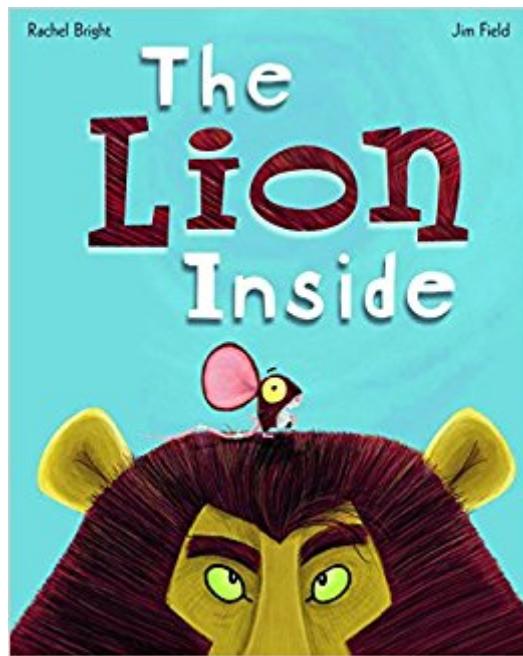


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# The Lion Inside



## Synopsis

"That day they BOTH learned That, no matter your size, We all have a mouse AND a lion inside." A mouse feels small and insecure and determines that what he needs to do is learn how to roar like a lion. He knows he has to act brave when he approaches a lion to learn how. In a hilarious turn of events, the lion is afraid of mice! The mouse comforts the lion, they become friends, and we learn that there's a lion and a mouse inside all of us. The inspiring text by Rachel Bright and the fun, bold illustrations by Jim Field teach young readers an important lesson. Regardless of how big or mighty we are, we can all live our dreams and do what we want to do. Fans of Aesop's "The Lion and the Mouse" will enjoy *The Lion Inside!*

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## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2  Field's impressive array of perspectives enhances Bright's rhyming text about a downtrodden mouse who longs to live large. Comical cartoon critters of the savanna seem sympathetic to the mouse's leonine ambitions, which lead him to request instruction from the regal roarer himself, despite the possibility of becoming a meal. Tables turn when our mouse is forced to allay the lion's fear of rodents, and the two become pals who together roar with laughter, since "We all have a mouse and a lion inside." Bright's language play ("tinyful," "tippy-toes") works well with

Field's hysterical expressions and spot-on composition arrangements. VERDICT There's much to enjoy here, but the basic tale is well-worn. A solid addition for storytime sharing. -- Gay Lynn Van Vleck, Henrico County Library, Glen Allen, VA

Praise for "Love Monster" by Rachel Bright: "A winning picture book by Rachel Bright.... With the Monster, as with many a lonely soul, love arrives when he least expects it in this ultimately happy excursion for 2- to 5-year-olds." -- "The Wall Street Journal" Praise for "Side by Side" by Rachel Bright and illustrated by Debi Gliori: "This sweet story about finding a friend brings together all of the adorable elements of woodland creatures with all the woes of finding the perfect companion.... With pleasant rhyme and delightful illustrations, this title will attract young readers." -- "School Library Journal" "The text is rhymed... the language is pleasing. The penultimate spread of paired-off buddies -- rabbits and foxes and owls and insects -- is an affectionate paean to BFFs and/or couples. This sweet celebration of friendship...." -- "Kirkus Reviews" Praise for Love Monster by Rachel Bright: "A winning picture book by Rachel Bright.... With the Monster, as with many a lonely soul, love arrives when he least expects it in this ultimately happy excursion for 2- to 5-year-olds." -- The Wall Street Journal Praise for Side by Side by Rachel Bright and illustrated by Debi Gliori: "This sweet story about finding a friend brings together all of the adorable elements of woodland creatures with all the woes of finding the perfect companion.... With pleasant rhyme and delightful illustrations, this title will attract young readers." -- School Library Journal "The text is rhymed... the language is pleasing. The penultimate spread of paired-off buddies -- rabbits and foxes and owls and insects -- is an affectionate paean to BFFs and/or couples. This sweet celebration of friendship...." -- Kirkus Reviews

Inside of each of us lives an Inner Lion. Sometimes he is dormant but he is always there waiting for us to tap into our powerful potential. Even adults often struggle to remember this "hero within" so it is vital for us to help children discover and embrace their Inner Lion. This hero exists in all of us regardless of our stature or age. But he must compete with the other voices inside our heads-the ones who broadcast, fear, self-doubt, timidity and despair. The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright and illustrated by Jim Field brilliantly demonstrates that the most powerful person in my life is me. It also hammers home the truism "Never judge a book by its cover." So often the face we present to the world hides our genuine selves, the selves that are both brave and fearful, confident and cautious. When we (both kids and adults) make judgments about others based on externals, we overlook the opportunity to

connect with the whole person and all of us lose the chance to be genuine. Ironically, we often treat ourselves no better and criticize ourselves with the same harsh judgment! Fields' illustrations carry a lot of the story's message. The difference in size between the tiny mouse and the huge lion reinforces the immensity of the mouse's decision to confront the lion. By connecting to his Inner Lion he awoke the bravery needed to accomplish his goal. Taken from the lion's perspective, the reader experiences the other side of the equation. Physical size doesn't protect one from fear. Courage does. Courage acknowledges fear and still chooses to act. Adoption-attuned Lens: All kids strive to find their niche in school, their neighborhoods, etc. Adoptees also must learn to find their comfort spot in their new families. Sometimes they can feel as mismatched and powerless as this little mouse when he faced the roaring lion. This story invites readers to consider that beyond stature and externals, each of us has important skills and gifts to contribute, fears to overcome, and opportunities to grow. Each family member benefits from being part of the larger whole. Diversity enriches families. And classrooms, neighborhoods and communities. --Gayle H. Swift, "ABC, Adoption & Me"

The story was simply to understand, and since I have 2 young grandchildren, I know that they will love reading this book. Graphics are cute. The flow of the tale has a couple of nice surprises that will keep young readers engrossed in the plot

Wonderful story. My one year old son loved looking at the pictures while I read it to him. He actually sat still for this book which is pretty rare.

Wonderful story with very good messages, and colorful illustrations. Fun for the reader if reading to one who is too young to read yet, but never too young to get started on receiving encouraging messages.

Very sweet story. My grand babies want me to read it over and over again.

Grandchild loves this book. Illustrations are great

My granddaughter really enjoyed the story. Also, the art work is fantastic!

Another great book by Rachel Bright! My 4 year old LOVES this book, as do I...i'm sure my 2 year old will love it someday when she can hold her attention for more than 4 pages!

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