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The Magic Shop #3: The Great Escape

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Book Review

Title: The Magic Shop #3: The Great Escape
Author: Kate Egan with Magician Mike Lane
Illustrator: Eric Wight
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Interest Level: Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

Mike is doing better in school than ever, thanks to his new magic hobby. With magic, he is a lot more interested in math and in history. When his class gets an opportunity to learn more about their family histories, Mike wants to find out if the magician's hat his grandmother gave him belonged to Harry Houdini. His grandmother tells him a lot of things about their family history that is very similar to Houdini's history, and they even have the same last name. While Mike does some research to find out if he really is related to the great magician, he also has to outwit a bully by using magic.

The third book in the series, *The Great Escape* continues to show Mike's growth and dedication as a magician. His ability to combine school with his hobbies to do better in school. His struggle to get over his old reputation as a troublemaker and to deal with his learning disabilities is particularly strong in this book, but Mike never gives up on his goals no matter how hard they are. Mike is a great example to kids who have learning disabilities or who are interested in learning more magic tricks.