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**Spelling has never been so zany! When the S in MOOSE comes loose, Cow must find the missing letters and glue MOOSE back together! Perfect for fans of Michael Hall and Sandra Boynton.**

Rollicking, clever, and a great way to have fun with letters, *If the S in Moose Comes Loose* is a seriously wild ride from start to finish.

When two of Moose's letters come loose, he vanishes. Poof! But his best friend, Cow, has an idea: she'll find a G, an L, a U, and an E and glue M-O-O-S-E back together, better than ever! But it's not as easy as it sounds....

Author Peter Hermann is not only a debut picture book author, he also plays publisher Charles Brooks on TV Land's hit show *Younger*. Matthew Cordell is the acclaimed author and illustrator of the 2018 Caldecott winner *Wolf in the Snow* and has written and/or illustrated dozens of other books for children.

*If the S in MOOSE comes loose  
and the E breaks free . . . what's left?  
M-O-O!*

## If the S in Moose Comes Loose Details

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# **From Reader Review If the S in Moose Comes Loose for online ebook**

## **Barbara says**

Children who love to play with words will enjoy Pete Hermann's picture book, If the S in Moose Comes Loose. When the E breaks free and the S came loose from the word Moose, Cow tries to correct it by finding the right letters from other words. Cow wanders from one word to another, changing each by trading letters. Fun for letter lovers ages 6 - 10.

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## **Donna Mork says**

The E and the S come off Moose, and now all cow can do is MOO. So she decides to glue them back on. She goes around borrowing or trading letters from other places, turning the lake into a cake and a bear into an ear. The bull chases after the cow and they crash into the cart and letters go flying. Cow gets the S and E put back on MOO to make moose, moose reappears and everyone is happy. But the Boat wants his G back...

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## **Deb (Readerbuzz) Nance says**

Oh no! The S and E in MOOSE have come loose. Cow must set things to rights.

And so follows a series of terribly fun adventures and misadventures as Cow attempts to put everything back together.

I relished this story...so much fun.

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## **Pam says**

Lots of fun with letters. Cow needs to replace the S and E in MOOSE to get back her friend. She sets out to borrow the letters from other words and makes a lot of changes in the barnyard with her letter trades. Fun for readers to guess what words she'll make next.

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## **Christy Broderick says**

I LOVE THIS BOOK!! It rhymes, it's comical, plus, it was written by Peter Hermann, who is stars in one of my favorite tv shows, Younger ??

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## **Jason says**

I really wanted to not like this, because it wants so badly to be clever. But partway through, in the genuine pursuit of its objective, it manages to forget that it wants to be clever and ends up being a really fun roller coaster ride.

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## **Emma (Miss Print) says**

There's just too much going on here. I think it might be a nice fit for fans of Emergen-C but I am not one of those fans. There's a lot of text. It's a complicated premise. And the text is kind of clunky. This hits some of the same humor notes as Z is for Moose but not as effectively--and even with that one I usually have to work really hard to "sell" it in a storytime.

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## **W.A. Ashes says**

This book is too busy. In theory, it's a great idea. The author does a great job of showing how different letters effect words, but I found that it didn't particularly work well with some of the age levels I read it to. my 2nd graders seemed to enjoy this book more than the other elementary kids I read it to. They were at the right age, I think.

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## **Tasha says**

This picture book takes wordplay and makes it the focus of the story. When Cow's friend Moose loses her S and E, cow decides to get some glue. But in order to do that, she has to make some and spell the word "GLUE". Cow asks to take Goat's G, and exchange it for a B that she steals from Bear. So Goat becomes Boat and Bear becomes Ear. As Cow continues to take letters, things get stranger and stranger. A chair becomes hair, a lake becomes cake, a house becomes a hose, and so on. Finally Cow has the letters she needs to make glue and bring back her friend, but there's still some mess to clean up too.

This rambunctious story takes a wild look at words, letter sounds and spelling. Hermann's fast and zany pace creates a picture book that flies right by. Throughout, different characters add to the chaos, including the Bull who refuses to share his U and the very confused Boat who used to be a Goat. The illustrations by Cordell add to the fun with their loose lines and dashing action scenes. They also make it nicely clear what letters are forming each creature's name, so that children will be able to play along as the words shift. A fast and funny look at words. Appropriate for ages 4-6.

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## **Stef Wade says**

The word play in this book is so fun. My 8 year old loves it as well as my 4 year old, who is recognizing the words and how they change. Plus Matthew Cordell done it again with these wonderful drawings. This is a must read for fans of books like Scrambled States of America, Zero the Hero or 7 Ate 9.

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### **Diana Thomsen says**

So clever, so zany, so...not my thing. \*sigh\* It was too complicated, too hard to read, too...not my thing. I can imagine it might result in PEALS of laughter for the right audience, but that audience wasn't me. I was more puzzled and bored. Oh, well. Can't win 'em all!

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### **Beth Rodgers says**

'If the S in Moose Comes Loose' by Peter Hermann, illustrated by Matthew Cordell, is a fun and adventurous story about a moose whose letters break apart, making it impossible for him to be who he is, while his cow friend hurries around trying to put him back together again. Playing with words is always fun, and showing children through a story like this how words are very adaptable based on just one letter gives the story an invigorating quality. Cow has to use his knowledge of what letters other words have to find the letters he needs to glue moose's letters back together. From searching for an "L" and finding a "lake" to exchanging the "L" for a "C" to make "cake," all the while trying to form the letters to make the word "glue," there is much fun to be had in Hermann and Cordell's story. Cow's insistence on making things right shows how the power of letters is not the only important theme at work in the story, as friendship and hard work are also quite evident.

Language, despite seeming easy when you know the words, can still be a mystery at times. 'If the S in Moose Comes Loose' proves that this is really true, and the fact that it is reminiscent of a similarly themed kids' show, Word World, makes it even more engaging through familiarity, for those who have both seen the show and read this book. Definitely recommended for young children, as they will be spelling out words and testing out sounds as they read.

Beth Rodgers, Author of 'Freshman Fourteen' and 'Sweet Fifteen,' Young Adult Novels

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### **Jana says**

This fun picture book is sure to get a giggle or two, as Cow tries to turn her M-O-O back in M-O-O-S-E. The S and the E have fallen off and she could glue them back on if only she can find a G and an L and a U and an E. As she works to get the letters she needs, all kinds of crazy things happen: a bear turns into an ear, a goat turns into a boat, a lake turns into cake, and so on. This book with its problem and solution plot structure and the humorous illustrations will be a fun way to talk about spelling and might even inspire some fun spelling stories from youngsters.

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### **Margie Wells says**

I loved this rollicking, rhyming book of "word play"! Kids will LOVE the silliness when MOOSE loses

letters and becomes MOO! And even more silliness ensues when the animal characters borrow letters from each other to try and fix the issue! Cartoonish illustrations will delight young readers! I personally loved the EAR in a CHAIR! Read to find out!

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## **Kelsey says**

Age: Kindergarten+

When the S and E fall off the word Moose, Cow goes on the hunt for glue. But with no glue around, Cow decides to spell it out by finding one letter at a time. An excellent read-aloud for practicing spelling and recognizing that words are made of smaller parts, like when Cow takes a 'b' from "bear chair" and it becomes "ear chair." Silly and playful and delightful.

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