



Nate The Great



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My name is Nate the Great.

I am a detective.

I work alone.

Let me tell you about my last case:

I had just eaten breakfast.

It was a good breakfast.



Pancakes, juice, pancakes, milk,
and pancakes.

I like pancakes.

The telephone rang.

I hoped it was a call to look for
lost diamonds or pearls
or a million dollars.

It was Annie.

Annie lives down the street.
I knew that Annie did not have
diamonds or pearls
or a million dollars
to lose.
“I lost a picture,” she said.
“Can you help me find it?”
“Of course,” I said.





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After a hearty breakfast of pancakes, Nate the Great gets an urgent call from Annie.

“I lost a picture,” says Annie. “Can you help me find it?”

“Of course,” says Nate. “I have found lost balloons, books, slippers, chickens. Even a lost goldfish. Now I, Nate the Great, will find a lost picture.”

And so Nate, with the cool detachment of a Sam Spade, plunges into his new and baffling case.

Getting all the facts, asking the right questions, narrowing the list of suspects, Nate, the boy detective who “likes to work alone,” solves the mystery and tracks down the culprit. In the process, he also discovers the whereabouts of Super Hex, the missing cat!

★ “Marc Simont has dressed Nate the Great in Sherlock Holmes garb, and Marjorie Weinman Sharmat has perfectly reduced Sam Spade sentences to fit primary grade sleuths. Adults won’t mind reading this aloud again and again. Kids will like Nate the Great. Kids will want to read more of his books.”

—*School Library Journal*, Starred

“The illustrations capture the exaggerated, tongue-in-cheek humor of the story.”

—*Booklist*

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