

Book

Willa the wisp (Oct 2020)

By:

Auxier, Jonathan

Illustrator:Demidova, Olga - ill.

Series:Fabled Stables, 1

Goodreads rating:

[224 reviews](#)

Min/max grade level:Kindergarten - 3

Accelerated reader:IL: LG, BL: 3.4, AR Pts: 0.5

DESCRIPTION

One day eight-year-old Auggie Pound, the caretaker of the rare animals in the Fabled Stables, ventures into the swamp to save a new rare creature, the wisp.



About this Book

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Appeal factors

[Suspenseful](#)

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Genres and themes

Canadian fiction

Early chapter books

Fantasy fiction

Subjects

Caretakers

Eight-year-old boys

Friendship

Imaginary creatures

Mythical creatures

Rare and endangered animals

Rescues

AWARD WINNER

OLA Best Bets: 2020

Meet the author -

Auxier, Jonathan

Auxier, Jonathan Gender:

Male;

Auxier, Jonathan Country:

Canada, United States, North America

Author Jonathan Auxier writes absorbing, atmospheric historical fantasy for middle-grade readers.

Often tempered by dry humor and wit, his books often feature plucky children making their own way in sometimes grim fantasy worlds. His imaginative worlds include magic and monsters that are larger than life. Start with: Sweep.

Genre:Fantasy fiction;Canadian fiction

Tone:Suspenseful;Action-packed;Whimsical

Writing style:Plot-driven;Lyrical;Fast-paced

Fiction

Ages 9-12

REVIEWS

Publishers Weekly:

/ Starred Review */* Young Auggie has a job that many children will covet: he cares for the magical, mysterious, and “just plain weird” creatures at the Fabled Stables, located on an island at the top of the world. Auggie loves his work, overseeing meals, snacks, and the raucous “hurly-burly hour,” but he has a problem: he longs for a friend. When the stables rearrange themselves to welcome a new arrival, Auggie undertakes a rescue mission to bring the new creature—playful Willa the Wisp, pursued by hunters and hounds—to safety. Graceful text by Auxier (Sweep) moves nimbly from one suspenseful moment to the next, building tension as Auggie, clever and resourceful as well as modest and good-hearted, resolves an array of threatening situations. Folkloric illustrations by Demidova (A Friendship Y...

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Kirkus:

/ Starred Review */* A series opener about a caretaker of stables for magical and odd creatures. Auggie is the caretaker of the mysterious Professor Cake’s Fabled Stables, home to one-of-a-kind creatures of all sorts. As the only boy on Professor Cake’s private island, Auggie’s lonely—the closest thing he has to friends are Miss Bundt (who he suspects was once a pirate) and Fen, a literal stick in the mud (who transforms to aid Auggie in his jobs and is not keen on friendship). One day, a new stall suddenly appears in the stables, meaning a soon-to-arrive creature is in trouble and needs rescue. Auggie must use his cleverness and resources to rescue Willa—a playful, shape-shifting, newborn wisp—from three robed hunters. When the hunters catch them and threaten Willa to try to get at a nonexistent tr...

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