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The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore

Joyce, William

Illustrated by William Joyce and Joe Bluhm

Atheneum Books for Young Readers: New York, 2012

978-1-4424-5702-7

“The power of story will save the day,” William Joyce writes in *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*. And this wildly imaginative book conveys that profound hope with joyous images and a beautifully constructed narrative. Modeled after the author’s experience of Hurricane Katrina, Morris Lessmore loves writing but loses all his words when a great wind topples the world as he knows. The color (literally) drained from his person, Morris begins a process of rediscovery leading him back to the power of story to give life. He even learns to leave his own written story with loved ones when he leaves this world. In the experience and the construction of stories Morris finds redemption, and this theme will stick with the reader long after the last inventive page is turned.

Highly Recommended

James Sandberg, Centennial Library Intern