

# MR POPPER'S PENGUINS

Based on the book by Richard and Florence Atwater

## CHARACTER and STORY GUIDE



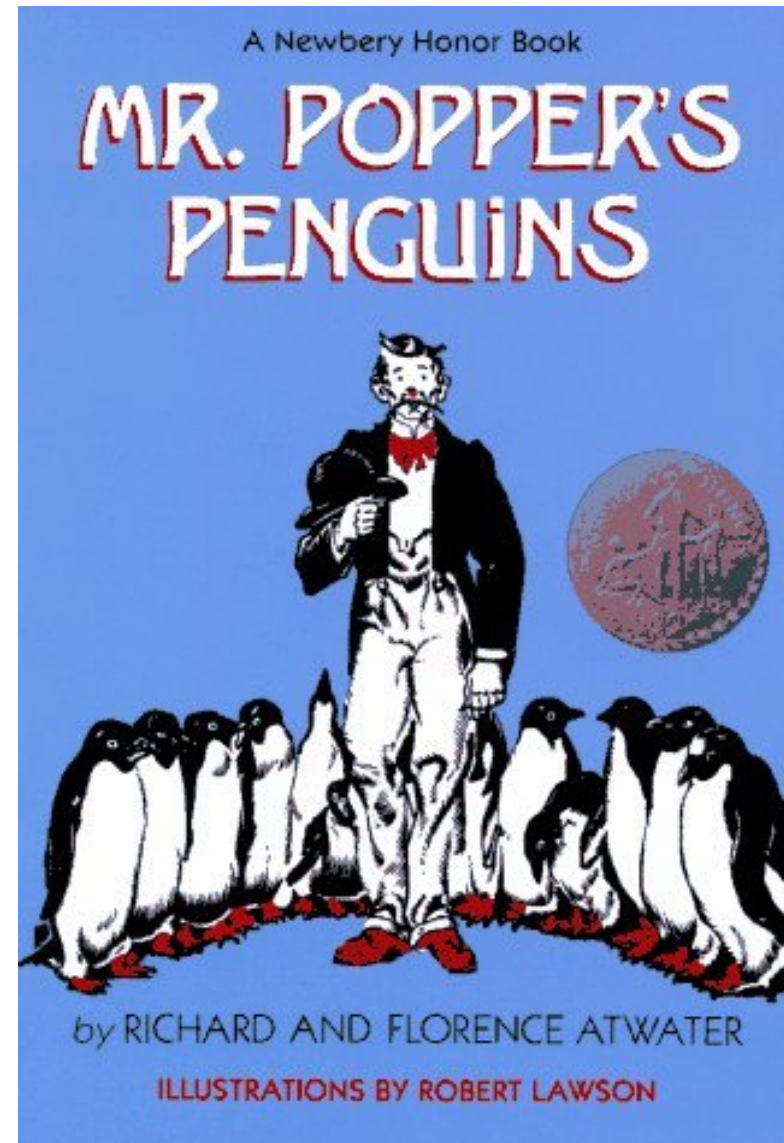
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**MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS** is a show with music based on the book, *Mr. Popper's Penguins*.

Some of the show will be just like the story in the book, and some of the show will be different from the book because songs and characters have been added.



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## CHARACTER GUIDE

**MR. POPPER** is a house painter who lives in the fictional town of Stillwater. He dreams of being an explorer! He gets a penguin from his hero, Admiral Drake, the polar explorer. Mr. Popper and Captain Cook, the penguin, become best friends! Mr. Popper is the main character of the show.



**MRS. POPPER** loves looking after her husband, Mr. Popper. At first, she does not like adventure, but then the penguins change her mind! Mrs. Popper trains the penguins to perform and introduces them to Mr. Greenbaum.



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**MR. GREENBAUM** is a famous theater producer. He helps The Poppers and their penguins become a worldwide success!



**ADMIRAL DRAKE** is an adventurer who explores Antarctica. Drake sends Mr. Popper the penguin, Captain Cook! He also helps Mr. Popper bring the penguins back to their natural habitat at the South Pole.



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**CAPTAIN COOK** is a penguin! He makes himself very comfortable at the Poppers' home. Cook falls in love with another penguin named Greta, and they have a large family together.

**GRETA** arrives from London Zoo when Captain Cook becomes sick. Greta has also been ill, but both penguins feel better after meeting! Greta and Cook have a very large family of eight baby penguins.

**THE BABY PENGUINS** are the excitable babies of Captain Cook and Greta. The penguins, with their parents, are trained by the Poppers to perform penguin tricks.



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## STORY GUIDE

Mr. Popper longs to be a great adventurer and travel the world!



Mr. Popper's hero, Admiral Drake, sends Mr. Popper a crate containing a penguin. Mr. Popper calls him Captain Cook!



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Mrs. Popper reminds Mr. Popper and Captain Cook of the rules after they cause trouble in the neighborhood.



Captain Cook becomes sick because he is so lonely. Mr. Popper sends out an urgent call for help!



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Greta arrives from the London Zoo. Now Captain Cook has another penguin for company.



Captain Cook and Greta fall in love. The house is overrun with eight baby penguins!



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After taking care of the penguins, Mrs. Popper becomes more playful and Mr. Popper becomes more responsible.



When money runs short, Mrs. Popper begins training the penguins to perform penguin tricks professionally.



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The Poppers and the penguins visit the theater producer, Mr. Greenbaum. He helps them become a huge success!



Admiral Drake returns from Antarctica. He convinces the Poppers to return the penguins to their natural habitat at the South Pole.



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The Poppers travel to Antarctica to set Captain Cook, Greta and their babies free. Good-bye, penguins!



Mr. Greenbaum encourages the audience to waddle, tap and squawk like penguins to replace the penguins in his show!

The show ends with fake snow falling from the ceiling, accompanied by the orchestra getting louder. The snow is made with non-toxic soap and made by a machine in the theater. You may hear the machine!



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