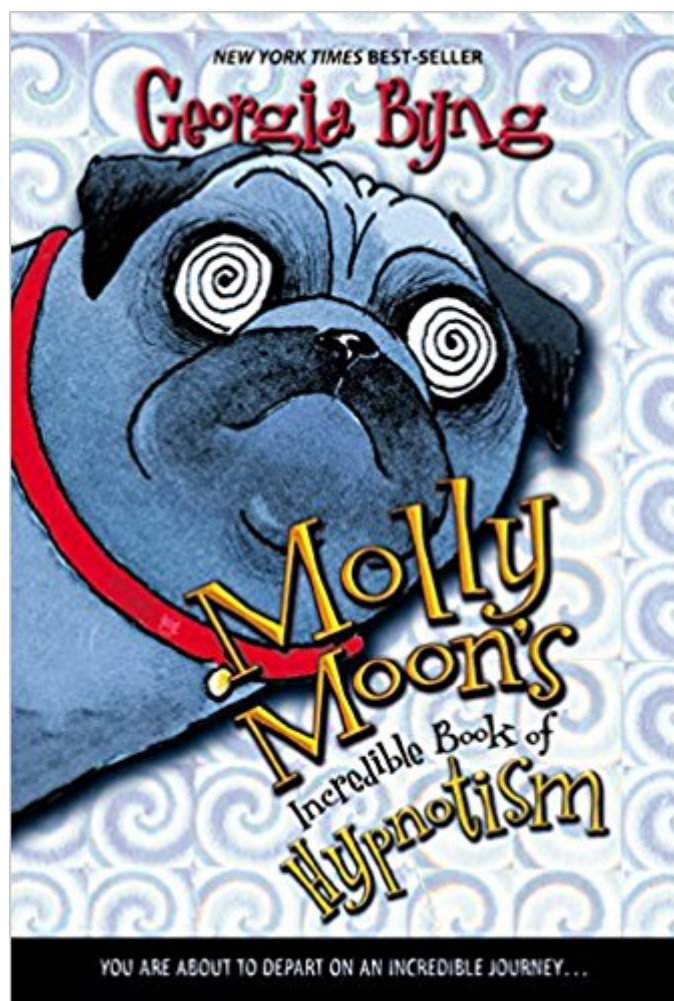


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Molly Moon's Incredible Book Of Hypnotism



Synopsis

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Hypnotism Molly Moon is no ordinary orphan. When she finds a mysterious old book on hypnotism, she discovers she can make people do whatever she wants. But a sinister stranger is watching her every move and he'll do anything to steal her hypnotic secret...

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Customer Reviews

She might not be as photogenic as Harry Potter, but the charming Molly Moon makes up the difference in pluck in this somewhat similar story of a put-upon English orphan who finds that she has abilities beyond her wildest imagining. Georgia Byng's debut novel has already swept to such success that it's due for translation in over 20 countries, with a movie version following close behind (produced by Harry Potter's David Heyman, natch). And with such a genuinely likeable (if straightforward) story and heroine, it's not hard to see why. Molly Moon struggles to survive in Hardwick House, an orphanage apparently run by and for caricatures--the beastly mistress Miss Adderstone and her bad-tempered pug, the muscly Gordon Boils (who tattooed "KING GORD" on the fingers of his fists with a compass and ink), creepy Roger Fibbin with his "sharp nose and cold, spying eyes." But as all wish-fulfillment adventures must go, Molly's life is changed one fateful day, as an arcane book draws out her special talent--she can hypnotize anybody to do anything she wants! Byng makes good use of her otherwise mundane cast with plenty of wry asides (like Molly's fixation on the transformative promise of advertising), great running jokes (especially the metamorphosis of the orphanage's hard-boiled cook into a proud Italian capocuoco), some clever

plot sleight-of-hand, and ample funny descriptions (as when Molly finds herself in the Royal Suite at the Waldorf: "She wasn't sure about the Jacuzzi. It was like ten monsters farting in her bath all at once."). (Ages 9 to 12) --Paul Hughes --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 4-6--The melodramatic tale of a much-abused orphan who discovers a hidden talent and escapes from a brutal home life may seem familiar, but author Georgia Byng has created a character who is much larger than the talent she unleashes (HarperCollins, 2003). Molly Moon's life at Hardwick House for Orphans is terrible. Things seem their darkest when her best friend Rocky is adopted and leaves for America. Molly occasionally hides in the library, and one day she stumbles upon a book of hypnotism and learns that all of the qualities for which her classmates have teased her are actually assets to a hypnotist. Molly cleverly hones her skills and hypnotizes her way to Broadway, fame, and fortune. Evil Professor Nockman knows of the book's powers, and will stop at nothing to use the book and Molly to achieve his evil goals. Molly, a strong and principled character, never loses sight of what really matters in life, and the final chapters find her back at Hardwick House, bravely leading the other children to a better way of life. Kate Burton brings the rags-to-riches story to life with a broad range of voices and accents, from a cultured British tone to a gruff Chicago snarl. Her British pronunciations add genuineness to the text, and her soft and introspective voice of Molly makes her an even more sympathetic character, contrasting well with the other characters. Fans of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* and the Harry Potter books will appreciate this plucky little orphan, and will hope for a sequel. David Heyman, producer of the Harry Potter movies, has bought the book's motion picture rights.--MaryAnn Karre, Horace Mann Elementary School, Binghamton, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

An amusing story. Molly develops over the course of the story and she is a believable, warm and funny lead character. Besides it has got a pug in it, so what is not to like? Well, too many times the story is too predictable/convenient for an adult reader. I am sure young readers will have more fun with the books and are perhaps more forgiving of faults with pacing and the way most characters aren't well developed. Plot twists feel like cop-outs to resolve a situation. Still worth your time as it is generally well written, hypnotism is a fun concept to explore (as opposed to magic) and Molly's infatuation with advertisements is quite funny. So that's 3 stars, mainly because I am a grumpy old man and I expected a bit more depth.

Fantastic book just to read, but an amazing book for teachers to use in the classroom as a read aloud. The author writes this story in a way that almost any comprehension skill can be clearly taught again and again all the way through the book. Character traits are clear, and they show an evolution of each characters emotion and action. There is vivid visualization of places, events, and situations, as well as, cause and effect, prediction/drawing conclusions, author's purpose, etc. All the core reading skills are easy to demonstrate within this text. If you are clever with read-aloud voices you will easily draw students into this tale and leave them hanging at the end of each chapter begging for more. This story really keeps the listener on their toes since it twists and turns and does not often turn out like you think it should. A wonderfully well written book!

This was one of my first eBook purchases for my 7 yo daughter. We ordered a Kindle Fire for her when it went on black Friday sale for \$129. By the way, I use 's FreeTime app to limit her game and video time while giving her unlimited reading time. The app needs a few enhancements (like adding music as a category), but it accomplishes the basic job. Regarding this eBook, we took turns with our daughter reading it aloud. She read a lot of it on her own and finished it on her own at bedtime. She filled us in on the surprising ending. She said she would rate it 5 out of 5 stars. I hope to find many more eBooks that she'll enjoy as much as this one.

I loved this book!!! It really does show how terrible some people live!!! Recommend in it to mature 4th graders to 7th or 8th grade!!! Just amazing!!!

Loved this book so much when my daughter was a child that I bought the book for my future grandchildren. For first time readers the beginning of the book is lacking in ethics but it turns around later. A story you will enjoy as much as the child you read it to!

She thought Molly Moon went on a great adventure that my child wishes she had, to become famous. I personally think it is a great book because even though Molly Moon hypnotized people for fame she did figure out that it was wrong

I was looking for a fun read-aloud for my fifth grade class and I found the Molly Moon series on an approved 5th grade reading list. So, I read the book over one weekend and knew that my class would love it. I was right; they can't wait until read-aloud time and they're always asking if they finish

their work early if we could read Molly Moon in the time that's left over. The story starts a bit slowly, but once my kids understood there was magic involved they were hooked.

Came very clean and neat, Very recommended book.

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