

The Vanishing Coin

By Kate Egan with Magician Mike Lan

Illustrated by Eric Wight

Annotation

Fourth-grader Mike Weiss can't get the hang of math, forgets his homework, and has trouble sitting still in school. And as if getting sent to the principal's office the first week of school wasn't bad enough, classmate Jackson ("Mike's enemy since birth") won't lay off him, and he's spending his after-school hours with Nora, the gifted new girl next door. One afternoon with Nora, Mike discovers the town magic shop, The White Rabbit, and something that he might actually be good at. The confidence boost helps Mike work harder in school and even take on Jackson.

Book Talk

Want to see something cool? I can make that quarter *vanish*. All it takes is a little magic...

Book Trailer

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VTDPs_wwN4

Author on the Internet

- Website: <http://www.magicianmikelane.com/>
- <https://about.me/ericwight>

Items to use in a library display

- Top Hat/Wand
- Magic Books
- Deck of Cards
- Coins

Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics

- <https://quizizz.com/admin/quiz/5657b5529d57987537ec7870>
- http://gullettlibrary.weebly.com/uploads/5/0/4/3/5043252/vanishing_coin_1_page_format.pdf

First Line of the Book:

- "Nine-year old Mike Weiss slumped in a hard chair outside the principal's office."

Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)

- *The kids' guide to magic tricks* by Charney, Steve
- *Amazing magic tricks : beginner level* by Barnhart, Norm

What to Read Next

- *The Incredible Twisting Arm* by Kate Egan with Magician Mike Lane
- *The Great Escape* by Kate Egan with Magician Mike Lane
- *The Disappearing Magician* by Kate Egan with Magician Mike Lane
- *Upside Down Magic* by Sarah Mlynowski

Other Books by this Author:

- *Kate and Nate Are Running Late* (illustrated by Dan Yaccarino).

Additional Resources

- Teach the students to do a magic trick!
- Reader's Theater script:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yTE8-E9JZYBvqIC-PTwQFUeetr3OWoannmARJrA_Vyo/edit
- Interview with Mike Lane: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDXTtSLMNe8>
- Interview with Kate Egan: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVzAxL_uL8
- Lesson ideas:
 - <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/The-Vanishing-Coin-A-Reading-Comprehension-Quiz-and-Activity-1957618>
 - <https://texasbluebonnetaward2016.wordpress.com/the-vanishing-coin/>
 - <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/360499145151732877>