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# Little Elliot Big Family

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# Book Review

**Title:** Little Elliot Big Family  
**Author:** Mike Curato  
**Reviewer:** Whitney Troxel  
**Publisher:** Henry Holt and Company  
**Publication Year:** 2015  
**ISBN:** 9780805098266  
**Number of Pages:** 40  
**Interest Level:** Toddler, Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Outstanding



## Review

When Mouse leaves for a family reunion, Elliot decides to take a walk around the city. Elliot sees families together everywhere he goes. He watches as brothers, sisters, cousins, mothers and sons, fathers and daughters, even grandmas and uncles spend time together. Elliot misses Mouse. When Elliot starts to go home he hears Mouse calling his name. Mouse takes Elliot to his family reunion and shows Elliot friends can be family too.

Little Elliot Big Family is a heartwarming story about family and friendship. Curato's beautiful illustrations help narrate the story and express Elliot's mood as he wanders around the city. Mouse's huge family creates a stark contrast to Elliot having no family to spend time with. It is easy for readers of all ages to empathize with Elliot's loneliness. The story reminds both children and adults to remember the people they love and include those who might be alone.