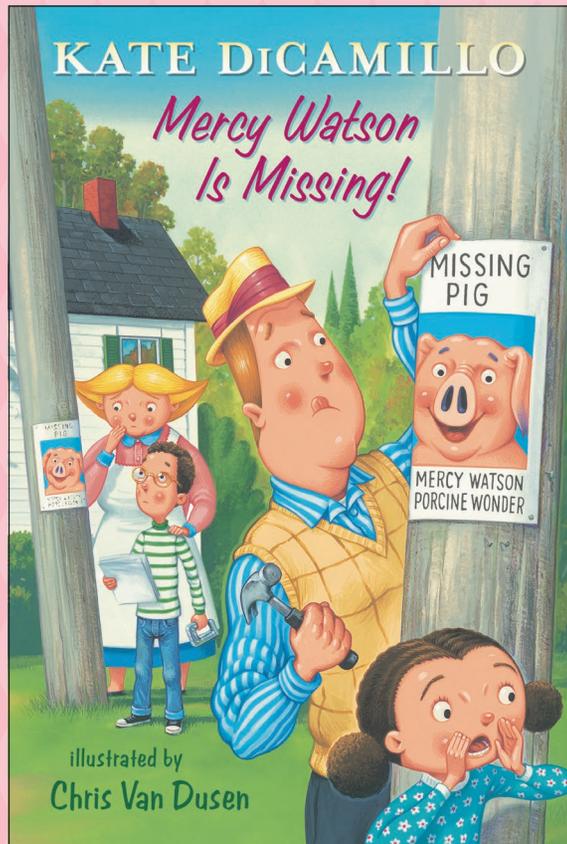


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Mercy Watson Is Missing!

- When she cannot find Mercy, Mrs. Watson feels “a pebble of worry in her stomach” (page 10). Have you ever experienced that sensation? What do you think Mrs. Watson is worried about?
- Eugenia explains, “*Schadenfreude* is the word for taking joy in another’s suffering” (page 36). What do you think of such a concept? Eugenia says, “I am taking joy in my liberation from that pig’s reign of terror,” but does her joy seem unkind in the face of others’ concerns about Mercy? How would you respond to her accordion playing?
- Did you think Melvin would catch Mercy? Why or why not? What do you know about Mercy’s abilities from reading other stories about her?
- Percival Smidgely is short-tempered with Louella Smith, even hanging up on her when she calls with helpful news! Why do you think he does this? What can make you short-tempered? What are helpful ways of responding to those feelings?
- Did you guess where Mercy was headed before Frank did? What were the clues in the book?
- None of the emergency workers thought Mercy being missing was an emergency until she ended up at the Butter Barrel factory. Does that bother Mrs. Watson in the end? How can you tell?



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