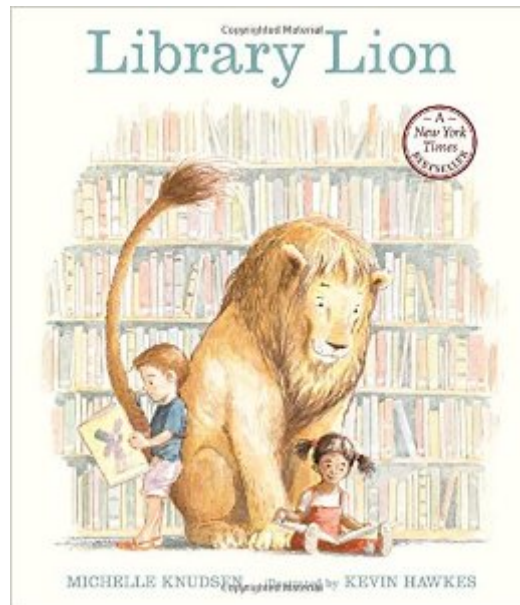


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Library Lion



Synopsis

A deluxe edition celebrating ten years of a beloved classic: the New York Times best-selling ode to that wonderful place, the library. Miss Merriweather, the head librarian, is very particular about rules in the library. No running allowed. And you must be quiet. As long as you follow the rules, you are permitted to enjoy the library. There are no rules about lions in a library, and why would there be? But one day, a lion walks into Miss Merriweather's library, and no one is sure what to do. It turns out that the lion seems very well suited for the library. His big feet are quiet on the library floor. He makes a comfy backrest for the children at story hour. And he never roars in the library—at least not anymore. But when something terrible happens, the lion helps in the only way he knows how. Could there ever be a good reason to break the rules? Even in the library? From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

"Library Lion," written by Michelle Knudsen and illustrated by Kevin Hawkes, has a timeless quality and moral appeal that will assure its place in the future lists of classic storybooks for children. When a lion shows up for storytime, Miss Merriweather, the head librarian, makes it clear that the lion can only stay if he follows the rules. That includes being quiet; in other words, No Roaring. The lion

loves storytime and visits the library every day. He follows all the rules and even comes early to help Miss Merriweather. One day, though, something bad happens and the only way the lion can help is by making a great big roar. The sad lion leaves the library because he knows he has broken the rules. Finally, the lion learns that "sometimes there is a good reason to break the rules" and makes a joyous return to storytime at the library. Knudsen's character development is superb. In just a few short sentences, we "know" Miss Merriweather, her assistant Mr. McBee, and a lion who never says a word. Hawke's illustrations are just as exceptional. The pictures, in their soft, muted tones, provide rich scenery and abundant expression. You can easily see everyone's surprise to see a lion in the library, the lion's happiness to be helping in the library, and the lion's sadness when he thinks he cannot return to the library. A visit to the library produces heartfelt lessons in following (and not following) rules in the endearing tale "Library Lion." I highly recommend "Library Lion."

Rules are very important, especially in libraries. Miss Merriweather knows all about library rules, and she likes to make sure everyone follows them. When a lion strolls into the building one day, she isn't sure what to do. No one else knows what to do either. The lion turns out to be very helpful. He is quiet now that he knows not to roar inside, he is warm and soft for story hour, and he likes to help Miss Merriweather with things like licking envelopes and dusting shelves. The lion proves to be very good at following the rules--until Miss Merriweather takes a nasty tumble. What will happen to the lion when he breaks the rules to help her out? In this charming storybook, children will learn that rules are to be followed, but sometimes it's okay to go against them if it's an emergency. The message is presented in a non-frightening manner that will warm children's hearts. Although Miss Merriweather is hurt, we know she will be okay, and her sense of duty remains intact ("No running!"). We also learn that jealousy can cause problems. The library assistant, Mr. McBee, doesn't care for all the attention the lion has taken from him, and the consequences are laid out when he ignores the lion's pleas for help. This is a wonderful book. It may well be a classic one day, and it should go into your library today. Reviewed by Christina Wantz Fixemer 10/26/2006

If an important part of your growing up has been reading, you realize there are many people to thank. Author Michelle Knudsen is saying 'thanks' with her (2006) story about Library Lion, and her story is welcomed by hundreds of children plus many adult readers. An Ithaca (NY) connection (such as the author's) defines a special person according to reviewer mcHaiku. My first library experience was in Ithaca (1931) just a block south of home with only Court Street to cross, an important consideration at age five. Some of us never outgrow our love of children's books and are protective

of the memories they conjure up. We remember with gratitude the stability and encouragement found at libraries like Ithaca's, and Petit Branch in Syracuse. The Library Lion is destined to become an all-time favorite for it not only stirs the feel-good memories of childhood, it tweaks the funny bone of any who may recall a particular frown, or raised eyebrow when they were misbehaving in the stacks. There have been so many outstanding librarians in my family and life I thought that those negative remarks or film images were jokes. This story is wonderful fun because it is written & illustrated with great affection. Miss Merriweather, the librarian, has her rules, and her assistant Mr. McBee loves to enforce them. The lion's helpfulness extends to licking envelopes containing overdue notices, and he does that with glib fervor. Kevin Hawkes draws a wide gamut of human-like emotions in the Lion for adults and children to laugh over and discuss. Does one illustration hint that Ms. M 'has a thing' about McBee? So be it; these times call for sweet distractions, and moral lessons a la "Black Beauty." The lucky children hearing about Michelle Knudsen's "Library Lion" at storytime are on their way to building strong lifetime relationships with libraries everywhere. CHEERS all around!

Michelle Knudsen's Library Lion is the new favorite of my three children (4, 6, 7). I have read this book out loud THREE times in the past week; they like it better every time! I'm starting to know it by heart. The illustrations are remarkable, and the story has a classic feel--warm and sweet. Makes me remember my own childhood when my father used to read to me.

The kids love this one and I must say I do too. This is a simple story of a lion who when to the library. It is funny, well written and the illustrations are some of the best I have seen in sometime now. I have yet to have a child that did not like and enjoy this one. Even the non readers like it read to them and enjoy the pictures. The text matches the illustrations perfectly and there is an actual story to follow. Recommend this one highly.

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