

Courage in the woods

Little Mouse's Big Adventure

GERDA DE PRETER & THÉ TJONG-KHING

Little Mouse is running through the woods, trying to find granddad. It's the evening of the Big Table Dance, a celebration for the whole mice family, where granddad is expected to sing and dance the conga. But now Little Mouse has lost him. Owl seems to know where granddad is and offers Little Mouse pride of place at his table. But Little Mouse soon discovers that Owl has other plans. Will he make it back home in time to warn his family?

Inventive, touching and very skilfully made

DE MORGEN ON GERDA DE PRETER'S WORK

'Little Mouse's Big Adventure' is a thrilling adventure in which Little Mouse has to be braver than he really is and overcome a lot of fears. He makes new friends, finds himself running for his life, saves his family and in doing so acquires the self-confidence he needs. Gerda De Preter gives us a gripping, heart-warming and humorous story to read to children. Dutch master illustrator Thé Tjong-Khing adds further life to the characters in his celebrated, detailed and seemingly naive style.

An imaginative, visual spectacle

TROUW ON THÉ TJONG-KHING'S WORK



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Gerda De Preter (b. 1958) writes children's books and poems. In 2009 she won the triennial Prijs voor Letterkunde of the Province of Antwerp. Beautiful sentences, fascinating characters and humour are key ingredients in a story for her. *Photo © Jan Devijver* **Thé Tjong-Khing** (b. 1933) is one of the best known Dutch illustrators of children's books. His work evolved from comic strip drawings with a cinematic dynamic, through naturalistic pictures for realistic stories, to imaginative illustrations in which he avoids movement as far as possible. He prefers to depict emotions in a stylised manner. He has won many awards, including the Max Velthuis Prize for his entire oeuvre. *Photo © Jef Boes*

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