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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

PreS-Gr 1-When optimistic Rabbit and unlucky Mouse go on a picnic, there is plenty of good news and bad news. Some good news-umbrella, apples, cake, cave. Some bad news-rain, worms, bees, bear. Unfortunately, all the bad seems to happen to Mouse, who eventually has a hissy fit that makes Rabbit cry. But as the sun breaks through the clouds, Mouse makes it all better with a peace offering of the picnic basket and a hug. Mack creates a solid story arc using only the phrases "good news"/"bad news," and his illustrations. Indeed, the art is the heart of this picture book, offering excellent depictions of events and facial expressions. When Mouse finally snaps, his understandable anger and frustration come through loud and clear. This title fits into the niche containing Remy Charlip's *Fortunately* (S & S, 1984) and Michael Foreman's *Fortunately, Unfortunately* (Andersen, 2011). Good for storytimes or independent reading or independent looking.- Catherine Callegari, Gay-Kimball Library, Troy, NH(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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Offering a picnic basket, Rabbit announces, "Good News," to his friend Mouse, who then points at the approaching rain, warning, "Bad News." Rabbit shares an umbrella as "good news," but a strong wind prompts the rat to declare it "bad news." Ever the optimist, Rabbit proposes "good news" solutions, and pessimistic Mouse grouches about the dangers, until the roles reverse as the sun emerges, perfect for a picnic. Reminiscent of Remy Charlip's *Fortunately* (1964), this, too, has an ending twist with Mouse's change of heart. While the text uses just four words, the cartoon-style mixed media art quickly establishes the distinctive personalities on the cover and title page. Rabbit's consistently broad smile contrasts with Mouse's expressions, which grow increasingly more exasperated. The expressive illustrations are large enough for groups of children, who will eagerly anticipate the predictable pattern. The four-word vocabulary also makes this a satisfying book for new readers. Preschool-Grade 1. --Linda Perkins

Review

"Young listeners are certain to clamor for this one again and again . . . and that is good news." - Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

FamilyFun Magazine's "Our Favorite Things"

44 Books that Teach Sympathy - Common Sense Media

"A fun book about looking at the bright side of things" - GeekDad

"Will allow you to teach lessons about the importance of a good attitude" - SavvyAuntie

"Very cute... I also appreciated that there were a few good messages thrown in about friendship and the power of staying positive!" - BookingMama

"This offering is, to borrow the rabbit's two words, good news." - The Horn Book Magazine

"Sometimes the most brilliant picture books can teach us more in fewer words than even "great" literature can. Good News, Bad News is one of those books. " - WABC-TV

"May feature just four short words, but it's extra-long on heart- Daily Candy Kids

"Good news, this isn't just a book about attitude, it also hits home the message about the importance of friendship. Bad news, there really isn't any bad news about this delightful book" - Bookends, a Booklist Blog

"Good for storytimes or independent reading" - School Library Journal

"A gentle, entertaining way to bring up the concept of looking for the positive." - Design Mom

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