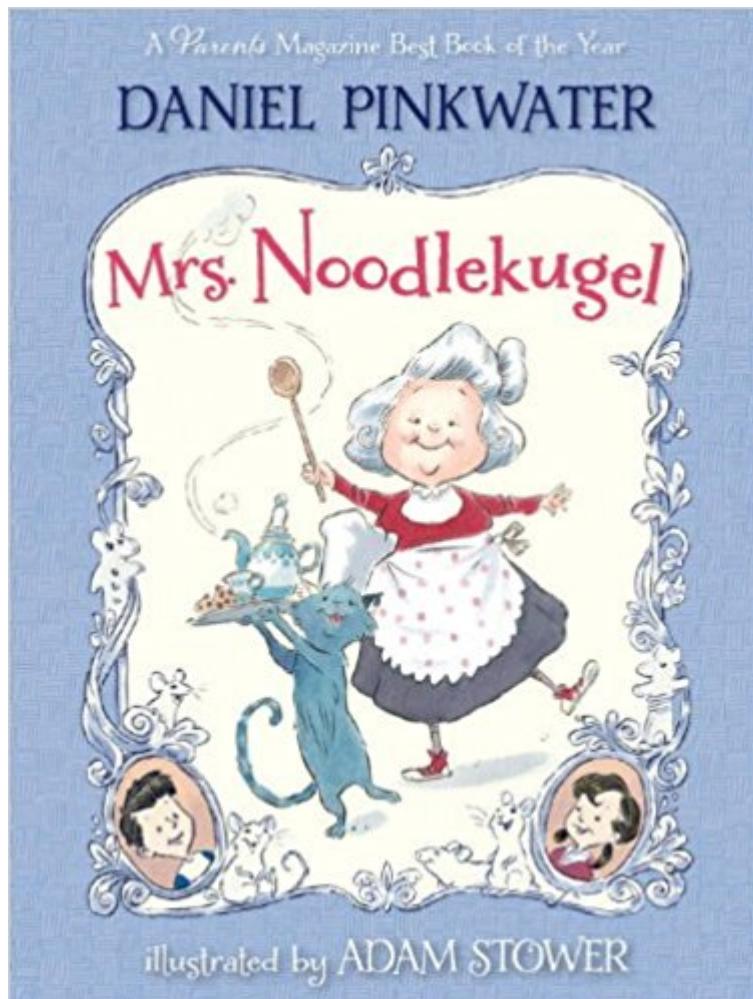


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Mrs. Noodlekugel



Synopsis

With signature wit and whimsy, the inimitable Daniel Pinkwater introduces an eccentric, endearing babysitter every child will wish they could have. Nick and Maxine live in a tall building with one apartment on top of another. So when they look out their window and see a little house they never knew was there, of course they must visit (especially when their parents tell them not to!). Going through the boiler room, they're amazed to find a secret backyard with a garden, a porch, and a statue of a cat. And they're even more amazed when that cat starts to talk. . . . Welcome to the world of Mrs. Noodlekugel, where felines converse and serve cookies and tea, vision-impaired mice join the party (but may put crumbs up their noses), and children in search of funny adventures are drawn by the warm smell of gingerbread and the promise of magical surprises.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

Customer Reviews

Pinkwater takes his fey brand of humor into early chapter books with this story about a jolly little lady who lives in house within a circle of high-rises. Siblings Maxine and Nick discover the house and are determined to find out who lives there. Mike the janitor tells them that buildings grew up around the

house— which is owned by nice, old Mrs. Noodlekugel—and that you can get there through the boiler room. Their father orders them not to go near the house. But of course they do, and soon the kids are having gingerbread cookies and tea with Mrs. Noodlekugel—and her cat, the piano-playing Mr. Fuzzface; and the mice, who serve as cookie cutters; and the gingerbread mice who seem to have a life of their own. The book is quite short, even for the genre, but it's full of odd twists and amusing turns that will get new readers giggling. The cover art is so delicious readers will immediately pick this up and, when done, happily await the next Mrs. Noodlekugel adventure. Grades 1-3. --Ilene Cooper --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Stower's illustrations have an old-fashioned sweetness, while Pinkwater, ever the effortless storyteller, adds just enough bite with his signature deadpan, loopy humor... Pinkwater works narrative magic within the grammatical confines of the early reader format—readers should find Mrs. Noodlekugel's world delightful and instantly familiar, and look forward to future installments. —Publishers Weekly (starred review) Daniel Pinkwater does not deal in pathos but in nutty good humor, and he has pitched the gently zany tale of MRS. NOODLEKUGEL at 5- to 7-year-olds who are just getting confident with chapter books... With occasionally tricky vocabulary, such as "ventriloquist" and "sanitary," this is just the sort of book to make a young reader feel adept. —The Wall Street Journal Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle meets Mary Poppins. —Kirkus Reviews In novels and picture books we've seen Pinkwater in a variety of modes—absurd, satirical, anarchic, deadpan, funny-melancholy. In this offering, an early chapter book, we see yet another color in his palette: cozy... Stower's pencil drawings perfectly echo the joyous insouciance of this benign—if surreal—backyard world. —The Horn Book

FUN! This is classic Daniel Pinkwater with characters stating the obvious in a wry tone, absurd happenings interspersed with everyday activities, and a wild sense of fun! The text is accessible for those on the cusp of attempting chapter books. It is also much more appealing than typical books at this reading level. I don't know if he intended this but, Pinkwater has managed to craft this story in a manner that is gender neutral. As a classroom teacher, this is something I value. Many books aimed at this audience are clearly targeted for a specific gender which limits its usefulness. The illustrations remind me of Chris Van Dusen's work in *The Circus Ship* as well as the *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* and *Mrs. Pickerell* *Miss Pickerell Goes to Mars* of my childhood.

This was a great gift for my first grader who is well past content-deprived early readers, but not ready for long chapter books. Fun, well written, readable.

Mrs. Noodlekugel lives in a cute little house in the middle of the city surrounded by skyscrapers and is quite delighted to make the acquaintance of two children who are drawn to her house. She is a good cook, and has three blind mice as friends. Although there isn't a strong story line, this is a very cute book to read aloud to the under 6 crowd. Just the right length!

Funniest book I have read aloud in a very long time. So witty and entertaining!

A great plot for early reader chatter book!

My seven year old loves this series!

My daughter took this book out at the library and loved it. Now she is reading it to herself on her kindle

A fun grandchild gift.

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