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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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