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Editorial Review

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PreSchool-Grade 1—Reiss and Catrow team up again for another humorous picture book. Edward, a "frightful boy," will not share any toys with his younger sister. When she touches something, he cries, "IT'S MINE. MINE. MINE!" Overcome by greed, he gets stuck in his tangle of toys and misses the opportunity for homemade fudge. Claire, not one to hold grudges, helps free her brother and shares her chocolate. After Edward apologizes profusely, the siblings spend the day playing happily. The rhyming text is pleasant but flawed. Edward's dramatic character shift is hard to believe, and one wonders why he doesn't shout "help" when his mother is nearby. Catrow's colorful, amusing illustrations are the highlight here. With every viewing, readers see additional delightful details, such as a blow-up Frankenstein doll drinking tea from a dainty cup and a cat whose stripes match the easy chair. The varying perspectives of the children and the toys add to the fun. Edward's sour, grumpy expressions are exaggerated and comical; children learning to share will belly laugh even as they see a reflection of themselves. Overall, this would be a good addition to early childhood collections.—*Barbara Katz, Parish Episcopal School, Dallas, TX*

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About the Author

Mike Reiss is a former head writer for *The Simpsons*, a show for which he has won four Emmy awards. He is a graduate of Harvard University, where he served as president of *The Harvard Lampoon*, and currently lives in Los Angeles, California. His other books for children include *How Murray Saved Christmas*, *Santa Claustrophobia*, and *The Boy Who Looked Like Lincoln*, all illustrated by David Catrow.

David Catrow is the national bestselling illustrator of *I Ain't Gonna Paint No More* by Karen Beaumont. He and Mike Reiss have collaborated before with the unforgettable books *How Murray Saved Christmas*, *Santa Claustrophobia*, and *The Boy Who Looked Like Lincoln*. David Catrow lives in Springfield, Ohio, where he is still waiting for Santa to deliver the wildebeest he's had on his Christmas list since 1964.

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