

The mighty nose of Nestor Silvernose

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"When troubled with a decision, always trust your nose!" says Nestor Silvernose, the most famous investigator amongst moles, before diving into the pages of this book, to search for a solution to three different mystery stories.

Will Nestor find out who stole the scepter from the moles? Will he learn if red fireflies exist? Will he discover what it is that which makes radishes spicy?

In the end, will his mighty nose succeed?

News Release

"The mighty nose of Nestor Silvernose" refers to different kind of city-dwellers of modern-day Athens, the moles. In all honesty, did you know they live here? This is how debut author, Helen Bakogeorgou, entitled the collection of mystery stories for children over 6 years old, with the famous mole investigator Nestor Silvernose, as the main character.

Three different stories from the time when Nestor has grown old, awaiting retirement, bring us close to him, as one more reason for adventure gets him out of his chair. Who stole the scepter of Vincent Pontiff, the patriarch of the moles; a mystery like this can only be solved by Nestor's mighty nose. Do red fireflies exist? Will he win the prize for the spiciest radishes?

His companions on these adventures are old and young moles: Ignatius Renie, president of the mole association "The Good Tunnel-Digger", Ulysses Sgouros, a young mole who wants to become a detector when he grows up, but also Vincent Pontiff himself, who taught mice love and reconciliation.

Written in modern-day Athens, with references to places that your child can visit, the book contains stories that are easy to read, but which at the same time, teach you that in order to solve mysteries, you do not need a mighty nose or strong body, but a sharp mind, observance and patience; but also that a "bad past" can be forgotten with good spirits, love and brotherhood. The author pleasantly surprises us with a language both lively and playful. Her characters are animated and colorful; her stories are full of suspense, twists and turns, while creating a positive world, full of understanding, just under our nose.

Excerpt

Nestor Silvernose and the stolen scepter

In a basement apartment, which the neighbors think is vacant, in the center of Athens, lives the most famous mole of the city, Nestor Silvernose. In his youth, he travelled widely abroad. He took part in the most dangerous missions ever participated in by a mole. All missions were crowned with success. But now, he has grown old and rarely do we read his name in newspapers and magazines.

Nestor Silvernose did not pick this apartment at random. A globetrotter mole like him, a great investigator, needs a comfortable home. A home in which he can spend the evenings, like now, sitting conveniently on the couch, reading mystery books. Suddenly, and as he has almost fallen asleep in the living room, a knock is heard on the door...

Review

Three delightful stories with an interesting plot, with Nestor Asimomitis as the protagonist. Nestor's character is so fully developed and described by the author that he really convinces you that he is real and not fictional. Written in a straightforward and understandable way, with humor and enough mystery to sustain the reader's curiosity and interest till the last page. Lovely illustrations, in harmony with the text and very beautiful messages for the young readers. Messages about friendship, loyalty, trust, confidence, war, peace, adventure and love that make our lives as spicy as Nestor's radishes.

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