



# BOOKS ARE MY BAG

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Books make great gifts. The holidays are just around the corner. Book shopping is easily accomplished these days from a number of sources.

Another great gift is a library card. That is also easily acquired from your nearest library.

Books and reading are building blocks to many levels of education, enjoyment and being inspired through the lives and experiences of others.

"Introducing Russell," written and illustrated by Debbie Walter, is a delightful book for children, ages 9-11, and also for family reading time. This book is published by Moose Run Productions.

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Jake the dog and Belle the cat acquire a deer mouse named Russell. Knowing their human has an aversion to mice, they plan to bring Russell's addition to their household gradually to their human's attention. Maybe they will allow their human to meet Russell on the planned camping trip.

Unfortunately Russell is mosquito bitten while camping, and develops a swollen paw. Belle the cat carries Russell in her mouth to attract the attention of the lady they live and travel with to the park.

Since communications between animals and humans are based more on empathy and sympathy, it takes much effort to convey to their human that Jake and Belle are keeping Russell.

The next chore is making their human realize Russell already has a name. Finally she discovers that by watching his actions around bits and pieces of paper when he tries to help her wrap Christmas gifts.

"Introducing Russell" will delight children and their adults and anyone who loves animals.