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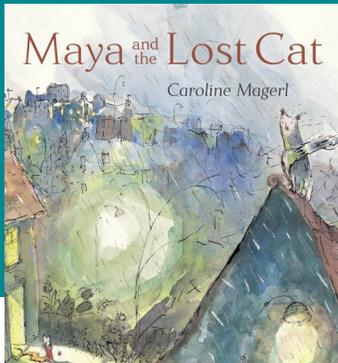
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## Book Review

# Maya and the Lost Cat

### Author

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### Illustrator

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### Reviewer

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Preschool, Primary

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### Pages

32

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2018

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### Publisher

Candlewick Press

Maya and the Lost Cat is a charming story of finding happiness through helping others. Maya knows that Cat belongs to someone. The little girl is determined to find a home for the hungry feline scouring the rooftops. Morsel by morsel, Cat follows the girl, traveling the rain-soaked city as Maya desperately searches for Cat's family. Only when Cat takes the lead, do they find their way to the edge of town and discover the sweet surprise that drove Cat to the rooftops of the city, waiting for the right little girl to find her.

Caroline Magerl's story of a little girl's determination unfolds in poetic phrases full of gentle alliteration and beautiful descriptive detail. Soft-hued watercolors wash over the hazy town drawn in loose ink cross-hatching. All the houses Maya knocks on are full of animals, lovingly surrounding their people and peering out windows. Maya's house appears rather empty in comparison. The strength of this story lies in the selflessness of little Maya, for despite being alone, she never once questions whether she could keep Cat. With its poetic language and vivid illustrations, Maya and the Lost Cat sets a wonderful example for primary school children looking to expand their literary and ethical appreciations.