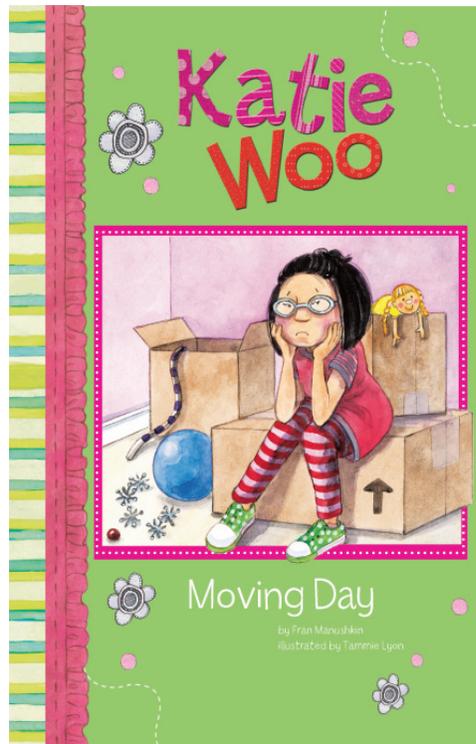




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READER'S THEATER



Moving Day by Fran Manushkin

Characters: Narrator

Mom

Katie

Dad

Girl

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Ages: 5-7

Moving Day page 1

Narrator: Katie's family was moving.

Mom: You will love our new house!

Katie: I like this one! Why can't we stay here?

Dad: Your mom has a great new job. We want to live close to it.

Katie: Who will get my old bedroom?

Mom: Another girl like you.

Katie: I will write her a note. "Dear new person, I hope you like this room. I loved it so much. Sincerely, Katie Woo."

Narrator: The Woo family drove away.

Dad: Our new bathroom is great. It has a whirlpool bath.

Katie: A whirlpool? What if I spin around and around and never stop?

Mom: Our new house has a sunken living room.

Katie: Uh-oh! What if I sink down into the floor and disappear? This house sounds weird!

Narrator: Suddenly, there it was! The new house!

Katie: It doesn't look spooky...but you never know.

Narrator: Katie peeked into the living room.

Katie: It's not sunken!

Dad: No way! It's called "sunken" because it's a few steps down.

Katie: Very fancy!

Narrator: In the bathroom, Katie was surprised again.

Katie: Where's the scary whirlpool?

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Mom: It's not scary. Look!

Narrator: Katie's mom turned on the whirlpool.

Katie: Wow! It's great for bubble baths!

Narrator: Suddenly, they heard a loud wailing. It was coming from the attic.

Katie: Oh no! This house is haunted!

Narrator: Then a girl came running into the house. She raced upstairs. Seconds later, she came down, holding a puppy.

Girl: My puppy escaped from his travel box and hid in the attic. We almost left without him!

Katie: I'm so glad you didn't!

Narrator: Katie went to her bedroom to unpack. Outside her window, she saw birds building a nest. She smiled.

Katie: You are my new neighbors.

Narrator: Soon, Katie smelled something wonderful.

Katie: Mom is making wonton soup!

Narrator: Katie heard pretty music too.

Katie: And Dad is playing the piano. This place is starting to feel like home.

Narrator: As the family ate super, Katie had a question.

Katie: Where's my bed?

Mom: I don't know. The store said it's coming today.

Katie: Maybe I can sleep in the whirlpool bath. It might be cozy, but my blanket will get very wet.

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Narrator: Just then, the doorbell rang, and in came Katie's bed.

Katie: It's a bunk bed! I can have sleepovers with Pedro and JoJo.

Narrator: At bedtime, the moon shone into Katie's room. It lit up a piece of paper in the corner. It was a note! Katie read it.

Katie: "Dear new girl, I hope you like this room. I did! A lot!"

Narrator: Katie thought for a minute.

Katie: I love it! Good night, new room.

Narrator: And then she fell asleep.

Have you ever had to move? How did you feel? Were you sad or nervous? What did you do to feel better? To read more about Katie Woo, her friends, and all of her adventures, pick up the rest of the Katie Woo books from Picture Window Fiction.

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