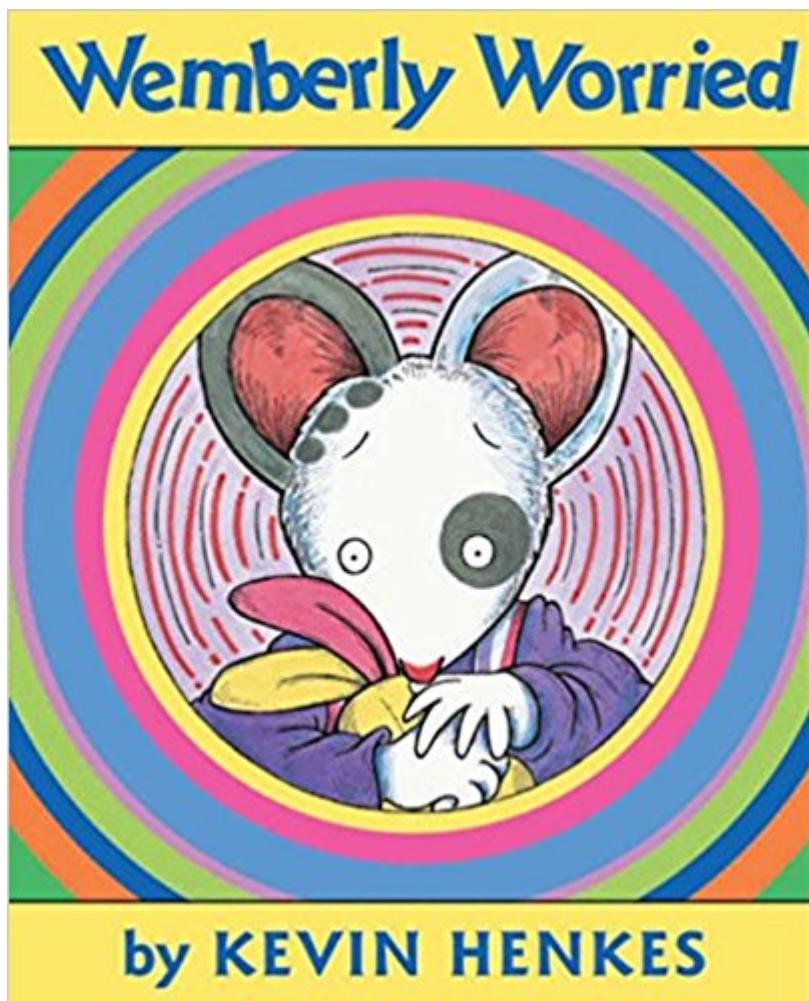


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# Wemberly Worried



## Synopsis

A back-to-school favorite Wemberly worried about spilling her juice, about shrinking in the bathtub, even about snakes in the radiator. She worried morning, noon, and night. "Worry, worry, worry," her family said. "Too much worry." And Wemberly worried about one thing most of all: her first day of school. But when she meets a fellow worrywart in her class, Wemberly realizes that school is too much fun to waste time worrying!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Wemberly the mouse worries about everything: big things, like whether her parents might disappear in the middle of the night; little things, like whether she'll spill grape juice on her toy rabbit, Petal; and things in between, like whether she might shrink in the bathtub. What she is more worried about than anything else, however, is her first day at the New Morning Nursery School: "What if no one else has spots? What if no one else wears stripes? What if no one else brings a doll? What if the teacher is mean? What if the room smells bad?" Happily, Miss Peachum introduces her to a kindred spirit right away. Jewel doesn't have spots, but she is wearing stripes and holding a doll. As Wemberly plays with her new friend, she still worries, but no more than usual. ("And sometimes

even less.") Kevin Henkes, well-loved creator of the award-winning *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, gets to the heart of a child's feelings like no one else can. Young worrywarts (and their parents) will see themselves in *Wemberly*, and be relieved that she, too, worries about playground equipment ("Too rusty. Too loose. Too high."), sure-to-be-inhabited cracks in the wall, whether she will be the only butterfly in the Halloween parade, and, of course, whether school will be dreadful in every way. Henkes's Lilly-style illustrations are sweet, expressive, and loaded with funny, inventive details that invite close perusal with every reading. (Wemberly's roller-blading grandma, for example, is wearing a T-shirt that says "Go with the flow.") We're not worried about whether this book will become a classic--it will! (Ages 4 to 8) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Henkes (*Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*) introduces another wonderfully appealing child-mouse with a stubborn habit: worrying. Wemberly, a shy white mouse with gray spots, always feels nervous whether at home or away. "At the playground, Wemberly worried about/ the chains on the swings,/ and the bolts on the slide,/ and the bars on the jungle gym." She tells her father, "Too rusty. Too loose. Too high," while sitting on a park bench watching the other mice play. Her security blanket, a rabbit doll named Petal (whose spot over the left eye matches her own), rarely leaves her grip. Henkes adroitly juggles the main narrative, hand-lettered asides and watercolor-and-ink imagery of the young pessimist and her supportive parents; each element contributes a different strength. For instance, as he lists Wemberly's worries, "Big things" heads the list, paired with a vignette of the heroine checking on her parents in the middle of the night with a flashlight, "I wanted to make sure you were still here." He later shows how Wemberly's anxieties peak at the start of nursery school with huge text that dwarfs tiny illustrations. At this overwhelming moment, Wemberly meets another girl mouse, Jewel, who turns out to be a kindred spirit (she even carries her own worn doll). Henkes offers no pat solutions, handling the material with uncanny empathy and gentleness; while playing with Jewel, "Wemberly worried. But no more than usual. And sometimes even less." This winning heroine speaks to the worrywart in everyone. Ages 4-up. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Well written, cute and very funny!

very nice for younger children great author

I purchased this book for my wife's four year old preschool class. It arrived quickly and in good shape. Book reviews, especially for preschool teaching material is hard to rate, but the children seemed to like the book and it worked great for the intended purpose.

Great book. I feel like this book gives good examples of worrying and how to cope with them. Also this book gives a lot of opportunity to branch activities off of it. I was overall impressed.

a Delightful way to learn the definition of "worry."

Our kids absolutely love the twist at the end (no spoilers!) and they laugh every time. Also, some of the "worries" addressed in the book helped have on-going conversations with our kids about their own concerns with starting school, and it was all positive. A really enjoyable book and, even better, an enjoyable experience for the whole family to share.

I adore Kevin Henkes and all of his books. Bought this for my niece who is a worrier and about to go to college! Perfect gift for transitions.

We love Kevin Henkes. Our 6-year-old came home from school and begged for this book after reading it in his 1st grade classroom. I also use this story in my preschool classroom when we're talking about feelings and new places. Great book!

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