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Just as Mrs. Mouse kisses baby mouse goodnight, he cries, “Mother, Mother, I want another!” His concerned mama rushes off to invite other mothers—Mrs. Duck, Mrs. Frog, Mrs. Pig, and Mrs. Donkey—to help put her son to bed. But baby mouse doesn’t want another mother. Will Mrs. Mouse discover what her son really wants?

A delightful comedy of errors perfect for Mother’s Day, *Mother, Mother, I Want Another* has been heartwarming re-illustrated by acclaimed artist Jon Goodell.

Mother, Mother, I Want Another Details

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From Reader Review *Mother, Mother, I Want Another* for online ebook

Guadalupe Ramirez says

I gave this book three stars because I thought it was a little strange that Mrs. Mouse thought that baby mouse wanted another mother. However, this book seems more appropriate for young children. It has repetition, some rhyming, and I think kids would enjoy the different sounds the animals make. Children can even participate in the story by making the different animals sounds.

Dolly says

This is an adorable little story about a little mouse who can't seem to communicate with his mom. We all have those moments, and I suppose this book is as much for parents as it is for children, encouraging us to truly listen to one another. The illustrations are so cute and the story is sweet, perfect for bedtime. Our girls are just about at the age where this story is too young for them, too 'babyish,' but we enjoyed reading this book together anyway. (And I had fun giving them lots of kisses!)

Kimberly says

Very silly! Kids will get a kick out of the illustrations.

Jackie says

Mother, Mother, I Want Another brings some humor to bedtime, as baby mouse cries for another...but, another *WHAT* ?. Mrs. Mouse mistakenly believes baby mouse wants another mother. Baby mouse wants what all little children want...another kiss goodnight.

This picture book sneakily introduces just how important those pesky punctuation marks can be! Beautiful, colorful illustrations capture animal facial expressions with delightful joy.

Use for 11/2009 Family Jammie Storytime.

Samantha says

Oh I wish this one wasn't due back to the library already! We just loved this book! And we quote parts at bed time now!

Deidra says

Written by Maria Polushkin, illustrated by Jon Goodell. Published by Alfred A. Knopf, text copyright 1978, illustrations copyright 2005.

Grade level: 2nd

As Mrs. Mouse is putting her baby to sleep one night, she gives him a kiss. Just then he says "Mother, mother, I want another, Mother!" Poor Mrs. Mouse mistakes her son and thinks he wants a new mother. So Mrs. Mouse goes on her way to find him a new mother and brings him all sorts of moms of different kinds of animals. But each time Mrs. Mouse brings her son a new mother, he exclaims he wants another! Will Mrs. Mouse ever give her son what he wants?

This was such a heart-warming story that young readers will enjoy and laugh about.

Possible themes/units: family, love, communication

Robin says

I've worked in libraries for 11 years as a professional and for three years prior to that while in library school, and I spent MANY hours reading to my three sons (now grown) it's so fun when I come across a book that I recall reading with my boys. This is one of them. The very simple story about a baby mouse getting ready for sleep who says "I want another, Mother" after his mother kisses him goodnight. She misinterprets it to mean that he wants another MOTHER but, in reality, he wants another KISS! Written in 1978, the illustrations are old-fashioned yet timeless.

Sarah says

I wasn't sure about this book when I first read it to myself, but it was a hit at storytime with both parents and kids.

Cosette says

This book made my listener giggle.

babyhippoface says

When Little Mouse responds to his mother's good-night kiss with, "I want another, Mother," she mistakenly believes he wants a different mother and sets out to find one. This tale, charming if a little repetitive, was originally published in 1978, and here is given new life by Oklahoma artist Jon Goodell. His winsome oil-on-canvas illustrations feature a pleasant interplay of light and dark that lends a cozy feel to the bedtime tale.

Parents who share this story should also be prepared to share one kiss, and another, and another.

Lindsay says

C loves this book

Bridget Bingham says

Cute little book. A funny mistake by Mother.

Melissa says

Very adorable, my Mother chose this book for her elementary library to dedicate in memory of her own mother that passed on in 2012.

I do not think the little kids would understand it- but I got the importance of punctuation- he wasn't trying to say he wanted another mother as she thought!~ Just another kiss!

Michael Fitzgerald says

Pretty much every change in the illustrations is for the worse, when compared to the original (1978) edition. There is a poor attempt to adjust the sizes of the animals in comparison to the mice so they are more accurate - never mind that they still wear clothes, talk, use utensils, etc. We need to have the size realistic... So the only animal that actually gets to be in the same room with baby mouse is the frog mother. It's just stupid.

In the realm of "redefining the family," note how the mouse father AND the pig father AND the donkey father have been completely eliminated. Not a single adult male to be seen in this entire book. True, they didn't have much to do in the original, but how exactly does Jon Goodell think that children happen out in nature? Apparently the single mother is "natural" and the ONLY kind of family we need to depict for children nowadays.

Also note how this version includes young animals (ducks, frogs, pigs, and a donkey) that have now apparently been left on their own as their mothers go off to attend to baby mouse. In the original, only the piglets were shown - and they had a father who was left to watch them. My interpretation was that the other families had older children and that these were "veteran" mothers called in for help.

Lesley Dahlseng says

As the bedtime ritual comes to a close, Mrs. Mouse gives her son a bedtime kiss. Everything has gone smoothly thus far, until Mrs. Mouse turns to leave the room. Baby mouse then begins to cry: "I want another,

Mother!" Desperate to appease baby mouse's cries, Mrs. Mouse runs to fetch Mrs. Duck who attempts to calm baby mouse with a very ducky lullaby. When this doesn't work, they call on Mrs. Frog. After five mothers fail at consoling him, baby finally explains: "No more mothers! . . . I want another KISS!" Each mother kisses baby mouse goodbye. Then he is tucked cozy into bed and finally receives ANOTHER kiss from his mother.

Text Review: What a cleverly sweet twist! There is never a boring page. Each mother's lullaby is a nice addition, interspersing well-written rhyme while giving our young readers insight into each animal's characteristics. The ending creates every feeling that a great bedtime picture book should.

Illustration Review: 5+ stars.
