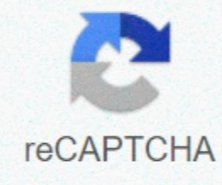




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Chasing Vermeer First U.S. Cover ReleaseAuthorBlue BalliettTranslatorJohn Adams and QuincyCover ArtistBrett HelquistCountryUSA IL Chicago.LanguageEnglishGenreYoung Adult FictionMysteryPublisherScholastic PressPublicationJune 1, 2004[1]Media typePrint (hardback & paperback)Pages272ISBN0-439-37294-1OCLC51172514Dewey Decimal[Fic] 21LC ClassPZ7.B2128 Ch 2004Foedllow by Wright 3 Chasing Vermeer is a children's art novel from 2004. Set in Hyde Park in Chicago near the University of Chicago, the novel follows two children, Calder Pillay and Petra Andalee. After Johannes Vermeer's famous painting, A Lady Writing, was stolen on the way to the Art Institute of Chicago, Calder and Petra work together to try and get it back. The thief publishes many advertisements in the paper, explaining that he will return the painting if the community can discover what pictures under Vermeer's name he really painted. It causes Petra, Calder, and the rest of Hyde Park to examine art more carefully. The themes of art, coincidence, deception and problem solving are obvious. The novel was written for a Balgiett classroom intended to address real issues. Balliett appreciates children's ideas and has written a book specifically to highlight this. Chasing Vermeer won several awards, including Edgar and Agatha. In 2006, a sequel called The Wright 3 was released, followed by The Calder Game in 2008. Chasing Vermeer's inspiration and provenance is Blue Balliett's first published book. Its original purpose was a book to read to her class for fun. She realized that the mystery of real artistic issues hadn't been written since E. L. Konigsburg's 1967 novel [3] Chasing Vermeer took about five years to complete, because Balliett was also a teacher and parent. [4] She compared writing the book to weaving, because she first wrote mostly about art, but then included pentominoe and classroom scenes, creating many different levels to read. She admits it ended up more complicated than she thought it would be. [5] Balliett used art and blank s slabs as inspiration for the names of the characters. Calder Pillay comes from the artist Alexander Calder, and Petra Andalee was inspired by architecture in Petra, Jordan. [6] The names should have been different, which Balliett found fun for the child. [7] Balliett felt she could attract the attention of reluctant readers if they knew characters who enjoyed writing and math. [8] Calder and Petra's teacher, Mrs. Hussey, was inspired by her old name on Nantucket Island and the old-fashioned word hussy. [4] Balliett compares himself to Ms. Hussey, stating that [we] think a lot alike. [4] Some of Ms Hussey's tasks and dialogues even came Balliett's classroom. She chose the hyde park environment in Chicago, where she currently lives, because she considered it full of secrets for children to uncover. [9] Plot summary The first illustration in Brett Helquist's book depicting the recipients of three letters. Two frogs and a V pentomino belonging to the illustration code are hidden in three letters. The book begins with a mysterious letter delivered to three unknown recipients, two women and one man. The letter tells them they are of great need for the sender, but asks them not to tell the police. Sixth graders Calder Pillay, who enjoys puzzles and pentominoes, and Petra Andalee, who aspires to be a writer, are classmates from Hyde Park High School in Chicago. Their young teacher, Ms. Hussey, is very interested in art and teaches them in a creative way. Through her burning questions, they discover the artist Johannes Vermeer and his paintings, especially A Lady Writing and The Geographer. Petra also finds a used book lol, written by Charles Fort, in local Powell books, owned by a man named Mr. Watch. They also meet an elderly neighbor, Mrs Sharpe, who is also a fan of Vermeer and Fort. Calder receives letters from his best friend Tommy Segovia, who currently lives in New York with his new stepfather. Children learn that Lady Writing traveled from the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. to Hyde Park. The next day, there's a story in the paper about how the painting mysteriously disappeared. A letter from thieves appears in the paper telling the public that they will not return A Lady Writing until they prove what Vermeer paintings Vermeer actually painted. It's causing a worldwide uproar. Calder and Petra explore how their friendship grows. Mrs Sharpe is seeking police protection and it is learned that she and Mrs Hussey were two of the three recipients of the thief's letter. Calder and Petra eventually conclude that the painting is hidden in the local Delia Dell hall, and they sneak out and find it. They barely escape the thief, who police later consider dead from a massive heart attack on the train. They learn that the man is Xavier Glitts, a.k.a. Glitter Man, who posed as Tommy's stepfather under the name Fred Steadman. A well-known art thief, he was asked to steal the painting and sell it for \$60 million. The other recipient of the letter is Mr Watch. Code As stated in the foreword, there is code hidden in the illustrations throughout the book. It was the idea of Brett Helquist and Balliett's editor, Tracy Mack. [10] The code includes images of pentominoes and frogs, which are recurring themes throughout the book. To understand the code, you need to count the number of frogs in each other illustration (counting from the first) and find the hidden pentomino. the pentominoes and quantity of frogs in the illustrations correspond to the combinations of letter numbers in the code calder and Tommy use to write their letters throughout the book. For example, the first sequence of code included in the illustration is represented by a hidden pentomin corresponding to the letter V and two frogs. This means that the code sequence is V,2, referring to the letter T in Calder and Tommy's decoding key. When the whole message is hidden in the book of decodes, writes The Lady Lives. The Chasing Vermeer genre is classified as a mysterious genre, although Liz Szabla of Scholastic described it as a puzzle, wrapped in mystery, disguised as an adventure and delivered as a work of art. [3] Scholastic's teaching website added uncertainty due to the sudden end. [11] Themes Some of Balliett's real ideas in Chasing Vermeer were do coincidences mean anything? and What is art and what makes it valuable? [12] Balliett says her central message is that children are powerful thinkers and their ideas are valuable and that adults do not have all the answers. [13] Rita Soltan's book, Reading Raps: A Book Club Guide for Librarians, Children, and Families, analyzed the chase for Vermeer's themes as follows: Deception and problem solving are the central themes in this novel, as both the thief and the central adult players use a variety of ways to hide the truth while children use a variety of mathematical concepts and problem-solving concepts to compile puzzle clues. In addition, Calder and Petra develop a special friendship and a certain respect for the value of art. [14] As the thief gains publicity by challenging the community to understand which paintings claimed to be Vermeer's were indeed painted by him, everyone begins to look at the depths of art. Sondra Eklund, who blogs about book reviews, noted that the reader was left with the impression that she was studying Vermeer's paintings and art more closely. [15] In the book, Ms. Hussey challenges her class to the question: What is art? Other topics include coincidence and coincidence. [16] During Chasing Vermeer, Charles Fort's book, Lot, inspires children to list and pay attention to coincidences as they realize they are more than what they seem [15] and explore the concept of making up an unexplained pattern. [17] Balliett stated that she wants to convey that coincidences are noticeable and feel meaningful and can be important even if they are unexplained. [4] Audiobook for Chasing Vermeer, read by Ellen Reilly, was released on 27th [18] It takes about 4 hours and 47 minutes. AudioFile magazine praised Reilly's voices and pace, but noted: Once the mystery is solved, however, the end seems to have pinned down, falling flat. [19] Chasing Vermeer's critical reception received a generally positive The New York Times praised the description and mystery. [20] It is also listed as one of their Landmark Books of 2004. Kirkus Reviews awarded him the main critique with the consensus that Art, intrigue and an abundance of twists and turns make this artistic mystery a great read. [22] Children's literature reviewer Claudia Mills made generally positive comments, calling the novel ravishing and interesting. [17] Kidsreads website is a well-loved children's book. It's so good. [16] A reviewer of The Trades website called it a fun read that manages to serve several purposes in a concise novel and found the characters unusual but sympathetic, but found the disappointing part of this novel to be that solutions always arrive through a series of unrelated events that only lead children to think in certain ways. [23] Kadon Enterprises, a puzzle company, reviewed the book, praising the writing style and puzzles. [24] Awards of the Year Result Chicago Tribune Award for Young Adult Fiction 2004 Won[25] Great Lakes Book Book Book Award for Children's Chapters 2004 Won[26] Frontiers Original Voices Award 2004 Nominated[27] 2005 Book Sense Book of the Year Children's Literature Award 2005 Won [28] Edgar Award for Best Juvenile Mystery Novel 2005 Won[29] Agatha Award for Young Adult Novel 2005 Won[30] Indian Paintbrush Book Award 2006 Nominated[31] Warner Brothers bought out the rights to chasing Vermeer in June 2004[32] and Brad Pitt's production company Plan B Entertainment planned to produce it. [13] P.J. Hogan was to be a director[33], and matt nix adapted the novel. [34] However, when asked about the film in August 2010, Balliett replied: It was fascinating to watch this whole process, because Plan B did a wonderful job. They went through two screenwriters, and they went through two directors. It's like a house of cards. I have rights again. If he's all elephants again, he'll jump at it. 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