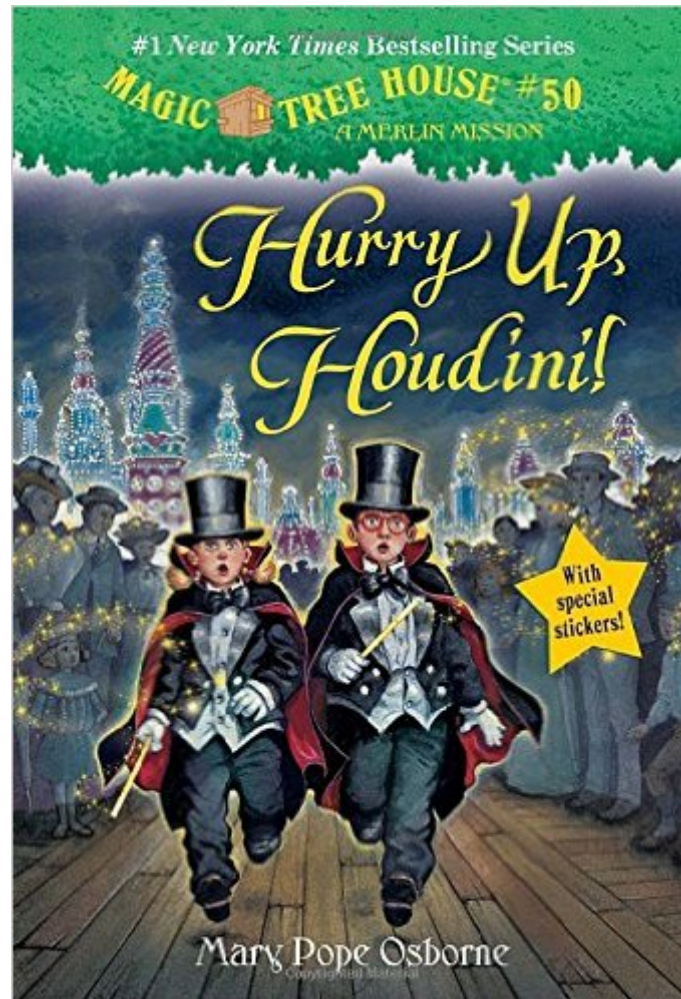


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Hurry Up, Houdini! (Magic Tree House (R) Merlin Mission)



Synopsis

The New York Times bestselling Magic Tree House series has a brand-new paperback! Jack and Annie travel to Coney Island, New York, to meet the master magician, Harry Houdini. Â Abracadabra! Mary Pope Osborne cleverly combines history, mystery, adventure, and trouble in this new Magic Tree House paperback. Â The time-traveling brother-and-sister team Jack and Annie are on a mission for Merlin the magician. Theyâ™re looking for a secret of greatness from the best escape artist that ever lived, Harry Houdini. Using the magic tree house to travel back in time, Jack and Annie head to Coney Island to look for the elusive magician. How can they find the master of escape? Itâ™s going to take some determination, a little bit of trouble, and a whole lot of magic! Â Have more fun with Jack and Annie on the Magic Tree HouseÂ® website at MagicTreeHouse.com. From the Hardcover edition.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

Customer Reviews

Mary Pope Osborne has been the favorite in my house since 1994, and will always be. My children have grown up with her books and have accredited them to their lifelong love of reading. This latest book is another masterpiece of hers!

My daughter absolutely loves this series! She has the whole set up to #50 so far. Our son just recently began reading them to, so she passes them to him and then they talk about the books they have just read. That's great! I've heard no complaints from them about ANY of the books in this series being boring or not fun to read. They are a good book for ages 6-10 to read, depending on reading level. Books aren't really thick or complicated, so best enjoyed by readers past the beginning step readers and not yet into teen/pre-teen fiction. As I Mom, I love that these encourage my kids to read more. They are also including a bit of history and education with a fun-filled story. Win, win!

My grandchildren LOVE this series. They were very excited to have the newest. They have read them all! These books really inspire reading. They love Jack and Annie, and easily identify with them. Plus they learn wonderful things about history, science, literature and important historical figures.

I asked my daughter to bring books home from school so we can read together. She brought home "Hurry Up, Houdini! I read it and now I wait for her to read the book. Then we talk about it. I felt like I was in Coney Island on the amusement rides. It was like I was a little kid paying a few pennies for a hot dog and coke. The reader was transformed back to the early 1900's. Along with meeting Harry Houdini, we met his wife Bess. They were a lovely couple and much in love. It would of been exciting meeting Harry and Bess but Mary made the couple come alive. This is the next best thing. I won't reveal the lesson that was a take away from the story but I will say it was a great lesson. Again I'm looking forward to my daughter reading this book and the conversation that will follow.

I read the book in over 2 days and i think it is a wonderful book for elementary school students. I like how adventurous it is and entertaining. I would definently recommend this book.

My seven year old girl finished this quickly after receiving and didn't have much commentary on it. She said it was just okay compared to some of the other Magic Tree House books she has read. I think these are often dependent on the reader's interest in the time period or subject covered. Some have more sweeping plot lines than others. I think this one just wasn't very interesting to her. She did, however, enjoy the companion book "Magic Tricks from the Tree House."

New York Times bestselling author, Mary Pope Osborne delivers another fascinating adventure in the Magic Tree House series. Jack and his sister, Annie, who discovered the tree house, set out on another exciting mission. After the children visit Frog Creek, they learn that Merlin has another request for them to find the next 'secret of greatness.' As the children prepare to find the Great Harry Houdini, the tree house lands in Coney Island. Jack and Annie know that top priority is to purchase tickets, to see Houdini at Henderson's Music Hall. However, after buying hot dogs and ice cream, then having a blast of fun on the water slide ride, Jack realizes that they may not be able to purchase tickets in time for Houdini's performance. When the children arrive on Surf Avenue, what do they learn from the people in the box-office? What happened to the Bambini Brothers, and were the tickets sold-out to see the Great Houdini? What did Jack and Annie have to do to fulfill their mission? Mary Pope Osborne takes the reader through a mystical, magical ride in one of the world's incredible amusement parks. The setting of bright lights in Coney Island, along with delicious treats and fun-filled rides, is picture-perfect. In addition, if the reader has experienced this amusement park and I have several times in my childhood, you feel as if you are there, while enjoying every amazing moment of fun and laughs. The intriguing story is filled with mystery, history, and fantasy. What did the children argue about, does Jack help his sister, and will 'The Ring of Truth' begin to glow? The colorful characters come to life, and a surprise ending will have you craving for more. Highly recommended to parents, teachers, and child-care providers.

Jack and Annie of Frog Creek, PA, are traveling in the Magic Tree House doing missions for Merlin to find secrets of greatness from four historic figures. Having visited Alexander the Great as a boy in ancient Macedonia, they must now go see the master illusionist and escape artist, Harry Houdini, at Coney Island, NY, in the early 1900s. Along the way, they enjoy the sights and sounds of the great amusement park. However, can they find Harry? Will they learn his secret of greatness? And what is it? Other than a couple of common euphemisms (darn, heck), there is really nothing objectionable in this book, except for those who dislike reference to any form of 'magic' in books. For everyone else, author Mary Pope Osborne cleverly combines history, mystery, adventure, some fantasy, and a little bit of trouble for the time-traveling brother-and-sister team.

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