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Little Elliot, Big Fun



Synopsis

In this third story of Little Elliot and Mouse, the friends head off in search of adventure . . . and lots of fun! Little Elliot, the polka-dotted elephant, and his friend Mouse go to the amusement park to see the sights and ride the rides—water chutes, roller coasters, carousels, and more. But Elliot isn't having much fun—the rides are too wet, too fast, too dizzy, and just plain too scary—until Mouse figures out a way to help him overcome his fears. Together, Mouse and Little Elliot can do anything!

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Customer Reviews

Little Elliot and Mouse are back for another fun adventure. This time around, the two friends decide to go to Coney Island. Mouse is excited to try all of the rides but Elliot isn't so sure. With so many rides that are too high, too crowded, and plain old too scary, will Elliot find a way to have fun with his friend in Little Elliot, Big Fun (2016) by Mike Curato. Little Elliot, Big Fun is Curato's third picture book featuring my favorite polka dot elephant. (Other books in the series: Little Elliot, Big City and Little Elliot, Big Family.) Curato once again brings old time New York to life--this time turning his eye to Coney Island. The illustrations in this book really draw readers into the amusement park. Curato's signature eye for detail (and careful research) also make sure every ride is accurate to the book's era (somewhere around the 1940s). A fold out spread from the Coney Island Ferris Wheel is especially stunning. Readers have previously seen Elliot make his way in a big world (when he is quite small), and find an adopted family when he comes to Mouse's family reunion. In some ways,

Elliot's problems are smaller in this one but just as universal. Coney Island is fun and exciting but Elliot struggles with the crowds, the noise, and many of the rides. Little Elliot, Big Fun is a sweet story that shows young readers it's okay to be scared but that it's also important to keep trying to find things (say, amusement park rides) that work for you. And sometimes even scary things are manageable when you tackle them with a friend. Like the other picture books in this series, Little Elliot, Big Fun is highly recommended and sure to be a crowd pleaser.

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