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The Tale of Despereaux

by Kate DiCamillo



Read Aloud Video

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What's It About?

Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. And what happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say: 'Reader, it is your destiny to find out.'

- This book won the Newbery Medal in 2004.
- This book was turned into a movie.
- Illustrations by Timothy Basil Ering accompany the story.

Who Wrote It?

I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, raised in Clermont, Florida, and currently live in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I write for both children and adults and I like to think of myself as a storyteller. Here are a few more facts about me: I am short. And loud. I hate to cook and love to eat. I am single and childless, but I have lots of friends and I am an aunt to three lovely children (Luke, Roxanne, and Max) and one lovable dog (Ramona). I have won the Newbery Medal twice. I think of myself as an enormously lucky



person: I get to tell stories for a living. You can learn more about me at www.katedicamillo.com

AR Reading Level: 4.7 Lexile Level: 670L

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