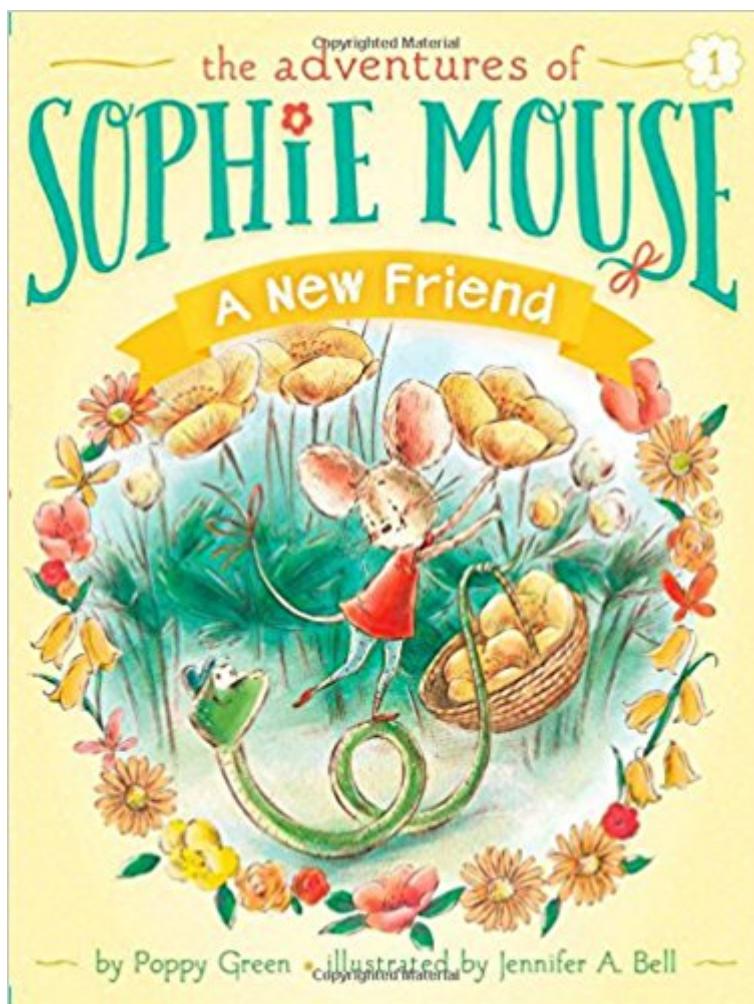


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# A New Friend (The Adventures Of Sophie Mouse)



## Synopsis

In this first of a charming series about a little mouse and her forest friends, Sophie Mouse must convince her classmates—and herself—that a new student is nothing to fear. Even if he is a snake! Readers will delight in The Adventures of Sophie Mouse! In the first book of The Adventures of Sophie Mouse, springtime has arrived at Silverlake Forest! The animals are coming out of their homes, buds are blooming on the trees, and the air smells of honeysuckles and tree bark. Sophie Mouse can't wait to go back to school after the long winter break. Even better, there's a new student in class—Sophie loves meeting new animals! But the class gasps when Owen enters: he's a snake! No one is brave enough to sit near him, or play with Owen at recess, or even talk to him. Can Sophie help her friends understand that Owen's not scary after all? With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, the Adventures of Sophie Mouse chapter books are perfect for beginning readers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

Gr 1-3 Sophie is a young anthropomorphized mouse who lives in Silverlake Forest with her family. Sophie's mother is a baker, her father is an architect, and their forest boasts

a school, post office, library, and bakery. In Sophie's world, all young forest animals attend school together and are taught by Mrs. Wise, a squirrel. On the first day of class, a new student arrives: a snake named Owen. Out of fear, the other animals exclude him from their games. Sophie feels bad for Owen, but can't conquer her own fear enough to befriend him. It takes an accident and a save by Owen to open Sophie's eyes. If readers ignore the reality that many snakes do indeed eat mice, the lessons Sophie and her friends learn about the danger of being judgmental and about the importance of friendship are good ones. Bell's sketch artwork has a whimsical quality. •Sophie is seen in a dress and leggings with a dainty bow on her tail. All animals are roughly the same size, and while not realistic, this makes the classroom feel comfortable (no one is towering over the mice). A gentle read for early chapter book readers who love animals. •Kelly Roth, Bartow County Public Library, Cartersville, GA

Poppy Green can talk to animals! Unfortunately, they never talk back to her. So she started writing in order to imagine what they might say and do when humans aren't watching. Poppy lives on the edge of the woods in Connecticut, where her backyard is often a playground for all kinds of wildlife: birds, rabbits, squirrels, voles, skunks, deer, and the occasional wild turkey. Jennifer A. Bell is an illustrator whose work can be found on greeting cards, in magazines, and in over a dozen children's books. She lives with her husband, son, and cranky cat in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Yay for Sophie Mouse! I completely agree with the review written by Dallas Mom: "It's . . . nice to find a chapter series that is not filled with modern characters with bad attitudes. There are some good series out there, but so many are junky and mindless. This has a classic, timeless quality." My thoughts exactly! I just read this in 3 sittings to my 6 year old girl and 4 year old boy. It not only was a hit with the kids, but I loved the message and the positive children role models. Sophie and her friend Hattie have some reservations about the new student at school (a snake) but learn to make friends with him, in this very charming, gentle, positive, easy to read, beginning chapter book. Some of the other modern beginner chapter books have been disappointing in their characters and messages. Thank you for writing books that let our children be children. My children both asked me to order the next book in the series, so off I go . . . My only regret is that I didn't know it was a book about the first day of school; would have made a great choice for my annual back to school book gift for my daughter. Now I have to find another one. This series is definitely going into our gift repertoire for birthdays.

C.S. Lewis once declared that he loved reading books about "animals in clothes" when he was a little boy, and I can happily say that I relate to that statement - and now, my seven year-old daughter does, too. "Sophie Mouse" is very a sweet series with the most adorably illustrated animal friends. Sophie, her friend, Hattie (a frog) and their new classmate, Owen (a snake) are a fun little trio - and this story is a great way to kick-off the introduction to their happy world. The author and illustrator collaborated to write something smart and funny - the vocabulary words hidden throughout were a delight to this English-major mama's ears - while also maintaining an innocence that is so often lost in books aimed at this age range. If you're looking for snark and sassiness, akin to something like "Junie B. Jones," this series isn't it. But if you're like me - hoping that somewhere there are still writers who care about making the world a bit more sunshine-y and friendly for young readers out there - then these books will hit the spot. Thank you, Ms. Green, for creating Silverlake Forest and its cheery world of woodland inhabitants. A+!

A fun book to read to youngsters. Just one short chapter before bedtime satisfies my three-year-old twins, but they are mesmerized by longer readings during the day. The words increase their vocabularies. The stories are fun and full of animal facts and fancy. Almost every page has illustrations and draws many comments by my eager listeners. I have used the Sophie Mouse books on planes and read at a whisper while the twins hang on each word even though they have heard the stories over and over. I believe the entire plane's crew and other passengers even love these sweet stories about Sophie Mouse. Delightful for everyone! Favorites for my twins, and their many 'readers'.

I was looking for something that would inspire my beginning of 1st grader to strive toward big girl chapter books. This was the perfect series. I have looked and looked for other chapter books at this level, but most are 2nd grade level. I am a beginner at leveled reading, but I would say these are a K or L. Seems like most other chapter series are M and above. Also, the author keeps it cute and sweet so that your 5 or 6 year old is not reading about sassy siblings (Ivy & Bean) or sassy behavior toward teachers (Junie B Jones). We have to keep them sweet as long as possible, right?! My daughter is now on the 3rd book of the series and is still interested.

I got this book to try reading chapter books to my foster daughters as bed time stories. They love them. I have trouble getting them to let me stop after just one or two chapters. We are on the

second book in the series now and will be continuing as long as we can. We just found out the 3 and 5 year old sisters are being adopted in a few weeks. I hope their new Mommy and Daddy will continue to read them these wonderful books. Take the time to share this really nice series with your children. They are only young for so long.

My daughter is 6 years old and loves these books! She loves reading and looking at pictures along the way. What a wonderful story of making friends and the magic of the animal friends. Thank you!

Bought this for my 5yr old daughter. Super cute story. Touches on the topic of prejudice without getting too dark. Perfect length for a first chapter book. She now wants all of the books in the series. We will be buying them!

This is a great series. If you want to get your child to read, this is the set. Purchased one book for our granddaughter, then got the whole series because she enjoys it so much. Even her brother loves it. They didn't want me to stop reading after two chapters, always wanted to go on.

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