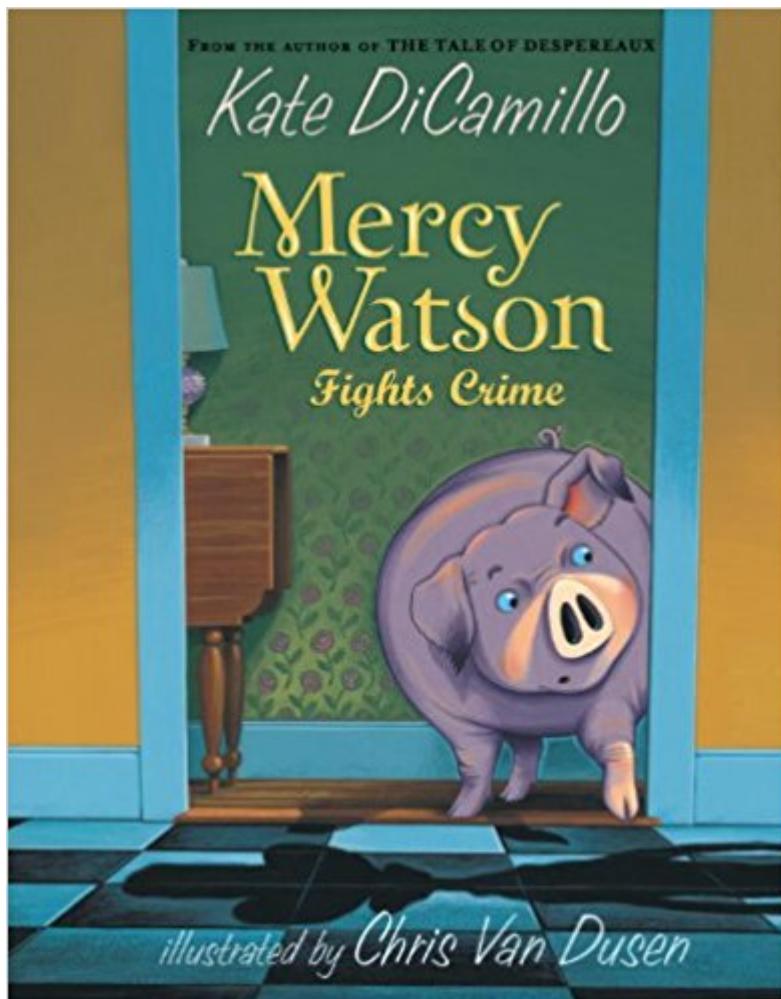


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Mercy Watson Fights Crime



Synopsis

“Another rollicking addition starring the porcine wonder. . . . Will keep newly independent readers turning the pages.” School Library Journal (starred review)
Leroy Ninker is a small man with a big dream: he wants to be a cowboy, but for now he’s just a thief. In fact, Leroy is robbing the Watsons’ kitchen right this minute! But little does he know that a certain pig who loves toast with a great deal of butter is stirring from sleep. Even less could he guess that a comedy of errors will soon lead this little man on the wild and raucous rodeo ride he’s always dreamed of! Nosy neighbors, astonished firemen, a puzzled policeman, and the ever-doting Watsons return for a hilarious adventure.

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 2
“Another rollicking adventure starring the porcine wonder. One night, Mercy awakes to the sound of the toaster scraping along the kitchen counter, which can only mean one thing—someone is making toast. Her life revolves around hot buttered toast, so she heads for the kitchen. There she finds a little man in a ten-gallon hat stealing the toaster along with other household items. Hilarity ensues, and all of the familiar characters from

the previous books make appearances. Humor abounds in this tale, both the slapstick and more subtle variety, which will keep newly independent readers turning the pages. DiCamillo has creatively woven in the elements that a good easy reader should have: repetition, simple sentence structure, and controlled vocabulary. Van Dusen's stylized illustrations enhance the action through their bright colors and exaggerated appearances of the humans. A great addition. *Elaine Lesh Morgan, Multnomah County Library, Portland, OR* Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This third installment about the perky porker draws heavily on the previous books. Mercy is still crazy for toast and butter, which always seems to lead to intervention by the fire department or the police. This time, it's both. Thinking she hears someone making toast, Mercy investigates, finding instead a thief (and wannabe cowboy) invading the Watson home. Mercy seems to capture him, but, really, it's all about the butter candy in his pocket. The story is slight, but the shiny, retro pictures still amuse. Even beginning readers will wish for more. *Ilene Cooper* Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

All of the Mercy Watson and Tales from Deckawoo Drive from Kate DiCamillo are the PERFECT reading level for my 6 year old. She started reading these when she was 5. Great beginning chapter books! Clean and respectful content, silly stories, good word repetition, opportunities to expand vocabulary and practice intonation...we sit and read together and giggle for hours!

One of the best easy reader chapter books written. Kate DiCamillo is a genius. Easy to read short chapters that somehow bring complex characters, humor, plot twists and just enough new vocabulary to challenge a new reader without overwhelming them. My kids love these books and I don't even mind reading them for the 5th, 6th or 7th time. I expect a movie soon.

This is the second Mercy Watson book that I read with my daughter, and while it took me a bit to warm up to them, I really love them now and we have ordered the entire series. My 4-year-old daughter adores the stories and looks forward to them every night before bed. The characters are vivid, and since they recur throughout the series, they are easy for her to remember. This one in particular is fun with the cowboy/thief coming to steal their toaster, of all things. I do wish that there

were not such clear-cut gender roles (with Mrs. Watson doing all the cooking and sewing, etc.), but the pictures are beautiful, and we will be sad when we have gone through all of the books.

Very cute, easy read. My 4 year old enjoys these as a bed time story. I find them amusing as well. We read one book a night and then start over again.

Our 2nd grade book club enjoyed reading this book. Most of us thought it was fantastic and would read it again. Mercy Watson was silly, clumsy, and clever! This book would be good for first and second graders. Even though most of us like the book, some of us didn't.

My three year old loves these books! They are the perfect transition to chapter books for younger kids. There's a picture on every pair of pages and not a ton of text. The book can easily be read in one sitting. We love the Mercy Watson series!

One of my daughters and I's favorite book series. My five year old loves to listen to my 8 year old read because the illustrations are awesome too!

My son really enjoys the Mercy Watson books. They are challenging for him (1st grade), but I like that the stories are longer and introduce chapters. The book has plenty of illustrations to keep him interested in the story.

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