



[Charlie and Mouse](#) by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Emily Hughes

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*Age Range: 6-9 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: K-Gr 2 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Four hilarious children's stories, two inventive brothers, one irresistible and award-winning beginner chapter book. Join Charlie and Mouse as they talk to lumps, take the neighborhood to a party, sell some rocks, and invent the bedtime banana. With imagination and humor, Laurel Snyder and Emily Hughes paint a lively picture of brotherhood that children will relish in a beginning chapter book format; making this a perfect book for young readers graduating from picture books.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "It's a friendly, hang-loose world: the boys share a bed, Mouse dons a tutu for the playground party, and the customers for the boys' rock-selling business include a gay couple, Mr. Erik and Mr. Michael. The emphasis on dialogue gives the stories the immediacy of a play script, and Hughes's easygoing vignettes add just the right amount of visual punctuation." —[Publishers Weekly](#), **starred review**

★ "Mixed-race Charlie and Mouse have a white mom and an Asian dad; Mouse, although he takes the masculine pronoun, wears a pink tutu. Next Charlie and Mouse try to earn some money by selling rocks. Neither the elderly brown lady nor the interracial gay couple are in the market, but they do need rocks removed and will pay for the service. Mom, want it or not, gets a rock garden. Lastly, the boys create a new tradition: a bedtime banana, only to conspire after lights out that a bedtime Popsicle may be better. Snyder serves the stories with propulsive good cheer and a pleasing cadence, keeping the pages flipping, while Hughes' illustrations have crazy-quilt complexity and visual texture." —[Kirkus Reviews](#), **starred review**

"Filled to the brim with sincere, slice-of-life sibling moments." —[The Horn Book Magazine](#)

"Plenty of repetition, short sentences, and wide spacing provide effective scaffolding for beginning readers." —
The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

"You can't get much sweeter than these two irresistible brothers who make their own fun." —**Common Sense Media**

"Short and funny and even touching, these are characters your kids are going to want to spend a lot of time with." —[School Library Journal](#)

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2018 Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Winner
- 2018 Bank Street Best Books of the Year Winner
- 2018 ALA Notable Children’s Books Reading List
- 2017 Kirkus Best Books of the Year Reading List
- 2017 NYPL Best Books for Kids Reading list
- 2018 Blue Crab Young Reader Honor

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

[BookSource Banter Blog: Interview with Laurel Snyder](#)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book’s intended use.