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### About the Author:

Kate DiCamillo spent most of her childhood in the South and moved to Minnesota when she was in her twenties. She was inspired to write *Because of Winn-Dixie*, her first novel, during a bout of homesickness one brutally cold winter. The book was an immediate success: it is a Newbery Honor Book, has won more than twenty-five state awards, and has been made into a popular family film. Kate DiCamillo's subsequent books include the Newbery Medal-winning *The Tale of Despereaux*, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, *The Magician's Elephant*, and *Flora & Ulysses*. She lives in Minneapolis.

Kate DiCamillo cannot come to every community that is reading her books, but you can get a great sense of who she is in a wonderful program created by **mn original** that can be viewed here: <http://www.mnoriginal.org/episode/mn-original-show-206/kate-dicamillo/>.

You can find Kate on Facebook: [facebook.com/katedicamillo](https://www.facebook.com/katedicamillo)



“When we read together—when a grandfather reads to a granddaughter, when a teacher reads to a classroom, when a parent reads to a child, when a sister reads to a brother, when everyone in a town reads the same book silently, together—we are taken out of our aloneness. Together, we see the world. Together, we see one another. We connect. And when we connect, we are changed.”

— KATE DICAMILLO

“If you want to ‘Unite a Community in the Joys of Reading,’ as we say, you must choose the books of Kate DiCamillo! Several years ago, when we chose Kate as our featured author for the Naperville Reads citywide reading program, we knew we had an author who could connect through her books to a wide audience: boys, girls, educators, parents, and others in the community. Our featured title that year was *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. It was the perfect title for discussions, activities, and read-alouds. Kate’s titles were a focus of our program for so many extraordinary reasons: character, exquisite writing, plot, beyond-the-book activity extenders—discussion topics for readers were endless. Her books were born to share and build community!”

— Becky Anderson, president, American Booksellers Association; owner, Anderson's Bookshops, Naperville, Illinois

### Formats available:

#### *Because of Winn-Dixie*

HC: 978-0-7636-0776-0  
PB: 978-0-7636-4432-1  
Movie tie-in PB: 978-0-7636-2558-0  
E-book: 978-0-7636-4945-6  
Gift edition: 978-0-7636-2557-3  
Signature edition: 978-0-7636-5007-0  
Plush: 978-0-7636-2844-4

#### *The Tiger Rising*

HC: 978-0-7636-0911-5  
PB: 978-0-7636-1898-8  
E-book: 978-0-7636-4944-9  
Signature edition: 978-0-7636-5270-8

#### *The Tale of Despereaux*

HC: 978-0-7636-1722-6  
PB: 978-0-7636-2529-0  
E-book: 978-0-7636-4943-2  
Special edition: 978-0-7636-2928-1

#### *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

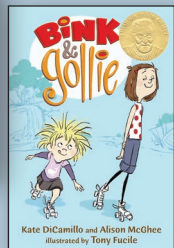
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PB: 978-0-7636-4783-4  
Digest PB: 978-0-7636-4367-6  
E-book: 978-0-7636-4942-5

#### *The Magician's Elephant*

HC: 978-0-7636-4410-9  
PB: 978-0-7636-5298-2  
E-book: 978-0-7636-4941-8

#### *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures*

HC: 978-0-7636-6040-6  
E-book: 978-0-7636-6724-5



Don't forget *Mercy Watson* and *Bink & Gollie*

[www.mercywatson.com](http://www.mercywatson.com) and [www.binkandgollie.com](http://www.binkandgollie.com) are websites for Kate DiCamillo's early chapter books that allow students and teachers to learn more about Kate and her co-creators, play games, and do projects based on these series.

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## KATE DICAMILLO “STORIES CONNECT US”



## One Community ∞ One School ∞ One Book!

When an entire community reads the same book, it becomes a point of reference for all members of the community. Conversation is sparked between booksellers and customers, libraries and patrons, teachers and students, parents and children, neighbors and friends. Reading becomes a part of that conversation. In her tenure as the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, DiCamillo will champion community reads initiatives across the country—as she has seen firsthand the profound impact of shared reading experiences with her own books.

### What communities have used

### KATE DICAMILLO books in ONE BOOK programs?

#### *Because of Winn-Dixie*

- Holden, Massachusetts
- One Book New Jersey, sponsored by the New Jersey Library Association with support from the New Jersey State Library
- Omaha, Nebraska
- Orlando, Florida
- Pittsboro, North Carolina

#### *The Tale of Despereaux*

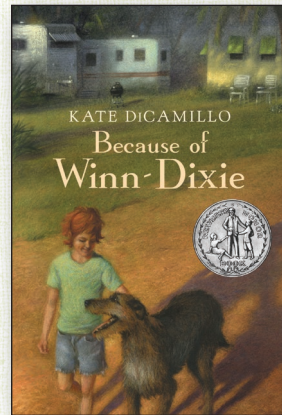
- Fayette Elementary School, West Terre Haute, Indiana
- Pinchbeck Elementary School, Richmond, Virginia
- Prairie Elementary School, Shawnee Mission, Kansas
- ProvoREADS! Provo, Utah
- Science Hall Elementary, Kyle, Texas

#### *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

- Campbell Elementary School, Muskegon, Michigan
- Dover, New Hampshire
- Memorial Elementary School, East Hampton, Connecticut
- Naperville, Illinois
- Prune Hill Elementary School, Camas, Washington

# Stories Connect Us. Resources available for ONE BOOK programs

A Newbery Honor Book



## ***Because of Winn-Dixie***

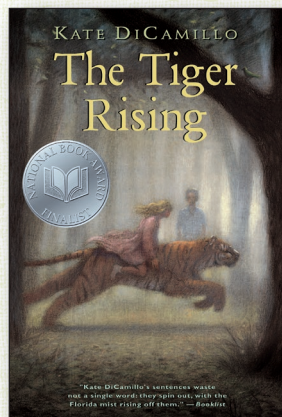
Funny and poignant, this novel captures life in a quirky Southern town as Opal and her mangy dog, Winn-Dixie, strike up friendships among the locals.

★ “Brushstrokes of magical realism elevate this beyond a simple story of friendship to a well-crafted tale of community and fellowship, of sweetness, sorrow, and hope. And it’s funny, too. A real gem.”  
— *Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

★ “This well-crafted, realistic, and heartwarming story will be read and reread as a new favorite.”  
— *School Library Journal* (starred review)

- Discussion Guide
- Teachers’ Guide
- Readers’ Guide
- Article: “Speaking with Kate DiCamillo about *Because of Winn-Dixie*: A Hymn of Praise to Dogs, Friendship, and the South”

A National Book Award Finalist



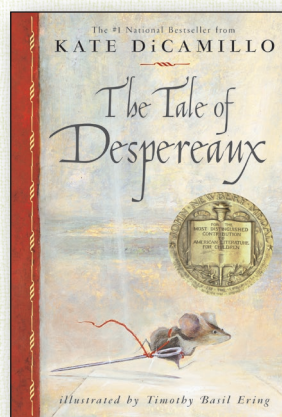
## ***The Tiger Rising***

A growing friendship proves that some things—like memories, and heartaches, and tigers—can’t be locked up forever.

★ “It deals with the tough issues of death, grieving, and the great accompanying sadness, and has enough layers to embrace any reader.”  
— *School Library Journal* (starred review)

- Discussion Guide
- Article: “Kate DiCamillo Unleashes *The Tiger Rising*”

Winner of the Newbery Medal



## ***The Tale of Despereaux***

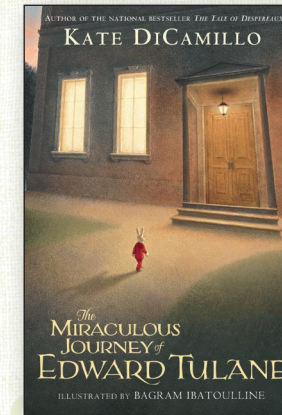
A tale of adventure, despair, love, and soup starring an unlikely hero with exceptionally large ears.

★ “Forgiveness, light, love, and soup. These essential ingredients combine into a tale that is as soul-stirring as it is delicious.”  
— *Booklist* (starred review)

★ “A charming story of unlikely heroes. . . . This expanded fairy tale is entertaining, heartening, and, above all, great fun.”  
— *School Library Journal* (starred review)

- Teachers’ Guide
- Video: Kate DiCamillo speaking to children and parents at the Brookline Public Library
- Audio: Kate DiCamillo revealing why she loves mice—and what she has learned from Despereaux
- Audio: Kate DiCamillo telling what—and who—inspired the story of Despereaux
- Audio: Kate DiCamillo reading chapter 1
- Movie trailer

A Boston Globe–Horn Book Award Winner

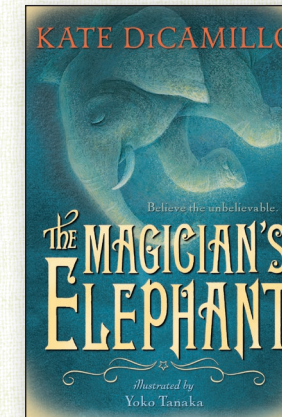


## ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane***

A timeless tale that honors the enduring power of love.

“One reading is hardly enough to savor the rich philosophical nuances of DiCamillo’s story. I think I will go read it again right now.”  
— *The New York Times Book Review*

- Website: [www.edwardtulane.com](http://www.edwardtulane.com)
- Video: Behind the scenes with Kate DiCamillo and Bagram Ibatoulline
- Teachers’ Guide
- Readers’ Theater
- Edward Tulane doll, available for visits



## ***The Magician's Elephant***

A haunting fable about trusting the unexpected—and making the extraordinary come true.

★ “Reading like a fable told long ago, with rich language that begs to be read aloud, this is a magical story about hope and love, loss and home, and of questioning the world versus accepting it as it is.”  
— *Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

- Website: [www.themagicianselephant.com](http://www.themagicianselephant.com)
- Activity Kit
- Discussion Guide
- Article: “Q&A about *The Magician's Elephant* with Kate DiCamillo”
- Teachers’ Guide
- Video: Kate DiCamillo on how *The Magician's Elephant* began
- Audio: Kate DiCamillo reading chapter 1



## ***Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures***

Holy unanticipated occurrences! A cynic meets an unlikely superhero in a genre-breaking, laugh-out-loud novel.

“In *Flora and Ulysses*, longtime fans will find a happy marriage of Mercy Watson’s warmth and wackiness and Edward Tulane’s gentle life lessons. In *Flora*, they will find a girl worth knowing, and one they will remember.”  
— *The New York Times Book Review*

- Website: [www.floraandulysses.com](http://www.floraandulysses.com)
- Discussion Guide
- Article: “Q&A about *Flora & Ulysses* with Kate DiCamillo”
- Teachers’ Guide