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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

PreS-Gr 1—It is a cold winter day and Little Elliot decides to spend it exploring the big city while his best friend, Mouse, attends his very large family reunion. As Elliot walks through the streets, rides the subway, and strolls through the park, he observes the wonderful diversity of the many families he passes. Elliot wonders what it would be like to have a family of his own. Taking in a movie to escape the cold, Elliot becomes sad and lonely in the big, empty theater. When the movie ends and he leaves the theater, he is pleased to discover that Mouse has come looking for him. Together, they return to the family reunion where they enjoy a wonderful evening filled with dancing, laughter, and Mouse's grandmother's warm cheese chowder. Elliot realizes that he does have a great big family after all. Set in 1940s New York City, this picture book is warm and inviting. The illustrations are rich and interesting, introducing young children to life in another era. Children may recognize many of the landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center, and Central Park. The art creates an inviting atmosphere that draws readers in and keeps them lingering on each page, while the text tells an appealing story of family and friendship. VERDICT Let's hope for more stories about this adorable polka-dotted elephant and his loving pal.—Amy Shepherd, St. Anne's Episcopal School, Middleton, DE

### Review

“Young children will easily relate to Elliot's experience of loneliness and his relief at inclusion, both convincingly captured in this elegant tale.” *?Kirkus Reviews, starred review, on Little Elliot, Big Family*

“Curato fleshes out Little Elliot's personality in this installment - there are glimmers of a character with real depth beneath his cutie-pie visage - while continuing to come up with wonderful, Hopperesque images of a bygone New York.” *?Publishers Weekly, starred review, on Little Elliot, Big Family*

“\* [Curato is] a terrific emerging talent, with gorgeously rendered images that bring to mind the moodiness of Chris Van Allsburg and the sweetness of William Joyce.” *?Publishers Weekly, starred review on Little Elliot, Big City*

“\* Curato, a debut author and illustrator, tucks several gentle messages into one simple story that's perfect for the age group. . . . Happily, expect to see more of him.” *?Booklist, starred review on Little Elliot, Big City*

“A tiny, spotted elephant tackles the challenges of city life. . . . The simple story is told in 17 short sentences that allow Curato's magnificent 1940s-style illustrations to carry the tale.” *?School Library Journal on Little Elliot, Big City*

### About the Author

Mike Curato is an illustrator who loves small treasures. He is the author and illustrator of *Little Elliot, Big City*. You can find him on any given day walking around the city, eating a cupcake (or thinking about it).

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