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The Girl Who Wouldn't Brush Her Hair



Synopsis

This hilarious, over-the-top story is perfect for any little girl who doesn't like to brush her hair. What happens when our heroine neglects her long tresses? Well, one day a mouse comes to live in a particularly tangled lock. Soon after, more mice move in, and the girl's unruly mop is transformed into a marvelous mouse palace complete with secret passageways and a cheese cellar! But as the girl comes to find out, living with more than a hundred mice atop your head isn't always easy. . . .
"This tale will send kids the message that they must take care of their tresses."

•Booklist• "There are parents who will weep with joy at the prospect of a book that may encourage little Susie or Sam to finally brush that mane."
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Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2 A nameless heroine refuses to brush her bear-brown hair after her nightly bath. When the grown-ups, who hover at the edges of the story, object, she says, "It's just my way." A mouse nests in her tangled curls, but she is unafraid. Rather, she welcomes scores of other mice, enjoying the company of her companions who tell knock-knock jokes and are kind to her favorite doll, Baby. Soon, the girl discovers some drawbacks to her unusual situation. She must share her food with the mice, they refuse to go in the bath, and they keep her awake all night. The hungry, dirty, and exhausted little girl does not know what to do until her teacher tells her that she

can't bring Baby to school because she already has too many naptime friends with her. The child gently explains to the mice that it is time for them to go. That night, she washes and brushes her locks and finally gets a good night's sleep. On the playground, a couple of mice scout for a new home in the pigtails of another little girl. It is "just their way." The digitally colored illustrations focus on the girl, showing her in her comfortable home or her cheerful schoolroom. Her luminous face expressively portrays her emotional journey throughout the fanciful fable. For a more straightforward treatment that also addresses the resulting struggle between mother and daughter, try Lee Fox's delightful *Ella Kazoo Will Not Brush Her Hair* (Walker, 2010). Linda L. Walkins, Saint Joseph Preparatory High School, Boston, MA (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

A girl who won't brush her hair finds herself with a mischief of mice upon her head. At first she delights in their company. They tell jokes and are nice to her baby doll, Baby. But the burden becomes heavy. The mice talk all night, leaving her sleep-deprived; they are ravenous, so the girl shares her lunch and goes hungry; they don't like water, so the girl doesn't bathe, which means she . . . smells. Worse, the teacher tells her she can't have both the mice and Baby as her companions for naptime. But, as the girl explains to the mice, she really, really needs Baby. Glossy illustrations capture the growing, astonishing mess-of-a-hair-nest. The series of consequences spools out nicely even if the resolution feels a tad pat: the mice leave, and the girl takes a bath and, unprompted, brushes her hair. A less hair-raising adventure than Gaiman's *Crazy Hair* (2009), but this tale will send kids the message that they must take care of their tresses. Preschool-Grade 1. --Jeanne McDermott

I purchased this book for a friend whose granddaughter didn't want to brush her hair or let anyone else do it. We loved the book and hoped that the four year old would also. As it turns out, she would prefer to let mice build nests in her hair to brushing it, but the book is adorable (like my friends granddaughter).

This is a very nice book!! Excellent.. Brand New shape and the story was very clever and entertaining!! My 7 Year old really likes the story line and Mommy does too!! Highly recommend for anyone!! Teachers would also love this book!! I was thinking of sending it with my Daughter for her Teacher, to read at school.. but, i don't want to lose it!! I even wrote my Daughter's name on the front page to make sure no one takes it!! Very nicely illustrated and bright colorful pages!! We have

read it a few times already and am looking forward to reading it again!! The story line does not get boring, and i could read it to my Daughter over and over again!! It is a smart, silly, interesting book!! I am going to look for other books from the same Author!!!

Such a great story! Just fun fun fun! I read this to a group of kids ages 5-10, and they hung on every word and looked closely at every picture! It just captured their imagination, and tickled their funny bone! The main character is the perfect eclectic mix of independent, quirky, self confident, compassionate, and ultimately logical. You feel a little stronger as a person just hearing her story. Great book with fantastic illustrations!

my daughter hates brushing her hair this book was a great laugh

Given as gift. She was happy.

My older daughter started somewhat taking care of her hairs after reaading this book))

cute story

This book is adorable! I love the way it signifies the importance of why girls need to brush their hair daily. And makes it seem like less of a chore. I bought a few of these books as gifts for my nieces and all the other little girls in my family. It was a hit!

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