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Simon says

Another adventure in a magic tree house. I think once we get to this point, for me at least there is great repetition in the way the book is written. The plot may be different at its core, but all the same intros and endings are played through predictably.

Patricia says

The illustrations in this Magic Tree House chapter book for young readers are really nice and help move the story along quite nicely. The story itself is filled with enough adventure, suspense and action to keep readers interested. In the story, Jack and Annie find themselves on the African Savannah where they get to see the circle of life first hand, all the while trying to figure out the answer to the third riddle which will lead them to becoming Master Librarians. It quickly becomes a sticky situation when Annie finds herself chin deep in mud and when a Masai warrior creeps up on them. Thankfully, they have peanut butter and bread to share with him. After adding the sweetest honey they have ever tasted to the bread and peanut butter, the three share a wonderful picnic. Once the riddle is solved, the pair return home to Froggy Creek.

Sarah Sammis says

Lions at Lunchtime by Mary Pope Osborne is the third of the four riddles and 11th in the Magic Tree House Series. Jack and Annie have their third scroll riddle to solve. It takes them to Kenya where they see zebras, wildebeests, hyenas and lions. They also meet a Masai warrior.

The book is full of interesting facts about the animals and the life cycle around the waterhole. The riddle this time is also focused on the animals of the area.

Like the previous two riddles, the answer will be obvious to an adult but will probably take the child reading the book a little long to sort out. My son came up with a number of possible solutions but had to wait to figure it out with Jack and Annie.

My only complaint with the book is that it makes Kenya seem more remote than it is. Now of course Jack and Annie can travel through time and space so they might have gone back in time in their journey to Kenya. It would though have been nice to include some details about how the Maasai are one part of Kenyan society instead of being represented as a mysterious and possibly threatening stranger near the waterhole.

Josephine says

This was one of the better in the series we've read so far. It had the kids on the edge of their seats the whole

time, so excited to see what happens next.

The writing is so simplistic, I'm making Audrey read the first paragraph of each chapter to me. She is doing great and loving these books. I think this is probably one we will read again. Audrey and Briella loved the Elephant shower.

IST 4th Graders says

The characters are Jack and Annie. They are around 7 years old. The setting is in Serengeti. The plot is first they are coming from the shop and they see a deer from Africa that leads them to their tree house this time they go to Africa. Annie looks out the window to look at all the animals and then she sees some wild beasts that can't get over the flood so she goes to help them. When she tries to help them she gets stuck in the mud. Then they wake up in the forest and meet some animals then they meet a Masai warrior and ate some sandwiches. Then when they were waking back to the tree house they saw some lions so they ran as fast as they can and got to the tree house. THE END (Oskar)

Izzy Brogaard says

Personal response: I read the book *Lions at Lunchtime* by Mary Pope Osborne. I like these books because Jack and Annie make a good team. They are great short chapter books.

Plot: Jack and Annie went to the treehouse and they ended up in Africa. They watched the animals from the treehouse. There was a riddle they needed to figure out. They had to find something gold, sweet, and surrounded by nature. Annie fell into a mud pit while she tried to help animals cross the river. Jack pulled Annie out to safety. They were approached by hyenas, but they learned that they were easily scared. They got the mud off of them with the help of elephants by the river. They followed a bird into the woods and found honey. They learned honey was the answer to the riddle. They ran into a warrior who always got honey. Jack and Annie made a peanut butter and honey sandwich which showed they were sorry. When they got back to the treehouse there were many lions surrounding it. Jack and Annie went to a giraffe, because lions don't like giraffes. They made it to the treehouse and back home safely.

Characterization: Throughout this book Jack got smarter. He used the book about Africa to problem solve. He also was brave for his sister when she sank in the mud and when there were lions around the treehouse. He always knew what he had to do. Annie didn't like to listen to Jack very much. She did take him seriously at some points when she needed to.

Setting: *Lions at Lunchtime* takes place in modern times in Africa. The setting is important to the story because it explains all the exotic animals the kids see on their adventure.

Recommendation: I would recommend this book to males and females because of the connections that can be made with the characters. I would also recommend this book to anyone in middle school and up because it is a short and easy read. I would give this book four stars.

Caleb Goodbread says

Jack and Annie are whisked off to the vast plains of Africa, where they must solve Morgan le Fay's third magical riddle. But that's only the beginning! Once the riddle is solved, they still have to get past a pride of lions, a humongous herd of rampaging wildebeests, and one very hungry Masai warrior. Jack and Annie are whisked off to the vast plains of Africa, where they must solve Morgan le Fay's third magical riddle. But that's only the beginning! Once the riddle is solved, they still have to get past a pride of lions, a humongous herd of rampaging wildebeests, and one very hungry Masai warrior.

Jack and Annie went to the store to buy some food. Then they saw an animal that looked like a deer. So then Annie said "it must be a sign". Jack agreed so they both went to the magic tree house and looked in the window they could not see Morgan so they went up and started looking for her but she was not there. Then when they were about to leave she came out. Morgan gave Jack a African book and Annie a scroll. They asked what it was for. She said it was for? Then she said they were going to Africa? The tree house spun faster and faster, than it was still.

The exposition of the story is when Jack and Annie go to the tree house. They have to solve riddles in Africa. But it's the third riddle they have to solve. Morgan gave both of them something a piece while going on this journey.

The setting is the the Magic Tree House, the Market Store, and Africa. The Magic Tree House is one setting because in the beginning of the story before the adventure that's where they meet, especially with Morgan to find out there journey. The Market Store because that's where they went for supplies. Africa is another because that's where the journey took place.

The protagonist is Annie. It's Annie because she leads in everything and knows what she's doing. She is also the main character. When Jack is struggling, she helps him get out.

The antagonist is Jack. It's Jack because he's the backup. When Annie can't be present he is there. He is more of the map maker, thinker, and conclusion.

The conflict is that Annie and Jack seem to have trouble finding the answers to the riddle. They also run into lions, which they think are dangerous. They are afraid that they will get hurt.

The rising action is As the children begin eating the honey, they notice they are not alone. A Masai warrior is watching them. Jack had read that these warriors have fierce fighting skills and are normally the ones who knock down the beehives for honey. The children try to talk to him, but the warrior doesn't respond. Jack remembers the bread and peanut butter still in his backpack from the trip to the store at the beginning of the book. The children make a peanut butter and honey sandwich for the warrior as a peace offering because they have taken the honey. The warrior eats the sandwich and leaves.

The climax is He is about to leave his sister when the elephant starts giving her a shower with its trunk. Jack lets the elephant clean him, too. When they are done, Jack wants to talk about the riddle, but a bird distracts Annie. She follows this bird called a "honey guide" into the forest and to a beehive. After learning from the book how to scatter the bees and knock down the beehive, the children realize that honey is the answer to their riddle.

The rising action of the story is With the answer to their riddle, Jack and Annie head back to the tree house.

They find a pride of lions resting at the base of the tree holding the tree house. Jack remembers reading that lions avoid giraffes, so Jack tells Annie to stand under a nearby giraffe. Annie says he is "nuts," but Jack grabs her hand and pulls her over to the giraffe, and they stand underneath it. They move with the giraffe as it moves closer to the tree house. When they are close, Jack and Annie dash for the tree house. They make it inside and travel back home.

The resolution is Jack and Annie debate whether to tell their mother about the adventure in Africa. They know their mother won't believe them. They decide to give her vague answers to any questions she asks. The book ends with their mother asking them if they are ready for lunch.

The secondary characters are Morgan, and Jack and Annie's mom.

Memorable quotes are "Yes," said Jack. "But it was very close." That is one famous quote from this book, that the author uses.

My overall assessment of the book is that it was a good book, but they could've made it better by putting the answer to the riddle at the end of the story, which was the honey.

Bryce Akey says

I enjoyed reading "Lions at Lunchtime." It was about two kids named Jack and Annie. Jack and Annie are playing outside when a gazelle runs through their yard. They chase after it and it leads them to the tree house. Morgan is there waiting for them, and gives them their riddle. After reading the riddle, they end up in Africa. Jack and Annie are both amazed by the desert and all of the animals. As a bird flies past them, Annie decides to chase it. Jack chases after her and stops her. As they are on their way back to the tree house, Jack sees a lion. The lion saw them, and started to chase them. Jack and Annie make it up into the tree house just in time.

The two main characters are Jack and Annie. Jack is a teenage boy who loves to read books. He is always looking after his sister, Annie, because she is always getting into trouble. Annie is a little girl who is very adventurous, and because of that she gets in to trouble.

This story starts off at Jack and Annie's house in Frog Creek, Pennsylvania. It then shifts to the tree house, and then to Africa. The time period is not mentioned. The story takes place during the daytime.

I really enjoyed this book, and I would recommend it to middle school children. It is a very easy book to follow, and the vocabulary is at their level. The author is very good at keeping the reader interested in the story.

Brandon Loehrke says

"Lions at lunchtime" starts off like every other Magic Tree House book. It starts off when Jack and Annie follow a gazelle that runs through their woods to the magic tree house. Morgan is that the tree house waiting to give them their riddle for the next adventure. To solve the riddle Jack and Annie find themselves in Africa.

Annie finds this bird and decides she wants to follow it. It leads her and Jack to a beehive. As they are heading back to the treehouse to go back home, Jack spots a groups of lions. When the lion sees Jack and Annie it begins to chase them. They make it up the latter to the treehouse just in time before the lion bites them. They make it back home before lunchtime.

The characters of this story are Jack and Annie. Jack is always looking out for his little sister to keep her safe. Annie is a very kind person, who likes to help every injured animal.

The setting of this story takes place on the plains of Africa and also in the magic tree house. The time period of this story is not mentioned but it takes place during modern times

The theme of this book is teamwork. Jack and Annie had to work together as a team to make it back to the tree house safely before the lions tried to attack them. This book shows children to work together to get things done.

I recommend this book to children just beginning to read chapter books. This book is fun and easy to read. It also teaches children to work together.

Karen says

Ellie has been reading through the Magic Tree House books in order by herself..krb 1/18/16

Rosa Cline says

This is the eleventh book in the series of books the Magic Tree House. Although it is a chapter book my son and I sat and read it for about 30 minutes or so. Very interesting, keeping our attention. Just enough 'Science' to keep it educational but yet enough imagination in it to keep it fun too.

This was wasn't disappointing after enjoying the first one as much as we did. Each book apparently will have a 'guide' to the two children in the book but to the reader-listener it will give History lesson or a Science lesson to the time frame of where the children are. A really neat series of books

This book the kids go to Africa. They learn, with the help of their guide book, the various animals that live in the plains and in Africa. This book was more 'low key' than some of them so not as fast or active as some of the books. But it was (to us) a good one.

Blake says

“Lions at Lunchtime” by Mary Pope Osborne is the eleventh book in the Magic Treehouse Series. The books

starts off like all of the others were Jack and Annie are going into the treehouse and pick a book to go to. They get to Africa and see a gazelle running into the woods. The gazelle leads them to Morgan and she gives them a riddle to solve. "I'm the color of gold and as sweet as can be. But beware of the danger that's all around me. What am I?" So then they take off into the African safari in search of the answer to the riddle. Knowing Annie as curious as she is tries to go by every animal they see. They eventually come up to this bird and it leads them to a bees hive. The answer is honey. Now they have to get back to the treehouse to give Morgan the answer. While on their way back they encounter a group of hungry lions. Annie starts to chase them but they end up chasing them back and they make it back to the treehouse just before the lions get to them. They make it back home before lunchtime and give Morgan the answer to the riddle. They then head home to lunch.

The two main characters in the book are Jack and Annie. Jack is more of the thinker of the two and is always looking out for his little sister Annie. Annie is more of the adventurous type and is always getting into things and/or chasing things.

The setting takes place in the safari of Africa for the most part and otherwise back at home in the frog creek woods. It takes place during nowadays but does not say. The author is very detailed with the setting and brings it to life with the characters.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a book about animals or to elementary school kids. This book is short and easy to read. I rate this book at four because it has a good story line but there could have been more to it.

Cathy says

I loved this one. My dad went to Africa when I was about Annie's age, so a story about all of the animals I've loved since then was very cool for me. I loved when they arrived and a giraffe was looking in the window of the Magic Tree House! The picture that accompanied this moment was really nice, showing all of the wonderful animals on the plain and their relative sizes compared to the giraffe.

It was cool when the book told the kids about how the animals and their diets are all connected. One animal eats the top of the grass, one the middle and another the bottoms.

The image of the dignified and fierce Masai warrior eating a peanut butter and honey sandwich made by Annie's elephant-washed fingers was very funny.

I enjoyed Jack's smart trick using the giraffe to escape.

Overall, this was my favorite story so far except possibly the moon trip. But that probably shows my interests more than the writing; I'm sure every reader has their favorites as well.

Sharon says

Dylan and I read this for his homework; it was cute.

Samantha says

I have always wanted to go to Africa and finally got to with Jack & Annie, my awesome friends who help Morgan through the use of her magic tree house. Lions and zebras and giraffes, oh my! Hyenas, gazelle and wildebeest, oh dear! So many animals, its just like being on a safari. And best of all, a honey bird!! Or was the best thing the Masai warrior? Or maybe the honey? It could be the riddle. But no, the best thing was the Peanut Butter and Honey sandwiches. Yum! Only one more riddle left. Until the next adventure!!! =)
