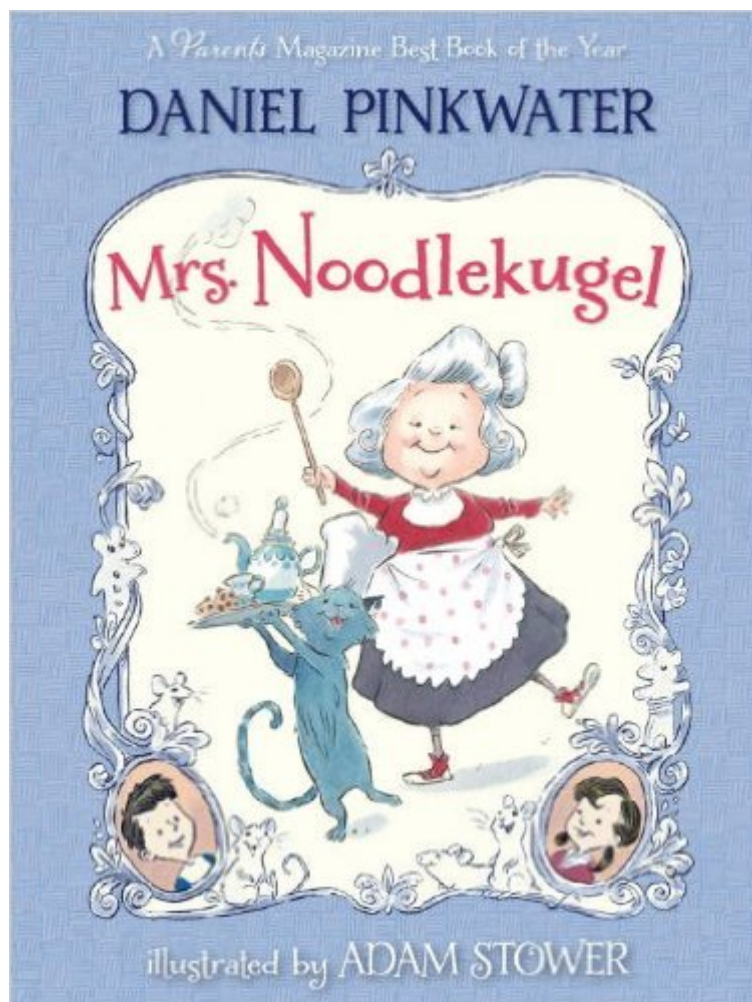


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# Mrs. Noodlekugel



## Synopsis

With signature wit and whimsy, the inimitable Daniel Pinkwater introduces an eccentric, endearing babysitter every child will wish they could have. Nick and Maxine live in a tall building with one apartment on top of another. So when they look out their window and see a little house they never knew was there, of course they must visit (especially when their parents tell them not to!). Going through the boiler room, they're amazed to find to a secret backyard with a garden, a porch, and a statue of a cat. And they're even more amazed when that cat starts to talk. . . . Welcome to the world of Mrs. Noodlekugel, where felines converse and serve cookies and tea, vision-impaired mice join the party (but may put crumbs up their noses), and children in search of funny adventures are drawn by the warm smell of gingerbread and the promise of magical surprises.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

No one does deadpan absurd better than Daniel Pinkwater. From early readers through YA high schoolers these are books for the hippest and most tuned-in of kids. The Larry the Polar Bear books and the Irving and Muktuk books are ideal for starting readers who can follow the slightly skewed action. "The Werewolf Club" is for a slightly older crowd. You have the Adventures of a

Cat-Whiskered Girl series for even older readers, and The Education of Robert Nifkin is one of the best YA titles around. This book falls into a middle grade category, I think. It is informed by Pinkwater's signature narrative style - an oddly formal yet whimsical approach that treats even the most unusual situations as perfectly normal and unremarkable, which has the effect of transforming the mundane, trivial and commonplace into something strange and magical. Who knew that cheerful oddness could be so refreshing and revealing? All of this works because of the characters Pinkwater favors. Regardless of the ages all of his protagonists are capable, resourceful, unflappable and mildly bemused by events. They are armed with keen insight. They are also curious and courageous, and completely attuned to the absurdity around them. Whether it's a giant chicken, a lizard musical band, a cat-whiskered girl, or an alien hamburger stand, these heroes and heroines bravely step forward to see "what the heck this is all about".

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