

# QUICK CARD: *THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE*



<b>Reference</b>	<i>The Mouse and the Motorcycle</i> . Beverly Cleary. (1965) ISBN: 978-0380709243
<b>Plot</b>	By teaching him to ride a toy motorcycle, Ralph's friend Keith seems to offer him the life of adventure he has always wanted, but the mouse's own recklessness threatens both his dreams and his new friendship. Will Ralph take a risk for someone else's benefit?
<b>Setting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mountain View Inn</li> <li>• California</li> <li>• Fourth of July weekend</li> <li>• The adolescence of Ralph and Keith</li> </ul>
<b>Characters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keith Gridley</li> <li>• Ralph</li> <li>• Mrs. Gridley</li> <li>• Ralph's mother</li> <li>• Matt the Bellboy</li> <li>• The Maid with the vacuum cleaner</li> </ul>
<b>Conflict</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Man vs. Fate</li> <li>• Man vs. Himself</li> <li>• Man vs. Nature</li> </ul>
<b>Theme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coming of Age</li> <li>• Friendship</li> <li>• Selflessness</li> </ul>
<b>Literary Devices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onomatopoeia</li> <li>• Imagery</li> </ul>