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One house, two mice, three cookies . . . and the adventure begins. In gorgeously illustrated spreads and twoword phrases, this picture book takes two mice through their exciting and eventful day. Funny, lively, and easy to follow, the book offers the youngest readers the chance to count from one to three and back again.

Sergio Ruzzier's illustrations display his signature quirky, colorful, and slightly surreal view of characters and settings, and the text is a minimalist gem. It's a perfect book to share one-on-one with a young child and a lovely lead-up to bedtime.

## Two Mice Details

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## Jennifer says

I got a bit worried for a second there....

## Amy says

Loved the storytelling technique here - objects are counted off in groups of 1,2 , and 3 , then 3, 2, 1. Ruzzier tells the whole story using this clever - yet subtle - convention. In fact, I didn't even notice it until Arthur pointed it out - and then I thought it was genius. My favorite sequence was 3 boats, 2 oars, 1 rower - because whenever I've been in a boat that requires oars with Arthur, he is always the 1 rower. Sorry about it!!

## Cindy Dobrez says

Most counting books go to ten... but this simple gem just takes the reader from one to three and back. So much goes on in the two word statements:
One house
Two mice
Three cookies

Young readers will use the visual clues to predict what is coming next....oh, no!
Adorable!

## Monica Edinger says

A simple and simply lovely book. A sort-o- counting (well, one to three and back again) book and a tiny adventure story too. Absolutely charming.

## Danielle says

I'm a big fan of Ruzzier's distinctive work and this counting up to and back down from three is such a wonderful story device.

## Tasha says

Count from one to three and back down to one again in this funny picture book. Three cookies don't split
evenly between two mice, but then neither does only one pair of oars when they head out on the water. Three rocks in the water make two holes in their boat. Luckily there is one island with two trees, which actually are the feet of a giant bird. The two mice cry three tears as they are carried up to be food for three chicks. All it takes is one nest to make their one escape. Back home, the two mice make one soup out of the perfect number of ingredients.

Ruzzier's counting book is a gem. He cleverly uses the counting as a solid foundation for this story, each moment led forward by the numbers. At the same time, this shows his immense skill as he is able to keep the book funny, warm and dynamic without it becoming too filled with sing-song or too weighted by the structure itself. The story is almost effortless as it reads aloud, each number leaping to the next with the story the focus too.

The art too is jaunty and fun. The bright colors are infused throughout the landscape with clouds and the water ranging from pinks to yellows to oranges. Everything is done in unusual colors except the two main characters who are distinct in their bright white.

A clever counting book, this will make a great pick for bedtime or beginning counters. Appropriate for ages 2-4.

## Michele Knott says

Using numbers 1, 2, 3 in a clever way throughout the story.
This one is going on my Mock Geisel list.

## Benji Martin says

This is Ruzzier's best, yet.

## Cynthia says

Two mice leave their cozy home seeking adventure - and find more than they bargained for. Ruzzier crafts the imaginative storyline in sparse text using the numbers 1,2 , and 3 . Young readers will enjoy following the mice on their exciting journey.

## Jason says

I'm not sure I can put into words what is so wonderful about this l'il book. And maybe that's the point. It's the lack of words and the illustrations that say so much more than words can about the relationship between the mice, who could be friends, relatives, roommates, or lovers. There is drama, and humor, adventure and angst. And all of it is communicated with simple numbers.

## Stephanie Croaning says

This is a deceptively simple counting book that counts down from three, then back up. What Sergio Ruzzier manages to do is tell a story about two mice who go on an adventure which leads them to discover the beauty of friendship and home. The illustrations are adorable, and the plot is creative and unique. The basic, minimal vocabulary makes this a perfect book for a beginning independent reader.

## Sandra says

Age range: 2 to 5 years old.

This little book tells the adventures of two little mice constantly counting up to 3 , and then counting down to 1 again.

The text is predictable enough to allow the kids to count and guess the number before you say it, encouraging the interaction.

The illustrations, by Ruzzier too, are really nice and tell by themselves the rest of the story.

Not a typical counting book, but an enjoyable one!
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## Natalie Sapkarov Harvey says

I love the art in this book. Sergio may be my new favorite illustrator. Oh and I love the petite size of the book!

## Christopher says

This is a deceptively simple story, yet there is a lot to enjoy in this sweet gem of a book.

## Sandy Brehl says

For a book with VERY few words, the two characters have real appeal, portraying identifiable emotions in familiar situations, (and some very unfamiliar ones). The few words provided are essential for early reading independence, repeated often, but every time offering distinct purposes. It will have appeal as a read-aloud but works even better for small hands to hold and develop ownership of the reading process.


