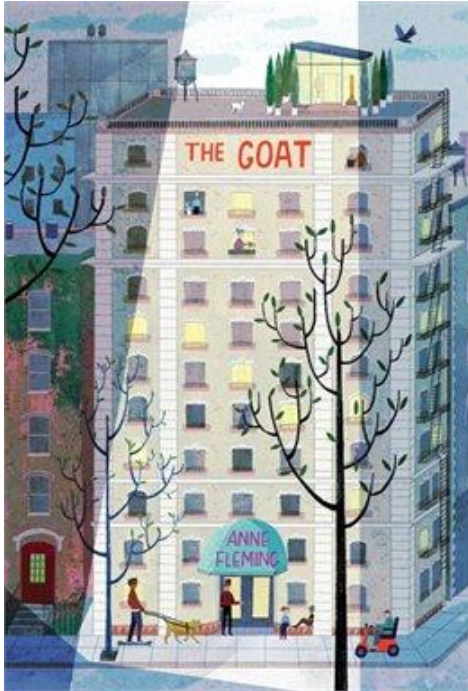


Spotlight

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Two strangers are both feeling out of place. One, a little girl named Kid, has just moved to New York City from Toronto. The other is a little white goat living on the roof of Kid's new apartment building in downtown Manhattan. An award winning author of adult fiction and poetry *The Goat* is Canadian writer Anne Fleming's first foray into children's material. She fills the book with an intriguing cast of lovable characters each struggling with their own troubles. Kid's mom is being driven to the edges of anxiety over the debut of her off-Broadway show while her dad can't manage to pull himself away from YouTube videos long enough to write his own play. Meanwhile, Kid battles shyness but manages to befriend Will, a boy who is a self-described expert in Egyptian history and who lost his parents in 9/11. And that's not even mentioning the blind pro skateboarder, the stroke victim who spies the goat but struggles to leave his apartment to tell Kid and Will, the nervous man who lies about owning guinea pigs to explain why he brings home bales of hay, and the dog named Cat. *The Goat* is a charming, gentle, and funny story about finding community and overcoming what life throws at you - whatever it might be.

I'd go as far as to say this book basically has it all. By which I mean, of course, it includes a high speed goat chase.

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