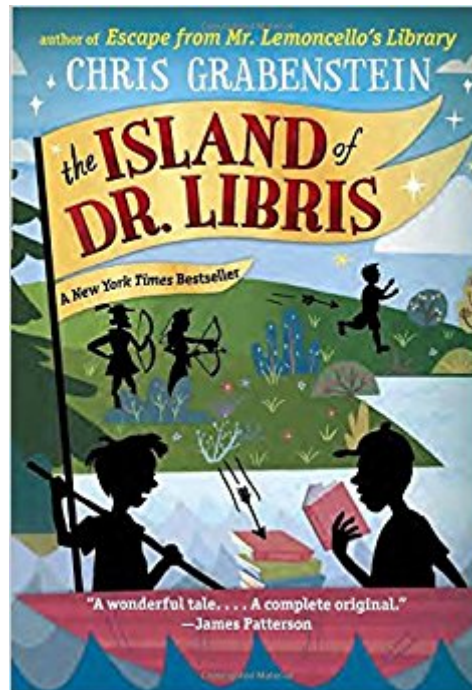




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The Island Of Dr. Libris



Synopsis

Chris Grabenstein, author of the New York Times bestselling *Escape from Mr.*

Lemoncello—his Library and coauthor of the *I Funny* series with James Patterson, celebrates the power of imagination with this action-packed adventure that shows that sometimes the real story starts after you close the book! What if your favorite characters came to life? Billy is spending the summer in a lakeside cabin that belongs to the mysterious Dr. Libris. But something strange is going on. Besides the security cameras everywhere, there's Dr. Libris's private bookstore. Whenever Billy opens the books inside, he can hear sounds coming from the island in the middle of the lake. The clash of swords. The twang of arrows. Sometimes he can even feel the ground shaking. It's almost as if the stories he's reading are coming to life! But that's impossible . . . isn't it? Look for brand-new BONUS material in the paperback, including a GALLERY of literary characters, a discussion guide, a behind-the-scenes look at Chris's process, and more! "A wonderful tale. . . . A complete original."—James Patterson "Effortlessly readable and a whole lot of fun."—Booklist "A science-based variation on the theme of fictional characters being brought to life. [A] satisfying read."—Publishers Weekly

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Customer Reviews

Gr 4-7 • Billy is not thrilled to be spending the summer in a cabin on a lake in the middle of nowhere. His mom and dad aren't together, and he's worried this change may be permanent. Their cabin is owned by Dr. Libris, who also owns the mysterious island in the lake. With a lack of technology, and bullies as neighbors, Billy resorts to searching for a key to open the bookcase in Dr. Libris' study. What he unlocks brings classic books to life—when he reads the books, he hears the action somehow occurring on the island. Curious, he ventures out to the island to explore and discovers the unbelievable—somehow the stories he is reading are actually happening. When he meets Hercules, Zeus, Robin Hood, Tom Sawyer, and others, he becomes embroiled in their adventures and unwittingly causes the storylines to collide. When Billy brings his neighbors, Walter, and Walter's sister, out to the island, they all face treacherous foes including the giant from Jack in the Beanstalk and a space lizard from Walter's comic book. Billy is left trying to figure out whether Dr. Libris is behind everything, whether his own mind may be the culprit, and whether or not he can use the island to help save his parents' marriage. While the plot is unique, the story feels too far-fetched to be believable, and lacks the magic of Grabenstein's *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* (Random, 2013). • Michele Shaw, Quail Run Elementary School, San Ramon, CA --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

"A wonderful tale | This book is like no other I've read. It's a complete original." -- James Patterson "In this entertaining literary romp, the author includes references to over 20 classic tales, from Aesop's Fables to Holes. For curious readers, he's listed the titles at the end, but familiarity with these stories is not required to appreciate this fast-paced fantasy. Readers will wish their summers were so eventful." - Kirkus Reviews "Readers will appreciate Billy's cleverness in solving his ever-growing problems, as these literary characters make plenty of trouble outside the confines of their intended stories. Effortlessly readable and a whole lot of fun." - Booklist Reviews From the Hardcover edition.

I am a huge fan of Chris Grabenstein's fiction for children, but I must admit this one was a bit of a dud. The premise pulled me in: a boy visits an island where characters from literature come to life. They interact with Billy, the reader, but also with each other. This makes the story far more interesting. Billy is joined by the boy next door, Walter, and together they form a bond. Both are awkward in their own ways, but they complement each other. My only complaint is the character Dr. Libris. He's pretty much out of the picture until the end of the book, when he appears for two pages

and takes off again. While there he proves himself to be a real jerk, not the brilliant inventor of technology to revolutionize reading. I would have rated the book a 3.5 if Dr. Libris wasn't such a disappointment. Final thoughts: this is a cute story and a fast read, but it just didn't grip me in the end.

I definitely recommend these books! They bring literature to life! All those random book characters interacting with each other - awesome!! My only negative is that I'm not a fan of wizardry and mythology and those elements are included in this book (minor part of the plot). However, it's in a very imaginative way since the boy is bringing everything he reads to life via his own imagination. I appreciate the value of what happened with his parents and that conclusion. Sends a great message!

This book was mesmerizing! My 8 year old daughter could not put this down. She absolutely loved it. The characters were well developed as was the plot. Wonderful imagery and very creative. A definite must read.

Personally, I would have given at least 20 stars. Best storyline ever. With so many classic characters coming back. All you need is a little imagination. (Ben 10.5 years).

My 9 yr old son loves these books.

I have had so much fun reading Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library to 4th and 5th grade classes that I knew I had to read this book. I was not disappointed. I can't wait to introduce next year's class to this new adventure. Billy is such a creative yet believable character, I'm sure he will be loved by them all. The clever way that Grabenstein weaves in snippets of classic books again will surely stimulate great reading and writing. Thanks, Mr. Grabenstein.

My 10 year old loved reading this!

This book was so much fun. My 6 yr old loved it! SO imaginative. Highly Recommend

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