

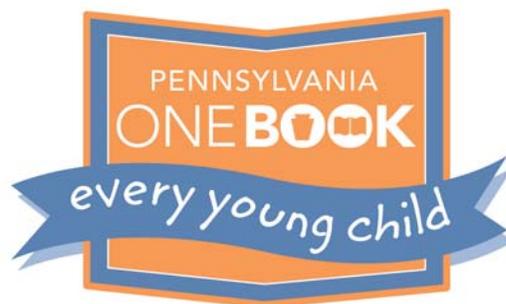
## Welcome to *Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse*

We'd like to share with you and with all the young children in Pennsylvania the fun of exploring this picture book by state resident Lindsay Barrett George. In *Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse* you will meet two mice who live very different and yet very similar lives! Their story is our story as well: our lives, also, are very different and yet very much the same.

We'd like you to use this manual and trunk as a starting point. We offer many suggestions which you are free to use, adapt, or reject as suits your own group. We hope, even more, to inspire you as you create your own ideas for sharing the concepts and experiences of this book with your children.

About this manual:

This manual is split into six main sections. Part 1 gives you an introduction to this project and the author, Lindsay Barrett George. Part 2 lists the materials you will find in the trunk. Part 3 gives you activities to use with *Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse* including ideas for organizing a programming schedule, descriptions and directions for each activity, and a collection of songs and fingerplays you might use. Part 4 provides additional resources: websites, fiction books, and related nonfiction. Part 5 lists the current Pennsylvania Department of Education Early Learning Standards for Pre-Kindergarten and shows how each activity meets those standards. For more to think about the importance of early literacy, find additional informative readings in Part 6.



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