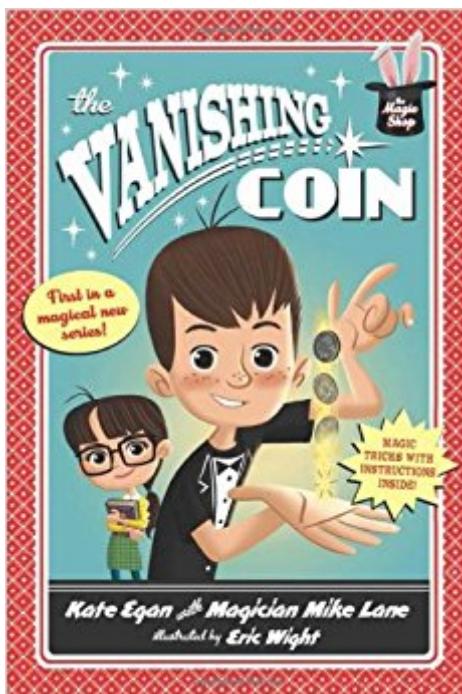


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# The Vanishing Coin (Magic Shop Series)



## Synopsis

Want to see something cool? I can make that quarter vanish. All it takes is a little magic! Fourth grade was supposed to be a fresh start, but Mike's already back in the principal's office. He's not a bad kid. He just can't sit still. And now, his parents won't let him play soccer anymore; instead he has to hang out with his new neighbor Nora, who is good at everything! Then, Mike and Nora discover the White Rabbit. It's an odd shop with a special secret inside. Its owner, Mr. Zerlin, is a magician, and, amazingly, he believes Mike could be a magician, too. Has Mike finally found something he's good at?

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Gr 3-5 • Deep down, fourth grader Mike Weiss is a good kid. It's not his fault that he has an aversion to sitting still; that's just the way he's wired. As the school year commences, Mike is determined to get a fresh start, but his old habits keep tripping him up. It seems like nothing can help, until he discovers The White Rabbit, a magic shop with a mysterious proprietor. Mike finds that he can actually sit still and focus when he's learning about magic • now he just needs to figure out how to apply his newfound skills to the classroom. Soon, a real bit of magic surfaces: a

pocketful of coins appear out of thin air. Could it be the work of the mysterious proprietor? Readers don't find out in this book, but subsequent volumes in "The Magic Shop" series will hopefully reveal the answer. The writing is serviceable, but the book should have fairly wide appeal. Many children are interested in magic, and this title includes instructions for performing the various tricks and sleights of hand. This book will also strike a chord with kids who have trouble sitting still in school.

Mike shows them that fidgety kids aren't bad and that they have the potential to succeed.

Black-and-white cartoon illustrations with a vintage flair appear throughout, lending visual interest.

This series-starter is sufficiently niche-filling to make it a good choice for most

collections. --Amy Holland, Irondequoit Public Library, NY --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

So far, fourth grade is not the fresh start Mike wanted. Despite new "strategies," he still cannot sit quietly in class. Worse, he now spends every afternoon with Nora, his academically gifted new neighbor, from whom he couldn't be more different. Whereas Nora succeeds at everything, Mike feels like he's a constant failure. That is, until they stumble on a strange magic store, and the owner teaches Mike—and only Mike—a magic trick. Soon he's hooked and practicing all kinds of tricks to impress his friends and confound the class bully. Yet he wonders if all the magic in the shop is just an illusion. Could some of it be real? The slightly older protagonist, ample line spacing, cartoon illustrations, and accessible vocabulary make this a good choice for middle-grade students reading slightly below grade level. And if the quick pace, well-developed characters, and humor-laced story aren't enough, Lane, a magician himself, and Egan include instructions for four simple tricks. A solid new series for school and public-library collections. Grades 3-5. --Suzanne Harold

My boys (ages 6 and 7.5) and I love this series! I read all books available in the series out loud to the boys, and we can't wait for the next one to come out. My 2nd grader is now reading the books for school (AR program). This set is a rare find. Many popular books have content that would be inappropriate for my 6-year-old, who is a bit sensitive to scary scenes, bad language and high drama. In this series, Mike and Nora are both very likeable, and you are rooting for them from the start. Even though Mike has to deal with a bully at school, he does so admirably. Often, I find bullying scenes in books to be a bit intimidating, and I didn't want my boys becoming anxious or thinking that the fourth grades and upper grades are full of bullies. The author presents the conflicts well. We loved all of the scenes regarding magic, finding the magic shop, befriending the shop

owner, etc., as well as the instructions for how to do the tricks. My younger son, in particular, loves to learn magic tricks. Overall, the whole series is a winner. I would recommend these books to anyone who has kids who are interested in magic and a little bit of mystery.

One of the better series out there for my 7 year old boy. It actually made him want to read the book aloud to me, something no other book has ever done. I hope she writes a fifth book! PLEASE!

Great reading. My daughter thoroughly enjoyed this book.

My son who is reading about 2nd grade level was very engaged with this book. It has just the right amount of intrigue and pictures to keep a seven year old boy interested! He's currently ready the second book it the serious. Another bonus is that each book includes detailed magic tricks which are a lot of fun to perform!

After reading the reviews I actually bought two copies to give out as birthday party favors. One of the boys I gave them to said it was the best book he has ever received and that he read the whole book as soon as he received it. The other boy really liked it as well. They are both 8 years old. For \$6 it is such a bargain! I will definitely buy the next books in the Magic Shop series for Christmas.

Son had to read it for school, over the summer. So he wasn't happy but really enjoyed it by the end.

Great book teaching cool tricks you can learn yourself . Definitely one of my favorite books. I would definitely encourage others to read it

My son's school librarian was having a book review club with a group of third graders and this was the book she chose. My son loved this book! It was an easy read and an easy book to ask comprehension questions about. My son cannot wait to read the next book in the series!

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