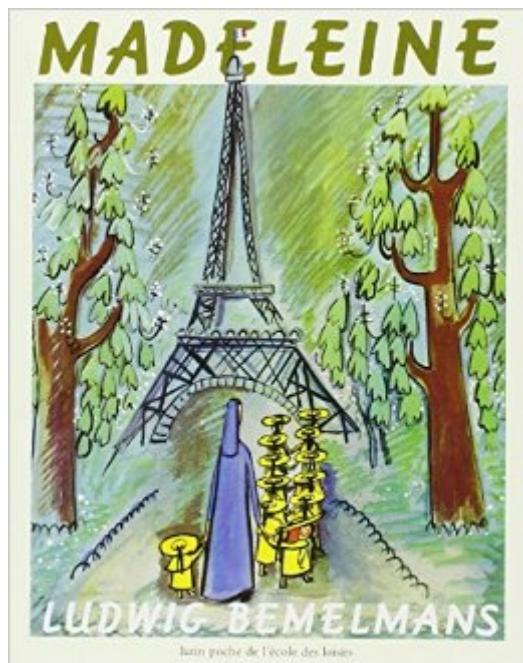


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# Madeleine (French Edition)



## Synopsis

Book Details: Format: Paperback Publication Date: 8/1/2000 Pages: 48 Reading Level: Age 5 and Up

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: 480 (What's this?)

Mass Market Paperback: 48 pages

Publisher: Editions De L'école; French edition (August 2000)

Language: French

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Madeleine, the smallest and the mightiest. This tiny book inaugurates the well-known series published from 1939 to 1961 by Austrian author Ludwig Bemelmans. Originally published in English, this French translation serves as the perfect linguistic backdrop since the story takes place in an orphanage in Paris. The "plus petite" girl Madeleine has no fear of tigers (caged ones, at least), mice or gravity. She loves the icy winter and presents a perfect example to the rest of her troop, led by the stalwart and habit-bearing Miss Clavel. But one night this little fearless red-headed girl sits up in bed groaning in pain. The doctor arrives and rushes her to the hospital. Strangely, this makes the rest of the girls miserably jealous. The story ends with one of the greatest twists of all juvenile literature. Simple but highly effective artwork accompanies the simple story. Some pages feature nearly impressionistic colors and wildly stylized backgrounds, such as the zoo scene with the roaring tiger. Others contain stark black on yellow line drawings with very minimalistic coloring. These variations provide the perfect visual fireworks to the narrative drama. The French translation manages impressively to preserve the original rhyming scheme in many places. This does result in some jostling of standard word order, so absolute beginners to French may find themselves a little perplexed here and there. As for the language level, it remains at the late beginner to early

intermediate throughout. Those undaunted by sentences such as "se renfrogaient s'il le fallait" will encounter few challenges. The imperfect tense seems to dominate the story.

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