Do You Want to Be My Friend? by Eric Carle

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From horse to crocodile to giraffe, no one wants to be the little mouses friend, until he meets up with a friendly, familiar face--and not a moment too soon! Full color.

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In a recent Newsweek article, Eric Carle was asked which of his books were his favorite. He named this book, stating that it was an autobiographical story of his search for friendship as an immigrant 5-year-old. He finally found a close friend just before he moved back to Germany, which was soon war-torn. That friendship has been a defining factor even in his adult life.

While it is true that most kids need to learn to accept children who are different than them, there are plenty of kids who feel different and need the hope that if they look long enough, they will find someone they can connect with.

For the children who easily find friends, this book can help them understand how it feels to be one of the different kids who need a friend. We can ask, Would it have made the mouse feel better if the other animals would be his friend?

This book can introduce great discussions. There are plenty of books that show children an ideal world. This one shows reality.

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