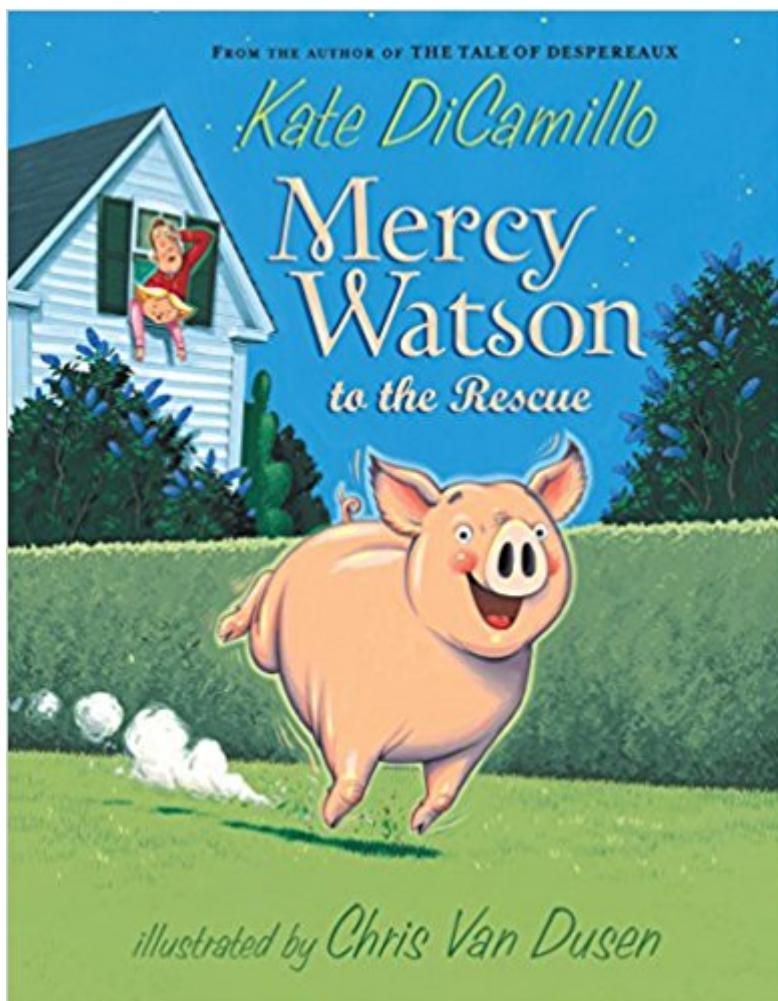


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# Mercy Watson To The Rescue



## **Synopsis**

Itâ™s the best thing since buttered toast â” Mercy Watson in paperback! To Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mercy is not just a pig â” sheâ™s a porcine wonder. And to the good-natured Mercy, the Watsons are an excellent source of buttered toast, not to mention that buttery-toasty feeling she gets when she snuggles into bed with them. This is not, however, so good for the Watsonsâ™ bed. BOOM! CRACK!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## **Customer Reviews**

Kindergarten-Grade 2â” Mercy Watson, a disarmingly charming pig adopted by a loving human family, makes her debut in this new series of chapter books for beginning readers. After the Watsons tuck Mercy into bed with a sweet song and a kiss, she feels warm inside, as if she has just eaten hot toast with a great deal of butter on it. However, afraid of the dark, she snuggles into bed with the couple. Moments later, all three are rudely awakened from their lovely dreams with a BOOM! as their bed falls into a hole that has opened in the floor beneath them. In hot pursuit of buttered toast, the porcine wonder inadvertently gets help and saves the day. Along the way, she causes great, humorous distress to the next-door Lincoln sisters. Van Dusen's bright gouache illustrations have a jovial exaggerated style and capture the sometimes frantic action and silliness of

Mercy's heroic escapade.â “Lee Bock, Glenbrook Elementary School, Pulaski, WI Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

\*Starred Review\* PreS-Gr. 2. Oh, Mercy, what a pig! Mercy is a fat little porker, a beloved member of the Watson family. When Mr and Mrs. Watson sing her a happy morning song, she feels as warm inside as buttered toast. But when the lights go off, Mercy is so scared she gets in bed with the Watsons. The bed breaks under the weight, which leads to a series of hysterical events. The Watsons think Mercy is on the way to call the fire department, when, in fact, she wants to see if next-door neighbor Baby Lincoln has any buttered toast. After another misunderstanding and a merry chase, the firemen arrive--just in time to rescue the Watsons, who are about to fall through the floor. Mercy is a heroine (to the Watsons, at least), resulting in more songs and towers of toast. Appropriate as both a picture book and a beginning reader, this joyful story combines familiar elements (the unexpected heroine, the mean neighbor) with a raucous telling that lets readers in on the joke. Van Dusen's artwork is also spot-on. The gouache illustrations are polished to a sheen and have plenty of heft. The characters are exaggerated with a vintage cartoon flair; Mercy, for instance, looks like a piggy bank that has sprung to life. Another jolly adventure about Mercy is in the works. Ilene CooperCopyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

We got these books when my daughter was three and she is now six. We've read them over and over and she still loves them. She can read them herself now. Great characters. In fact tonight we had toast "with a great deal of butter on it" -just the way Mercy Watson likes it-with our soup.

This is the best serious I have come across for starting to introduce a young one to chapter books. The illustrations really are fun, bright, and engaging. The cost of these books is so great because they are nicer quality binding and illustrations than most short chapter books. We are reading these to our newly 3yo and she loves them. We have done a few early chapter books but these really shine through. Some other early chapter books are too short these are a nice length.

A truly wonderful book! If you want to give your kids a taste of literary fiction, this is a good place to start. My sons adore Captain Underpants and tons of books in that genre. Mercy Watson brought us back to beautiful writing. Both my 6 and 4 year old begged to stay up late so we could finish the

book. We did happily. All 63 pages in one sitting. A truly enjoyable book!

My 6 yr old loves the Mercy series. Every night he requests for me to read a few chapters to him after he reads his Henry and Mudge. He laughs and says "oh, no mercy won't be getting toast with a great deal of butter"

Fun book. My 2nd grade son and my 1st grade students both enjoy this series. Short chapters with a larger font and colorful illustrations. Estimated DRA about level 20-24.

Very cute, easy read. My 4 year old enjoys these as a bed time story. I find them amusing as well. We read one book a night and then start over again.

My 6 year old is a very reluctant reader. This has thrown me for a loop, because I have always been an avid reader and made the mistake of assuming all my children would be too. I've been searching for a book that could spark a love of reading in her. I don't want to get ahead of myself, but she was hooked after looking through the pictures and promptly picked up the book and started reading out loud to me. We're both thrilled. Love the illustrations and the fun and silly Mercy Watson.

Nothing wrong with this book but it didn't resonate with me or my son. It's very silly and my 4 year old didn't find it interesting.

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