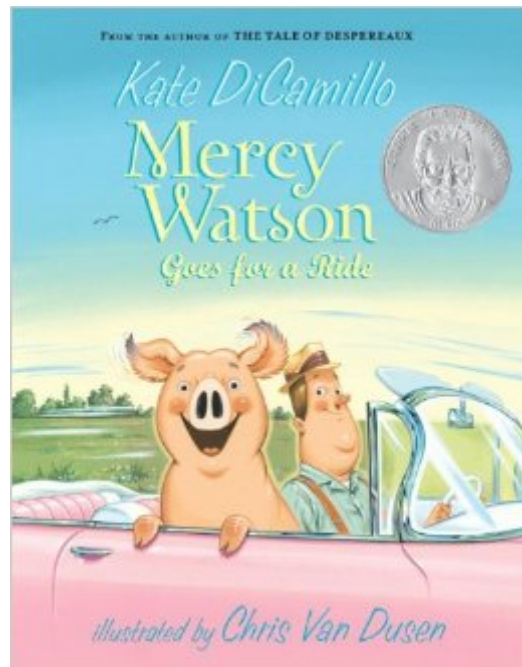


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Mercy Watson Goes For A Ride



Synopsis

It's the best thing since buttered toast " Mercy Watson in paperback! Mercy loves nothing more than a ride in the convertible, with the wind tickling her ears and the sun on her snout. But one day the Watsons' elderly neighbor Baby Lincoln pops up in the backseat in hopes of some "œolly and adventure" and in the chaos that ensues, an exuberant Mercy ends up behind the wheel!

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

Mercy Watson is a bit stubborn, a bit spoiled, and a lot of cute. Her "parents," Mr. and Mrs. Watson, think Mercy is a "porcine" wonder (porcine: of, relating to, or suggesting swine). They adore Mercy, and every Saturday after a special lunch that includes her favorite food --- stacks and stacks of butter-oozing toast --- Mr. Watson takes Mercy for a ride in his car. After Saturday lunch, Mr. Watson likes to drive off the calories in his gorgeous pink Cadillac, and Mercy gets to ride along even though she would rather drive herself. Every Saturday, Mercy enthusiastically hops into the driver's seat and refuses to move --- she wants to drive! Porcine wonder or not, Mr. Watson doesn't think Mercy should drive his car, but she resists all attempts to move her over to the passenger seat. With the help of Mrs. Watson and the promise of more toast when she gets home, Mercy gives in and they

back out of the driveway. Mercy will do anything for her favorite food. At least she's going on an adventure, even if she doesn't get to drive. And there will be hot buttered toast waiting when she gets home! Life is GREAT!! Things happen pretty much the same Saturday after Saturday until one sunny weekend Mercy's regular adventure turns into a big, rollicking affair involving a police car, next-door neighbor Baby Lincoln, and an unexpected tumble when someone isn't wearing a seat belt. Damage is minor, but Mercy gets the chance of a porcine wonder's lifetime when Mr. Watson is distracted while driving. Even a porcine wonder should have some driving lessons first! **MERCY WATSON GOES FOR A RIDE** is book two in Kate DiCamillo's series for young readers. Illustrations by Chris Van Dusen are bright, engaging, and reminiscent of patterns and toys from the 1950s. Children's eyes will delight in the colors and distinct images on almost every page, and Van Dusen's eye for detail will give repeat readers something new to see with every pass through the book. ---
Reviewed by Joy Held

I'm sorry, I think Kate DiCamillo has genius in her blood but this book was boring. Written at the 2nd Grade level, it has a plot that might interest a toddler -- pig drives car and gets in trouble-- except for the fact that it is very, very, very long. My son (7 and theoretically in the target range for this book) read a few pages and then lost interest. I tried reading it outloud but for one of the few times in my life, I called it quits because it was just too dull. I finished it though, on my own, out of a sense of obligation. (Must read to review) I thought perhaps there would be some big twist or surprise at the end that might make the time spent worthwhile, but there wasn't one. Talking Points::: There are so many good books out there for kids to read, I'd avoid this one. The artwork is fabulous and fun, but not enough to carry the book. Besides not finding an interesting story, I particularly disliked that the pig was thrown from the car (wasn't wearing seatbelt) and that this was supposed to be funny. Try it at the library first. Pam T~ Accelerated Reading level : 2.7o Hardcover: 80 pageso Publisher: Candlewick Press

I did not love this book - but my daughter did. I've been trying to transition to chapter books, and everything thus far was either too old (not enough pictures) or too young (not chapter book/no plotline). The pictures are FANTASTIC, the quality of the book overall is really great. I love that my daughter (she's 4) could create storylines herself off of the pictures, or remember the story to "read" to her imaginary friends. I found the plotline to be somewhat dull, but my opinion isn't really important at this point, so I bought the other books to continue reading to her at night.

Mercy Watson is a "porcine wonder." She's a pig who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Watson. She has her own bed in her own room, loves buttered toast, and enjoys her Saturday routine with Mr. Watson. Every Saturday, Mercy and Mr. Watson go for a ride in his convertible. Mercy always wants to drive, but Mr. Watson always tells her pigs can't drive. The Watsons' neighbor, Eugenia Lincoln always grumbles about the folly, and her sister, Baby Lincoln, always appreciates the folly. When Baby sneaks into the car one week, wheeled silliness ensues, a police officer gets involved, and Mercy is in the middle of it all. The illustrations are as fun as in *MERCY WATSON TO THE RESCUE*, and Mercy is still fixated on heavily buttered toast. While the Mercy Watson series is a cute concept, *MERCY WATSON GOES FOR A RIDE* falls a little short of expectations from the author of *BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE*. Children that are more inquisitive will be left wondering why the police officer didn't write the speeding ticket he was going to give to Mr. Watson, why Mr. Watson was taken home in a police car instead of driving home, and so on. Parents who plan to read this book to their children may find the logic issues annoying enough to make them not want to read it more than necessary. While this isn't a brilliant read, it certainly isn't bad for young readers. This book will appeal to some kids but not others, rather than appealing to a broad audience. The illustrations are super, and I think that will be a redeeming feature for many potential readers. Reviewed by Christina Wantz Fixemer 11/20/2006

My six year old loves these books - he gets a kick out of the funny main character and the adventures that ensue. I started out reading these books to him when he was in Kindergarten and soon he will be reading these independently. One of the best chapter books available for this age. Holds their interest and then some.

My 8 year old daughter really disliked this book. She didn't care for the first one either, but this one she really despised. She hated that the pig caused the trouble, but was rewarded in the end. Too much of a sense of justice I guess to abide by this.

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