Papa's seven little mouse boys ask for a bedtime story, Papa does even better than that—he tells seven stories, one for each boy!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Mouse Tales has long been a family favorite. Now that I have my own son, he has two copies...my ragged paperback from when I was a child, and a hardback French-language version. The best story in our opinion has always been about the mouse who goes to visit his mother, and ends up buying new feet from a vendor at the side of the road, since his own were worn out. To this day whenever someone in our family gets a suntan above their socks, we tell them what nice new feet they have, just like the mouse's mother in the story. Definitely a classic.

I love Arnold Lobel. He tends to always use animals to convey morals. Immediately because of the sweet illustrations of animals wearing clothes, kids are delighted. The stories are simple and make great short stories for kids right before they delve into more difficult chapter books. These stories show friendship, manners, respect for differences, and helpfulness. This book is filled with positive

stories. The tales show cause and effect relationships or compare and contrast stories. It would be a great book to use in an author study of Arnold Lobel. I highly recommend this book in addition, to all of his great books!

There are seven short tales, all involving mice, and bookended by a father mouse who is telling these stories to his children at bed time, one per child. The seven stories included are: The Wishing Well, Clouds, Very Tall Mouse and Very Short Mouse, The Mouse and the Winds, The Journey, The Old Mouse, and The Bath. Of the seven, my favorite is The Wishing Well as it takes an unusual and humorous approach to the usual wishing well story. The most disturbing of the stories is The Journey because it involves replacement feet. Knowing Sean, I think his favorite will be The Bath because of the absurd bath/flood the little mouse creates just to get clean.

The cozy narrative of the mouse storyteller makes this great children's book shine. The seven stories are among Lobel's best, and this is the perfect fireside tale to tell to young mice who are not quite ready for bed. J. Lyon Layden  
The Other Side of Yore

This is one book from my childhood that I have always loved and having it for my little ones now is heart-warming. They both love it and it's fun to stroll down memory lane while reading the cute and simple stories.

This book is full of fond memories for me. A wishing well that says "Ouch!" and a cloud that turns into a giant cat. What do you do when your suspenders break and everyone makes fun of you? (Bubble gum!) Or when the wind blows your sailboat onto a house? There's a mouse that wears out his last pair of feet--and has to buy new ones--and another who floods the neighborhood taking his bath. Each story touches a part of life: fear, silliness, happiness, friendship. Well told and wonderfully illustrated, here are seven tiny journeys of the soul and hours of enjoyment, whether you're a Very Short Mouse or a Very Tall Mouse.

I purchased this book in the turtleback binding and I love the quality of the reinforced hard cover. I was frustrated because I couldn't find this book anywhere in a hardcover (except if bought a used, older copy) and wasn't sure what the turtleback would look like. It is a very professional looking cover that seems like it will last my sons whole lifetime of repeated reading and inevitable abuse. The cover/back is finished with a slight slick finish (not shiny looking though) so that if my son got a

drop of milk on it, it would wipe off without a trace, for example. Anyways, on to the book itself. I have such a love for this book as my Dad read this so many times to us as kids and this was the first book I knew I HAD to have when I had my first child. The 2 mini stories in here that I have remembered most over the last 30 years is the one about the mouse doing everything he can to get to his Mom's house and eventually trades his old, worn feet in at the side of the road for a new pair of feet (The Journey) and the story where the mouse won't turn off the bath water until he is totally clean-- which floods the whole town (The Bath). They are so silly and fun. But be aware that the illustrations aren't huge or super eye catching. But they are completely charming and chock full of memories of my Dad reading this book to my siblings and I. We just got this book in the mail today and I have already read this book FOUR times to my almost 3 year old and he is already a huge fan of this book. I am so happy that my son enjoys books-- and particularly that he already appreciates this Arnold Lobel's book.

I brought this book because it brings good memories of when I was a little girl reading with my father. This was the first book that I would pick up and the two of us would sit on my grandmothers sofa and he would read to me. Then one day when I went to pick up the book he told me to read to him and from there I have been reading since. I wanted to bring the same good memories to my sons. Each short story is easy to comprehend and allows them to let the imagination take flight. Each of the I Can Read Books brings reading to a level that allows the children to enjoy what they are reading. I am sure that your little one will love this book too.

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