

LOOK IT'S A COOL BOOK CARD BOOK PROJECT

This is a book review on a book that you are finishing over the break or have read and passed on the computer this school year.

Format Directions: 1. It should be no bigger than $\frac{1}{2}$ a page. A 5X8 card size is perfect!

2. Include a picture of you and the picture of the book.
3. Title, author, your name and your age should be at the top.

Paragraphs: 1st paragraph: Start with a hook: "Do you love ghost stories?"

Tell us about the characters and their personality.

2nd paragraph: Tell us about the main plot...don't give away the ending.

3rd paragraph: Tell us your opinion and why you would recommend this book.

Scoring: Neat, Complete, and Descriptive Choice words. = 25 pts. towards your reading participation.

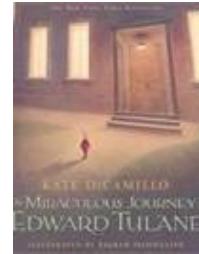
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The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Written by Kate DiCamillo



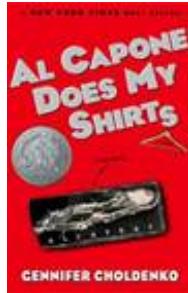
Reviewed by Jesse M. (age 10)



Edward Tulane is a cold-hearted, proud toy rabbit who loves only himself until he's separated from his owner, Abilene Tulane. She loves him a lot. While he's separated, he finds his way through life. He always, somehow, gets separated from his loved ones for many different reasons and finds his feelings.

The lessons to be learned in this book are to be happy, not selfish or mean. I learned that Edward changes because of the love he found. He learns that he has feelings and understands life because of them. The part when Edward falls off a boat after two boys threw him off was devastating and exciting at the same time because that's when the adventurers start! Edward changes in some ways. He experiences many new emotions like love, depression, fright, hopelessness, and confusion because he had a lot of owners that loved him. I would compare this book to *The Tiger Rising* (also by Kate DiCamillo) because the main characters in both books have similar feelings.

I recommend this to 3rd through 5th graders and up. You won't want put this book down. I love this book because the writer touches your heart. Other books by Kate DiCamillo are *Because of Winn-Dixie* and *The Tiger Rising*.



Al Capone Does My Shirt

By **Gennifer Choldenko**

Review written by Claire S. (age 11)

These guys in Alcatraz are not your average neighbors! In the book Al Capone, Does My Shirts, by Gennifer Choldenko, Moose, 13 years old, and his sister Natalie, 16 year sold, move to Alcatraz. Alcatraz is a place with criminals, murderers, hit men, conman, embezzlers, burglars, kidnappers, and maybe even an innocent man or two! Things there are...well, not normal.

In this Newbery book winner, the criminals, murderers, and all those other people are the least of Moose's worries. His big worry is that he has to fit in a new school with new friends and deal with a sister who has autism! I think that Moose should just calm down and act like a normal kid with a normal sister.

Piper, the warden's daughter, wants to start a business charging fifty cents to get your shirt cleaned by Al Capone. Piper went to school and the kids at school would take off their jackets, sweaters, and even socks to give them to Piper. She then gave them to Al Capone in the laundry room to wash. Piper is one of the most snobby characters you will ever meet. Though this does not stop me from liking Piper, she may be snobby, but she has a good heart inside.

Moose struggles during this story with his sister's disability. "It's not like Nat, really needs me, but she doesn't get in my way either," Moose thinks to himself. I think this is important because Moose is trying to show how he really feels about his sister. Moose feels like I do sometimes, I love my brother, but sometimes I wish I was an only child. .

This book is so funny, so sad, not too scary, and very good. Nothing really bad happens, but at the same time you will wish that it never will end! If you decide to read this book you will absolutely love it, because you can't put it down. I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves excitement and laughter!