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Mr. Putter & Tabby Fly the Plane Details

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Becky says

First sentence: Mr. Putter loved toys. He was old, and he knew that he wasn't supposed to love toys anymore. But he did. When Mr. Putter and his fine cat, Tabby, drove into town, they always stopped at the toy store.

Premise/plot: Mr. Putter LOVES toys. Tabby doesn't love toys--especially toys that do something. But she loves Mr. Putter. This chapter book is about when Mr. Putter buys a radio control airplane.

My thoughts: I enjoyed this one. I love Mr. Putter. I really love Tabby. My favorite part was when Mr. Putter decided to give away his new plane to a little boy--a shy boy, a clumsy boy--who reminded him of himself. The writing continues to impress.

Lisa Campbell says

Categories/Genres for this class fulfilled by this book, Fiction, Picture book, Early reader

Estimate of grade level of interest- K-2 grade

Estimate of reading level- 6-8 years

Brief description-Love Mr Putter and Tabby! In this volume, the story explores Mr Putter's love of toys, and Tabby's aversion to them! The illustrator perfectly captures Tabby's feelings/facial expressions, as Mr Putter brings home a remote control bi-plane and works at flying! Identify at least 2 characteristics of this genre and subgenre and discuss how they appear in your book - "coping with the problems of the human condition" (Huck, page 201). In Mr Putter and Tabby Fly the Plane, Mr Putter finds a way to indulge his love of toys, and an activity that he can participate in at an older age. "helps children to enlarge their frame of reference" (Huck, page 201). This book helps children understand that older folks (like their parents or grandparents) may have interests outside of themselves!

In what ways and how well does the book as a whole serve its intended audience? The text and illustrations work together to help young children to decode the meaning of the text. For example, without the illustrations, the children might not really understand that Mr Putter's new interest does not interest Tabby at all! In addition, children this age are beginning to develop the ability to understand other's points of view. This book presents the interests of an older person, which may help children relate to the older folks in their lives.

Awards if any - none

Links to published reviews from professional sources e.g. ALA, Booklist, Kirkus, SLJ, etc. if any
<http://www.amazon.com/Mr-Putter-Tabby...>

Josie says

You're never too old to play!

Julia Orr says

Tabby purred and purred when she realized that Mr. Putter's plane didn't work. Because she didn't like things that flew. They gave her the hiccups.

Rachael says

Rylant is admittedly one of my favorite authors. This particular series strikes me as it reminds me of my relationship with my previous cat, Snakes. This book is chock full o' sentimentality and pet-loving goodness. Her characters are always endearing and this particular book sheds light on Mr. Putter's boyhood dreams.

Definitely a must-read.

I will admit it made me tear up a bit, and also believe in the goodness of humanity again.

Karen says

Jacob read this to us as part of the LQ Library summer reading program. Ben started teaching Jacob how to tell others about the story he read. This is something we are going to start working on with the kids this year in school.

Shannon says

This is #5 in the series.

09/12: We read all the "Mr. Putter & Tabby" books ages ago. But, we love them so much, that we still read the newest ones whenever they come out. Recently, "Mr. Putter & Tabby Dance the Dance" was released. We enjoyed it so much. Made us miss the series. And, Mr. Putter's birthday is October 2, so we are revisiting the books again.

Amazon Book Description:

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The Reading Countess says

Listen carefully, little children-for this, too, will happen to you. One day you will wake up and look in the mirror, and wonder who the old person is looking back at you. Sure, you will have fond memories of times long gone. People, places and things no longer in your life. You might even buy a toy plane because you never owned such a fancy flying machine and always longed for one. Soon, neighborhood children will begin clamoring to be near you (and the plane). One shy and clumsy little boy will catch your eye in particular, because he will remind you of yourself at that age. Seeing the glint in his eye will spark you to give the plane to him, who will be the neighborhood hero that you never were. Just wait...it will happen to you, too.

Marie says

"Mr. Potter loved toys."

Kayla says

I work for a before school daycare and one of my first graders read this book to me. It was easy for her to read and she loved it! I think it is a great length for first and second graders for them to transition to longer books, but it is short enough to keep their attention.

MJ says

Mr. Putter gave the plane to the shy boy and Alissa liked that. She also liked the colors for the plane.

Sarah says

Mr. Putter always dreamed of flying a plane, so he buys a remote control one and flies it in the park. Soon he is joined by many eager children, and remembering himself as a child, gives the plane to a boy who reminds him of himself. Heart-warming.

Chantelle says

My son and I both thoroughly enjoyed every book in this series (through #18; the rest weren't published / available at our library yet). Mrs. Rylant's sentence structure is simple enough for beginning readers to enjoy but don't let that fool you! Each book contains an engaging plot, clever & silly humor, and underlying themes of friendship, thoughtfulness, and responsibility. We spent many hours laughing together at the

(mis)adventures of Mr. Putter, Tabby, and their friends. We were excited to find out what would happen as we started each book. HIGHLY recommend!!!

Dolly says

We really enjoy Cynthia Rylant's stories and the Mr. Putter and Tabby series of books are fun to read aloud. I love the perspective of an older person and I think it helps children understand more about senior citizens. The story is sweet and we enjoyed the ending very much.

Alex says

I enjoyed this book because I like planes. I also enjoyed this book because I liked the part when Mr. Putter got a plane and flew it. It was a toy plane. Mr. Putter likes toys still.
