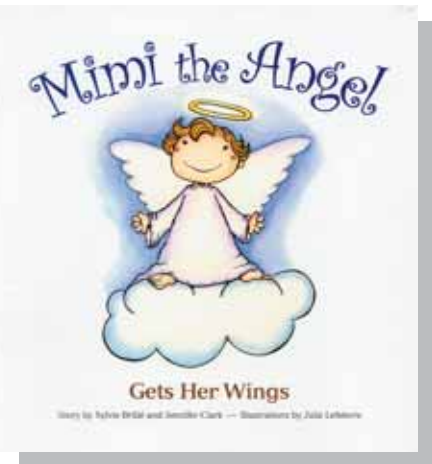


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A MONTHLY PAGE FOR KIDS' CREATIVE READING AND WRITING

This month's book reviews flew in on the wings of an angel



The character *Mimi the Angel* was inspired by a nine-year-old girl named Emily "Mimi" R. who is a magical 'Indigo' child living in Orleans, Ontario. Indigo children are considered to be those who are able to make positive changes in the world and are here to assist humanity.

Ottawa authors Sylvie Brule and Jennifer Clark collaborated to create a sweet angel who helps and teaches children on Earth about spirituality, love, hope, faith, respect and goodness.

Mimi was born when local artist Julie Lefebvre brought this helpful angel to life.

The pupils at the Good Shepherd School in Blackburn Hamlet responded to a presentation at their school by Mimi's authors.

"The students and I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation," wrote teacher Jennifer Conway. "Mimi became a real character to them, and they became engaged in hearing her story... The bookmark, pamphlet and the feather were a nice touch and one that the students appreciated. The feather became a 'Story Bit' that the students used to retell the story to their parents."

Here are excerpts from some of the students' comments:

Mimi the angel is a very kind girl. She had no wings at first. After that he found out that she was going to be a guardian angel. Being a guardian angel was hard work! The guardian angel said she was a person that could believe in herself.

Mathius Herman, Grade 2

My favorite part is when she was delighted because she was getting her wings!! The part that was humorous was when a fairy was on a snail.

Luis Andres Chavez, Grade 2

My favorite part was when Mimi got her wings. The age level is between 5-7 years. Mimi was nice, good, a guardian angel, excited and happy. The vocabulary was good, interesting and had heart. There were easier words.

Amber Preston, Grade 2



DRAWING: CHRISTINA



DRAWING: HANNAH

I really like Mimi because she prays to God like we Christians should do. She was earning her wings.

Hannah Jolley, Grade 1

The main character was Mimi the angel. The age level should be between 3-9. And I really liked the illustrations because the colors were really bright and colorful...I recommend it to anyone who believes in guardian angels! I think that's only grade JK to Grade 3.

Ashley Klepsch, Grade 2

The age level for this book is between 1-7 years. I didn't have a favorite part because I liked all of the book. The illustrations were really good. Mimi is a glad person... The vocabulary is easier words.

Joshua McGrath, Grade 2



DRAWING: ESTELA



DRAWING: ANDRES



DRAWING: AMANDA

The *Mimi the Angel* book is a wonderful book for little kids. It teaches young kids about angels and that they are always looked after by their guardian angels. It's a sweet story about a little angel that finally gets her wings and becomes a guardian angel. It shows some of the things that guardian angels have to do. This book will be a book that little kids will want to read over and over again. Soon there will be a series of Mimi the Angel

books coming out. The names of the books that are coming out soon are: *Mimi the Angel visits the Hospital*, *Mimi the Angel Helps Mother Nature* and *Mimi the Angel Travels the World*. You can also visit www.mimitheangel.ca to learn more about Mimi the Angel. *Mimi the Angel gets her wings* is a book that I enjoyed reading.

*Amanda Nitschke
Glebe Montessori School, Ottawa*



DRAWING: KAYLA

I think the story *Mimi the Angel* is a very good book. My favorite part is when she became a guardian angel. Mimi the Angel is a good book to have. It's adventurous, nice and fun. It's a great book to read and to have.

*Kayla Saikaley, Grade 4,
St. Andrew Catholic School, Nepean*

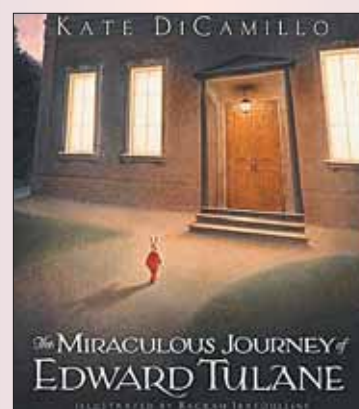


And Now For Something Special: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

By **Connie Delahanty**
Nicholas Hoare Books

Sometimes a book comes along that requires special notice. Kate DiCamillo's *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* is one of those books. Already, Edward Tulane has developed a following of devoted readers who are not too proud to say that they have been touched by his story and affected by his experiences.

Edward Tulane is the three foot, china rabbit belonging to a little girl named Abilene Tulane. Abilene loves Edward, but, sadly, Edward does not appear to be capable of loving. He is a vain, self centered creature whose only interest is his elegant wardrobe. Naturally, this relationship benefits neither Edward nor Abilene, and who knows what would have happened had there been no



changes in the lives of the Tulane family.

But change is the making of the cold-hearted Edward. The Tulane family, with Edward in his finest outfit, sail to England. On the first day out, Edward comes to the attention of a group of high spirited boys and finds himself being tossed overboard.

There, at the bottom of the sea, his journey begins. From that moment on, what Edward feels, we feel, what Edward learns, we learn. His journey becomes our journey.

Readers may already have met some of Kate DiCamillo's other characters like the wise and perspicacious dog in *Because of Winn-Dixie*, or the big-eared mouse in the 2004 Newbery Award winner *The Tale of Despereaux*. If not, you're in for a treat.