



***Little Witch* - Juliette MacIver** illustrated by **Cat Chapman**

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There's an enchanting mix of mischief and magic in the three short stories in *Little Witch*.

The Witch family live in a zany household where the unexpected is normal. Confusion, muddled spells and magical hi-jinks are commonplace. When Mother Witch and Father Wizard go out for the evening a hard-of-hearing sorceress comes to look after Little Witch and Baby Wizard. Sorceress Monda creates havoc with her magic when she repeatedly misunderstands what Little Witch says.

In the second story Little Witch is constantly reminded to use the magic word when she asks for something. However, 'please' does not always bring positive results. Little Witch learns there are other more effective words to use with spectacular results.

The clever puns and 'Wixed-up Merds' in the third story will have readers chuckling with delight. The magical stories are full of surprises and rib-tickling fun.

Humorous illustrations by Cat Chapman show the witches and wizards in all their eccentricity. Little Witch is a lovable young girl full of curiosity and keen to explore her magical powers. Dragons, unicorns, toads, newts and goblins join in the mayhem.

This is an excellent addition to the Walker Stories series of chapter books for early readers.

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book author**

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