



You're Not Invited!

An Ooey-Gooeys Adventure

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A trio of undesirable Ooey-Gooeys—a wisecracking worm, a swift centipede, and a charming snail—share a yard with Queen Bea, the belle of the insect community, who makes it clear they are not invited to her party. When a “Bigfoot”—a human—arrives with his high-powered gardening tool, the Ooey-Gooeys become unlikely heroes as they use their skills and wits to save their community and worm their way into our hearts.

About the Author

Sylvia Rouss grew up in California. As an early childhood educator, she received awards for both creative teaching and excellence in Jewish education. She first began writing for the children in her preschool class, and credits her students for her inspiration for her over fifty published books, including the *Sammy Spider* and *Littlest* series. Her stories have been translated into several languages, and she received the National Jewish Book Award for her story *The Littlest Pair*, as well as the Sydney Taylor Honor Award for *Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel* and *Mitzvah the Mutt*.

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About the Illustrator

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