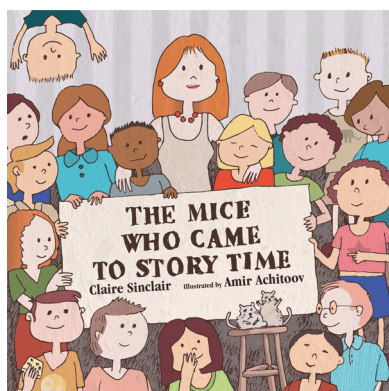


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Local Authors Release “The Mice Who Came to Story Time”



(MAPLEWOOD, NJ, November 18, 2021) They have been a legend at a local elementary school for decades, but now Squeaky and Cheesy debut in their first book, *“The Mice Who Came to Story Time.”* Beloved Maplewood kindergarten teacher **Claire Sinclair** teamed with Millburn-based artist and illustrator **Amir Achitov** to create a charming and delightful new book for very young children.

“The Mice Who Came to Story Time” introduces two small mice who enjoy a peaceful, quiet summer in a schoolroom until September arrives along with a horde of noisy, lively children. The mice hide away in Ms. Pierre’s classroom, but one day the kids sit quietly on the floor for Story Time. Drawn out by the teacher’s gentle voice, the mice slowly creep into the circle until... EEK! After everyone calms down, Ms. Pierre lets the class vote about the mice: should they stay or should they go?

After more than 25 years of reading to her students, **Claire Sinclair**, mom, Kindergarten teacher and lover of children’s books, decided to finally write one of her own! The Mice Who Came to Story Time is loosely based on the mice who would occasionally appear in her classroom. **Amir Achitov** was born many years ago in Israel ‘with a brush in his hand’. Amir studied fine art in Holland and New York City, and has held several oil painting and pastel exhibitions.

Readers who want to meet “The Mice Who Came to Story Time” can order the book through all major online book retailers and local bookstores. For more information, visit:

www.squeakyandcheesy.com.

