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The Magic Shop #4: The Disappearing Magician

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Book Review

Title: The Magic Shop #4: The Disappearing Magician

Author: Kate Egan with Magician Mike Lane

Illustrator: Eric Wight

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Publisher: Fiewel and Friends

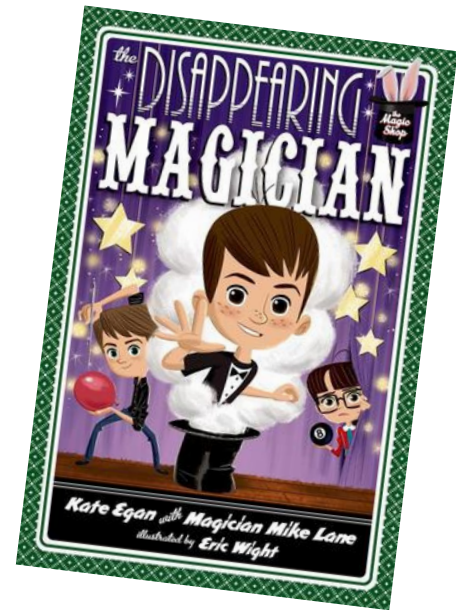
Publication Year: 2015

ISBN: 9781250029171

Number of Pages: 160

Interest Level: Primary

Rating: Excellent



Review

Mike is thrilled when he gets the chance to show off magic tricks through the school talent show, but he's not sure why Nora won't do the magic show with him. He finds out that Nora has terrible stage fright, especially when the school bully, Jackson, is in the audience making fun of them. She refuses to participate in Mike's act so Mike has to find a new friend, Adam, to help him with the show. He also realizes that as her friend, it is his job to help Nora find some way to conquer her stage fright so that she can also participate in the show. Even when things go wrong in the performance, Mike learns that he can turn things around and make magic happen.

As the fourth book in the *Magic Shop* series, the book continues to inspire reluctant readers with instructions for magic tricks and with a character that has to work hard to succeed at something. Parents and teachers will like that when Jackson is being a bully, he goes to a teacher so that the bullying will stop and students won't get hurt. As usual, there is a hint that along with the skill that Mike is learning through lots of practice, there might be some real magic involved as well with the connection to Houdini. Fans of the series will be pleased with the story and tricks in this book.