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# The Pagemaster

## by David Kirschner

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



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### What's It About?

Books didn't really interest 10 year-old Richard Tyler. As far as he could tell they didn't cause mercury poisoning, earthquakes, or any of the host of other things that Richard was afraid of. This all changes, however, when Richard meets the Page-master, keeper of the books and guardian of the written word, and is plunged into a land where the world's greatest stories have become reality. Upon entering the realm of classic literature, Richard watches kindly Dr. Jekyll turn into the maniacal Mr. Hyde; comes face to face with Long John Silver, the meanest, most black-hearted pirate who ever sailed the seven seas; and is swallowed whole by a firebreathing dragon. Timid and overcautious, all Richard wanted was to get out of a rainstorm and call his parents. Instead, he is given an adventure that will change his life forever. Joined by three unlikely companions-library books who have come to life-Richard is forced to confront his fears and find the courage he didn't know he possessed. What began as a young boy's quest for home and safety turns into a voyage of personal growth, friendship, and an appreciation for the power of books.

### Who Wrote It?

The interesting thing about David Kirshner is that he is much more well known for his work in film than in books. For example, have you heard of the movies Hocus Pocus or An American Tail (the one about the mouse Fievel)? Or how about that scary doll Chucky? David Kirschner is responsible for all of them along with a bunch of Curious George movies. He also worked as an illustrator for Sesame Street and the Muppets! BUT, I'm so glad he did write this one book, The Pagemaster, which was then also turned into a film, starring



Photo by Amy Graves

Home Alone star, McCauley Culkin. David went to film school in Southern California, where he continues to live today.

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