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Funny Guests

Jan Brett's *The Mitten* is not just a story about animals finding warmth in a lost mitten—it's also full of humor! The way each animal behaves inside the mitten adds a layer of fun that makes the story even more entertaining. Their personalities, from bossy to timid, turn a simple event into a comical adventure.

The humor begins when the tiny mole is the first to crawl inside. As a small and quiet creature, the mole doesn't seem to cause much trouble. However, when a big, bouncy rabbit arrives, things start to get funny. The rabbit doesn't just squeeze in—he hops on top of the mole! This begins a pattern where each new animal rudely shoves itself into the mitten, barely noticing the others.

Next comes the prickly hedgehog, who rolls into the mitten, poking everyone with his quills. The other animals must make room carefully, not wanting to get poked. Then, the wise but serious owl arrives, staring down at the rest of them with a stern expression. He may be used to sitting alone in the trees, but now he has to sit crammed among furry, wriggling creatures.

The situation becomes even more ridiculous when a sly fox pushes in, followed by a heavy badger. The mitten stretches so much that it hardly looks like a mitten anymore! The biggest surprise is when the massive bear arrives. Despite his size, he tries to fit just like all the others. He has no problem pushing everyone aside, and soon the mitten is stuffed beyond belief.

But the funniest moment comes with the tiniest animal—the mouse. This tiny creature climbs onto the bear's nose, completely unaware that she's making the bear uncomfortable. When her little whiskers tickle his snout, the bear lets out a gigantic sneeze! With one loud blast, all the animals go flying in different directions. The mitten, now stretched out of shape, sails through the air and lands near Nicki.

Jan Brett's clever use of animal personalities makes *The Mitten* more than just a winter tale—it turns it into a hilarious story of unexpected guests trying to squeeze into an impossible space.