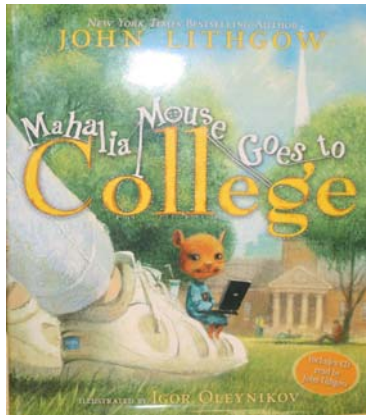




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Discussion Questions for K-2nd Grade

1. Look at the front cover, what do the pictures tell you about the story? What do you think the story might be about?
2. What is Mahalia trapped in? What words in the story told you she was trapped?
3. How do you think Mahalia feels? How would you feel?
4. How do the illustrations or pictures in the story help you to understand the story?
5. How does Mahalia's character change? Is she happy now or sad? What other words could describe Mahalia?
6. On the day of graduation, why does Mahalia go pale? What might she have been worried about?
7. What is the moral (the lesson) of the story? What is to be gained by reading this book?
8. Have you heard of college or know of anyone that has gone to college?



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Discussion Questions for 3rd-5th Grade

1. By looking at the front cover, is the book fiction or non-fiction. What illustrations support your prediction?
2. How does the author and illustrator work together to create the setting for the first 3 scenes of the book?
3. What has happened as everything faded to black?
4. What possible scenarios could happen to Mahalia next?
5. What imagery sticks out in your mind? What words does the author use to create that imagery?
6. As you progress through the text what patterns do you notice?
7. Where is the turning point in the story? What changes the character and her path?
8. "For no shrinking violet, she" What do you think this line means?
9. How does Mahalia's character change? Is she happy now or sad? What other words could describe Mahalia?
10. On the day of graduation, why does Mahalia go pale? What might she have been worried about?
11. What is the moral of the story? What is to be gained by reading this book?
12. What are some of the colleges that you have heard about or have thought about going to?

Vocabulary

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| pelting | dormitory | faltered | consumed | sorrow | seasoned | self-confident |
| faded | imprisoned | tumbled | tossed | tormented | | distressed |
| unfamiliar | retreat | imprudence | advanced | entranced | | midst |
| allayed | glorious | transfixed | giddily | jubilation | | |
| commencement | procession | self-reliance | | | | |

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