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**KIDS FEAST ON YUMMY NEW PICTURE BOOK
BY AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR ROBIE HARRIS**

Award-winning author Robie H. Harris serves up a deliciously funny picture book in ***Maybe a Bear Ate It*** (Orchard/Scholastic), illustrated by Michael Emberley. Children ages 3-5 will want to dig in again and again to this irresistible story of a little critter who begins to imagine the worst after his beloved book goes missing.

The bestselling author-illustrator team of Harris and Emberley whet the appetite with several pages that show the critter happily reading a bedtime story. When the book accidentally slips under the bed, anxiety rears its ugly head and the critter's imagination begins to spin out of control. A bear, a dinosaur, a shark, and an elephant are just some of the wild animals who might at this very moment be making his beloved book disappear!

Kids and their parents will immediately recognize the emotional roller coaster that's set into motion by the loss of a favorite book. The critter's frantic search is made all the more hilarious by facial expressions and body postures that perfectly capture the feelings of a young child, and the happy ending is sure to bring the demand, "Read it again!"

In a starred review, *Booklist* praised Harris' "well chosen words," which combine seamlessly with Emberley's art. "Every feeling blasts right out across the page.... Even adult readers will be hard pressed not to smile."

"I love this book!" writes Perri Klass, MD, Medical Director of Reach Out and Read, Professor of Journalism and Pediatrics at New York University, and Contributing Editor to *Parenting* magazine. "It's imaginative. It's touching. It's silly and it makes me

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laugh....It also reminds me of how much children love books, and how much books can matter in children's lives.”

Nobody understands the emotional life of children better than author Robie Harris. Harris' and Emberley's preschool books serve as a connection for children and their parents in dealing with the frustrating, sad, or funny events of daily life. Their books on sexuality, *It's Not the Stork!*, *It's So Amazing!*, and *It's Perfectly Normal* are considered ground-breaking works in the field. Information, speeches, and articles can be found at www.raabassociates.com/robie.html. Visit Harris' author website at www.robieharris.com.

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Maybe a Bear Ate It

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PICTURE BOOK BY AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR ROBIE HARRIS

CAPTURES THE EMOTIONS STIRRED UP BY A NEW SIBLING

Having a new baby in the family means big changes! Suddenly you have to share not only Mommy and Daddy, but your banana, your favorite stuffed animal, and who knows what else. No wonder the young boy in ***Mail Harry To the Moon!*** (Little, Brown) is hopping mad!

In this hilarious and emotionally-resonant picture book, award-winning author Robie H. Harris and acclaimed illustrator Michael Emberley paint a vivid picture of the turmoil created by having a baby in your house. Baby Harry spits up, chews on toys, sits in Grandma's lap, and makes WAY too much noise. As the older brother's resentment escalates, he suggests plenty of places baby Harry should go—into the trash, off to the zoo, down the toilet, back inside mommy. "Mail Harry to the moon!" he rages.

The next morning, when the young boy can't find Harry anywhere, he begins to worry that maybe Mommy and Daddy *really* did mail Harry to the moon! And that Harry is too little to be on the moon all by himself! As the story unfolds, the boy takes on a new role as baby Harry's rescuer and protector. It's a satisfying conclusion that will have kids and adults alike nodding in recognition.

Mail Harry To the Moon! portrays the real and upsetting feelings that kids can have, while diffusing those feelings with laugh-out-loud humor. Kids and parents alike will recognize the familiar emotions and find satisfaction and reassurance in a fictional character who freely expresses such a range of emotions—from anger and anxiety, to exuberance, playfulness, and affection. Harris and Emberley once again reveal a nuanced and pitch-perfect understanding of the emotional lives of children.

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ANGRY WORDS POP OUT: LOVE TRUMPS ALL

IN NEW PICTURE BOOK BY ROBIE HARRIS

The moment those dreaded words—"I hate you!"—pop out of a young child's mouth, almost every child wishes they had never been said. In ***The Day Leo Said, "I Hate You!"*** (Little, Brown), renowned author Robie H. Harris shows how strong but perfectly normal feelings like anger and frustration can lead to such outbursts, and how one child and his mother successfully deal with those feelings and ultimately reaffirm their love for each other. In a few short pages and in a caring and reassuring manner, Harris and three-time Caldecott Honor illustrator Molly Bang convey some big emotional truths about the inner lives of young children.

Leo hates it when Mommy says "No," and today it feels like she just won't stop saying it. "No string beans in the fish bowl!" "No toothpaste down the toilet!" "No drawing on the wall!" Leo is angry and frustrated. But when the words "I hate you!" pop out of his mouth, he instantly wishes he could stuff them back in. Then his biggest fear sets in: Will Mommy hate him for saying *those* three words?

But the mother in *The Day Leo Said, "I Hate You!"* handles the moment beautifully, explaining to Leo that while words have the power to hurt others, she never stops loving him, even when he expresses strong, angry feelings. It's a powerful lesson about empathy and love, one that affirms Leo's inner experience and leads him—and the book's audience, young children—toward greater emotional understanding. Once Leo's anger is acknowledged and dealt with, he can bond with Mommy over their hatred of broccoli, smelly cheese, and runny noses and, in a sweetly satisfying ending, Leo draws a loving picture of his mommy.

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The Day Leo Said, "I Hate You!" pairs Harris for the first time with Molly Bang, whose rich, saturated colors and expressive figures add depth and emotional resonance to a story that readers will find both entertaining and comforting.

Robie H. Harris, www.robieharris.com, is known for portraying the emotional lives of young children with wisdom, honesty, and humor. A master at expressing complex human emotions in simple scenarios with simple language and a compelling story, Harris helps young children and their parents understand and deal with those strong, but perfectly normal feelings like anger, frustration, and jealousy. By creating characters who not only express, but also move through these feelings, Harris' candid, insightful—and at moments humorous—stories ultimately reaffirm the importance of love and acceptance in human relationships, especially those of young children and their parents.

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