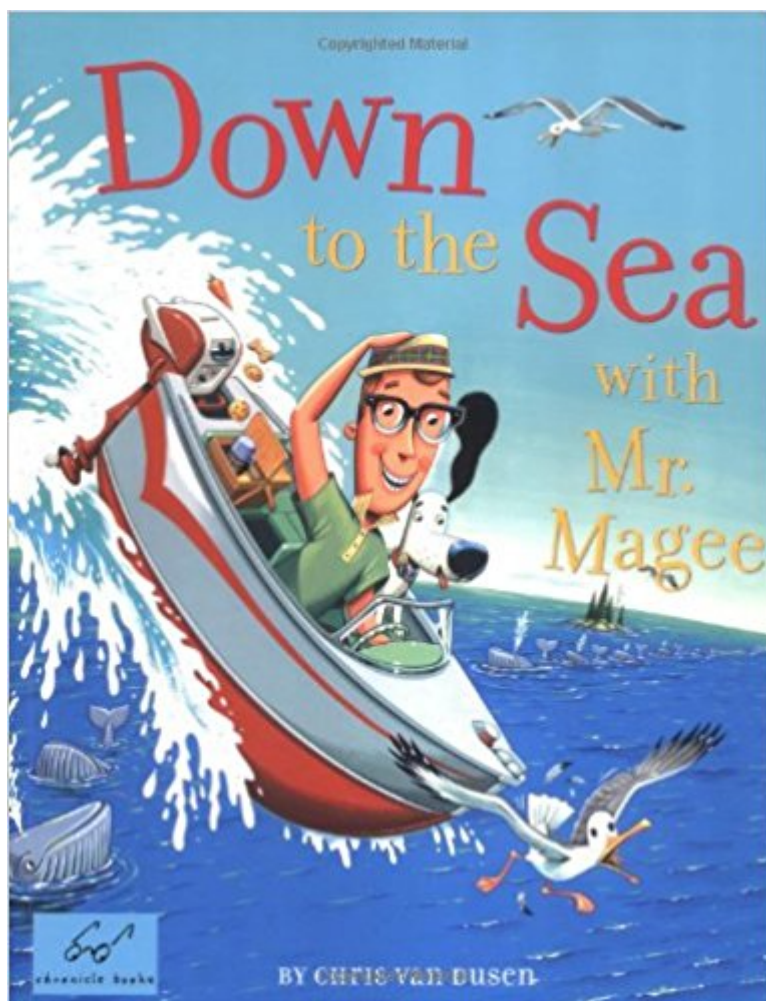


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# Down To The Sea With Mr. Magee



## Synopsis

With enough lunch for three, Mr. Magee and his dog Dee head out to the sea. But what begins as a fun day in the sun turns a bit bumpy when one playful whale decides to say hello. Soon the crew that once was floating finds themselves flying! How will they get down? Who will come to their rescue? And when will they ever get to eat lunch? *Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee* is a great read-aloud, sure to provide fits of giggles.

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A chrome kitchen table, a buttercream-yellow Studebaker and other campy 1950s accessories distinguish this ebullient picture book. At daybreak, Mr. Magee, sporting a spiffy straw boater, and his black-and-white beagle, Dee, pack a picnic basket and drive to the seaside. They hop into their red-and-silver motorboat and putter across a hyper-blue ocean, past rocky islands that suggest the Maine coastline. As they admire a pod of whales in the distance, a stray baby whale grows curious. "From under the sea the little whale spied/ Magee and Dee's boat--but not them inside./ He longed for adventure. He wanted to play./ So he bumped at the boat in a most friendly way." Van Dusen (illus. of Silas, the Bookstore Cat) radically shifts perspective from spread to spread. Readers get a bird's-eye view of the boat with the immense whale below it, a lobster's-eye view of the whale beneath the tiny boat and a breathtaking close-up of Magee and Dee, who are airborne when the whale spouts a plume of water. The narrative bounces along on merrily measured meter, which maintains a lighthearted mood as the other whales get Magee and Dee out of trouble. The story

ends at nightfall, with the sailors back on dry land. Van Dusen's exacting verse and kitschy, perfectionistic gouaches make this one whale of a tale. Ages 4-8. (Mar.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 1-Mr. Magee and his dog Dee set out in their boat for a calm day on the water. While they admire a pod of whales, a stray comes up from underneath their boat and gives a big blow. The boat goes flying through the air and lands in a tree. Eventually, the whales come to their rescue and Mr. Magee and Dee return safely home after their crazy adventure. The momentum of the story is fast, and the rhyming text is sure to delight children. The gouache cartoons have a nostalgic '50s look and are bright, comical, and alive with color and detail. Each double-page spread offers a new perspective on the action. A strong debut for Van Dusen. Hennie Vaandrager, Byron Township Library, Byron Center, MI Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Extraordinary illustrations. The composition, design and color are great. It makes it all exciting and very professional. I'm not a big fan of rhyming books but this was actually very fun to read as an adult. It surely is a great collection to have as a paperback too. The kids had lots of fun, the story incited their imagination and discussion. I love a great children's book with a lot of improbable and surreal adventures.

I came across this author and can't get enough of the books that he's written. I have two toddlers and they love every story that we have read by Chris Van Dusen. The illustrations are amazing; and there is so much detail we love to look through the pages to see what we have missed from a previous reading. Mr. Magee and his dog Dee decide to take a boat trip; they wake up early pack a lunch but when they see a pod of whales, they are in for quite a surprise on what they thought was going to be a peaceful day. If you have young children I would HIGHLY recommend this book and anything that he has written. I'm already planning out who I can give this book to for future birthdays and baby showers.

I got the paper back version of this book as that would be significantly cheaper than the hard cover version and I was not disappointed. The whole scenario of a goofy little man and his cute dog packing a picnic to the sea for a ride on their boat is such a cozy vision to the mind. The text of the story is not too simple and has a rhyme and rhythm to it and the illustrations are amazingly scenic

with a kind of a 3D effect. This book is supposed to be the best in this series. Recommended age 3-8 yrs.

So love this author's books. We have two and love them. Beautiful whimsical illustrations and wonderful writing make us read it again and again. Will buy his other ones now!

My daughter LOVES this book and the others in the series (2.5 years old) and I find them fun to read too.

Chris Van Dusen does ever seem to disappoint, our daughter adores the stories. This one has such wonderful illustrations and colors and of course the story has a Fantastic story line. Hope you choose to purchase this one.

Being from Maine, we love all Chris Van Dusen's books. We have all his books and they are all beautifully illustrated. Fun pictures. Love Love Love them all. Recommended from 4-8 years old.

My 2 and a half year old son is crazy about books. I get sick of reading mindless stuff so I'm always hunting for new authors. This keeps us both entertained. I just purchased it again for a birthday gift.

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