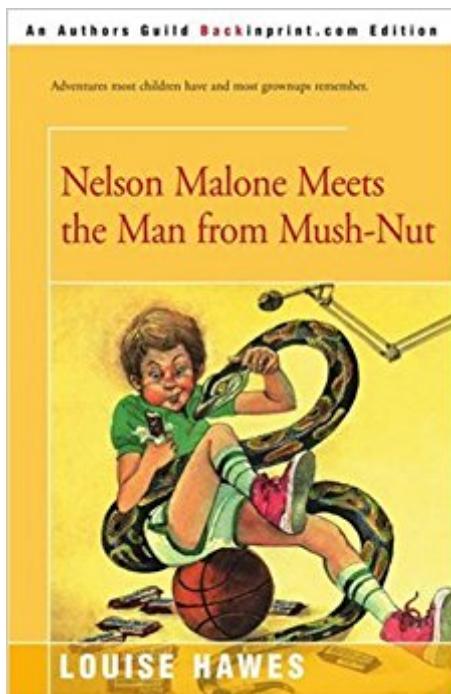


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Synopsis

Aliens for camp counselors? T.V. star for a day? A talking snake for a pet? All routine for eleven-year-old Nelson Malone, whose life is filled with the kind of fantastic adventures most boys only dream of.

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Hawes's first book is a collection of six blithe comedies, illustrated by Dodson's energetic, tuned-in drawings. Each story involves Nelson Malone, 11, in a stupendous adventure. "Samantha," for one, concerns magic that saves the boy from the embarrassment of taking his only pet, a hermit crab, to compete with classmates' glamorous animals at the school's Pet Day. A sympathetic neighbor, studying witchcraft, lends Nelson her huge snake Samantha and "ssssshe's" a "sssenssssation," causing chaos but winning the prize. In "The Man From Mush-Nut," Nelson's appetite for a candy bar brings him an offer to advertise Mush-Nuts on TV. Although his career is cut short, the experience pays off with a neat, unexpected bonus. Crackling dialogue and the author's affinity with young people add spirit to doings. Readers will hope to find more titles by Hawes after this debut.

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Grade 4 The unexpected intrudes into 11-year-old Nelson Malone's life in each of these 6 stories. Nelson wants something more exciting than a hermit crab for the pet show and he gets a witch's

familiar. Tinkering with his pocket calculator and a doll, Nelson creates an erratic homework machine. Summer camp is run by aliens from another planet. A video game about dental health almost swallows Nelson. Encounters with magic sneakers and mushroom-filled candy complete the lighthearted but forgettable stories. Nelson is a bit like Peter from Judy Blume's Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (Dutton, 1972) and a bit like Simon's Einstein Anderson (Viking). The stories are essentially comedy with the fantasy elements reduced to one-line jokes. They are enjoyable as long as readers consume them as they would Mush-Nut candy bars, without pausing to think about the filling. Carolyn Caywood, Virginia Beach Public Lib .Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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