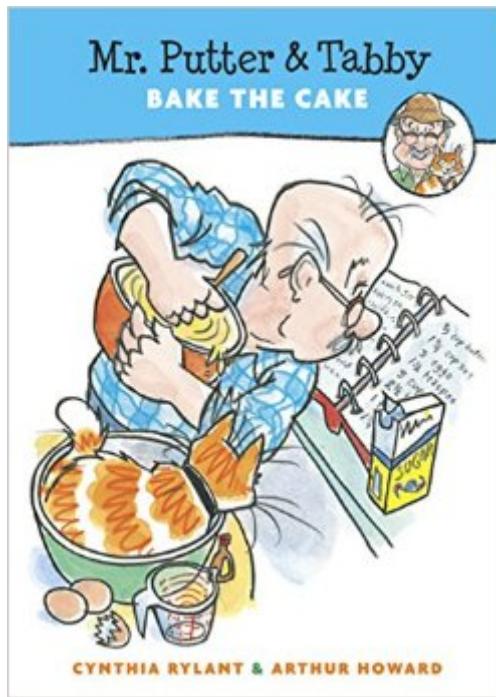


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Mr. Putter & Tabby Bake The Cake



Synopsis

Mr. Putter and his beloved cat bake a light and airy Christmas cake for their neighbor Mrs. Teaberry. Howard's relaxed, mixed-media pictures catch the nuances of the cozy, affectionate relationship between an old man and a cat with all the right moves. --Booklist

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This is such a wonderful book. Christmas is coming and Mr. Putter is trying to choose a gift for Mrs. Teaberry. She likes such strange things including fruitcake (which, Mr. Putter notes, "could break her toe if she dropped it."). Mr. Putter sets out to bake Mrs. Teaberry a "light and airy" cake for Christmas, but baking isn't as easy as it seems! Mr. Putter and Tabby end up spending a fortune just for the supplies and it takes several tries (and a long night) to make just the right cake. After staying up all night baking, Mr. Putter falls asleep right after Mrs. Teaberry receives her present. She, of course, chooses to wait until he awakens before she tries it. My son and I both love all the Mr. Putter and Tabby books and this book is one of our two favorites (the other being "Pick the Pears"). I never get tired of reading this one and my son never gets tired of hearing it! I can't wait until he can read it to me. This book is also good at Christmastime.

The Mr. Putter and Tabby series are the sort of books that I would have loved to have when I was a beginning reader. I know that I would have read them over and over again to no end, even once they began to fall apart from constant use. That's why I am so glad that Mr. Putter and Tabby are around now while my youngest brother is learning to read. The non-repetitious (words are repeated, but not enough to become explicit), non-rhyming storytelling contained within the books makes them a pleasure to read continually, unlike many other easy-reader books. And in my opinion, the Mr. Putter and Tabby books are a step in front of Ms. Rylant's Henry and Mudge collection, due to the fact that, in their own way, they create an appreciation for the elderly as the reader comes to love Mr. Putter, the aging main character whose only companion is his cat, Tabby. In Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake, Christmas is soon approaching, and Mr. Putter must decide what to give Mrs. Teaberry, his fruit-cake-loving next-door neighbor. Mr. Putter does not understand how anyone could enjoy a fruit cake, and so he sets out to make Mrs. Teaberry a "light and airy" cake for Christmas, one that "could not break her toe if she dropped it." Young readers will follow along with Mr. Putter and his good cat Tabby as they try to make Mrs. Teaberry's cake, from start to finish. Mishap prevails, leaving you to wonder if they will ever get through in time. It all adds up to a cheery Christmas story about giving and the saying, "It's the thought that counts!" Mr. Howard's cartoon-style illustrations greatly enhance this wonderful story, which is written in such a format to be used as either a 3-chapter book for the beginning reader, or a bedtime story that is longer in length. Either way, the Mr. Putter and Tabby books would be a great find for emerging readers' shelves. Like having a kindly old grandpa next door, they only make life richer!

Another sweet and funny story from Cynthia Rylant! My children (ages 7 and 8) love Mr. Putter & Tabby, but I think parents enjoy these books just as much! In this story, Mr. Putter navigates baking for the first time, with the goal of giving a Christmas cake to his friend Mrs. Teaberry. Mr. Putter embodies perseverance and the spirit of giving in this book! While the holiday figures into the story, my kids enjoy the book year-round. Perfect for a child just entering chapter books.

A delightful Christmas story that emphasizes giving of oneself and pokes a little fun at commercialism. Mr. Putter is as "light and airy" (or light and HAIRY as my five-year-old points out in chapter 4) as ever. Mr. Putter teaches us that we are never too old to learn!

A true friend, that Mr. Putter...He doesn't want his dear neighbor, Mrs. Teaberry to break her toe for dropping one of those fruitcakes she loves so much...And even though he doesn't know how to

bake a cake (much less have pans!) he goes above and beyond to bake her a light and fluffy cake for Christmas. A lovely story that reminds us that thinking of others at a very special time of year...is very special :) What "I" love is that Cynthia Rylant has quite a knack for writing children's books. Her books are so engaging. My daughter (6) LOVES reading her books...Not only are her stories magnificent but the artwork is always so crisp, colorful and refreshing...adding so much to the story. Highly recommend this or any of the other Mr. Putter & Tabby books in the series.

This is another winner from the "Mr. Putter and Tabby" series. Old Mr. Putter and his old cat like to sit and watch the snow, but they must act soon if they want to think of something to give their nice neighbor, Mrs. Teaberry, for Christmas. Knowing her unlikely fondness for fruitcake, the intrepid pair decide to bake her one that wouldn't "break her toe if she dropped it." After much ado, they finally succeed in their effort, and fall asleep on Christmas morning in Mrs. Teaberry's house, having just delivered the cake. In the end, Mr. Putter goes home with "a very nice toaster that sang 'America the Beautiful' when the bread popped up." This gentle, subtle humor runs throughout the book and goes well with the colorful, expressive illustrations. Mr. Putter's persistence in trying to bake a cake is admirable. Furthermore, like many good Christmas books, this one shows the importance of giving. A fine book for kids who are just beginning to read.

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