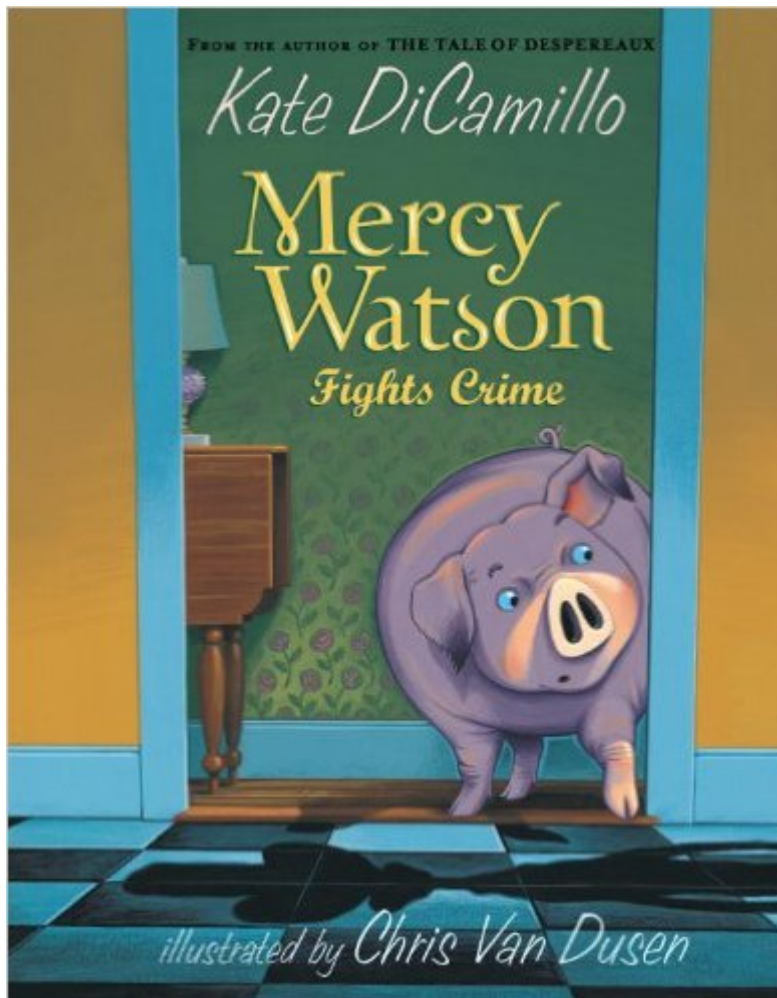


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# Mercy Watson Fights Crime



## 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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## Customer Reviews

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 and loves buttered toast. Mercy wakes up one night to the sound of the beloved toaster being dragged across the kitchen counter. Certain this means a serving of heavily buttered toast, Mercy goes downstairs to get her share. Only it's not Mrs. Watson in the kitchen--it's a robber stealing the toaster! Leroy Ninker is a thief who likes to dress as a cowboy. When Mercy Watson finds him raiding her family's kitchen, he ends up learning a few important lessons--which

include not eating butter-flavored candy near a pig who loves buttered toast. MERCY WATSON FIGHTS CRIME is the third installment in the Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo. The first two titles in this series were somewhat disappointing, but this book is a marked improvement. Children will enjoy how Mercy's obsession with buttery toast leads her to stop a crime in progress. Rather than being scary, this criminal is cute unto himself, and entirely redeemable. As always, the illustrations are first-rate fun. Mercy's future looks a great deal better after this installment. This "porcine wonder" just might come into her own! Reviewed by Christina Wantz  
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We absolutely adore the Mercy Watson series at our house. After thoroughly enjoying the first two books in the series, we were eager to read this newest installment, Mercy Watson Fights Crime. Unfortunately, this book really scared my kids! The same ridiculous characters are all here and the tone is light, but the plot revolves around Mercy's reaction to and capture of a robber who has broken into the Watson house to steal (among other things) Mercy's beloved toaster. The concept of someone - a stranger, a robber, a bad guy - sneaking into our house in the middle of the night had never occurred to my kids, and we had lots of questions and nervousness that night when we went to bed. What if someone like Leroy Ninker comes in our house tonight? Will he take my toys? What if I go downstairs and find him? Is the door locked? How did he get in? And on and on. So, while we wholeheartedly recommend the Mercy Watson series, I'm not sure this title is a great choice for kids on the younger end of the recommended age range of 4 through 8.

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.

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.

Kate DiCamillo does it again with Mercy Watson fights crime. My five-year old loves these books and I love them too (my 9 year old niece loves them too). The illustrations are retro and really cool. The style of writing is something out of Leave it to Beaver - corny and cute all at once. Makes me want to make "some toast with a good deal of butter on it!"

Kate DiCamillo's MERCY WATSON FIGHTS CRIME provides the third pig tale in the series. Here Mercy hears a noise and discovers a thief is robbing the Watsons - a cowboy thief whose 'yippie-I-oh' can both lull a sleep to pig and wake up a sleeping household. Color drawings by Chis Van Dusen add fun and hilarious adventure to the tale.

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.

Dear Judges,My class just finished Mercy Watson Fights Crime. In my opinion I think you should give this book the funniest award. In the first place I think you should give the book this award because in the middle almost to the end Mercy Watson jumps on Leroy Ninker in the front yard of the Lincoln sisters. They are named Baby and her sister Eugenia Lincoln. Another reason why is in the middle Mercy heard the toaster and she zoomed down the stairs and she saw a little man putting the toaster in his bag. So she went to the door and fell asleep. Then Leroy tried to get over Mercy but when he put his leg over her she got up and Leroy fell on Mercy. She kicked up her heels and ran to the Linken sisterÃ¢ÂÂs lawn. The final reason why is when she stood up on Baby LinkenÃ¢ÂÂs window she got so scared she ran to EugeniaÃ¢ÂÂs room and Eugenia called the fire department. Because of these reasons I think you should award this book Mercy Watson Fights Crime the funniest book award.From,Audriyana

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