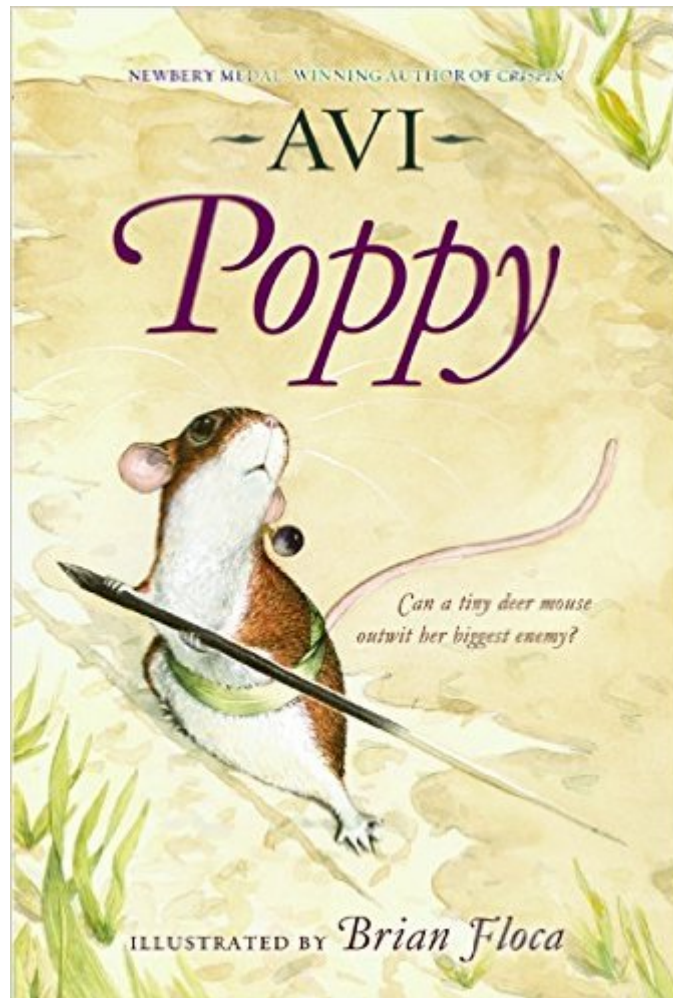


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# Poppy (Tales From Dimwood Forest)



## Synopsis

From acclaimed Newbery-winning author Avi comes the thrilling and heartwarming second book in the classic animal adventure series, *The Tales of Dimwood Forest*. At the very edge of Dimwood Forest stood an old charred oak where, silhouetted by the moon, a great horned owl sat waiting. The owl's name was Mr. Ocax, and he looked like death himself. With his piercing gaze, he surveyed the lands he called his own, watching for the creatures he considered his subjects. Not one of them ever dared to cross his path . . . until the terrible night when two little mice went dancing in the moonlight. . . . A perennially popular story of courage and determination, *Poppy* is a fixture on state award lists and in classrooms across the country. Supports the Common Core State Standards

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Do you want to read an adventurous, dangerous story that will keep you on your toes? Well, *Poppy*, by Avi is the the book for you! This story is about a family of mice that live near a forest. The main character is an adventurous mouse named *Poppy*. She has a BIG job to do! You see, her family is running out of food and *Poppy* must ask Mr. Ocax (the vicious, ruling owl of the forest) for permission to move. This turns into a harder job than she ever thought it would be. She has many dangerous adventures along the way. All of us here liked this story because it has lots of adventure!

There are some talking animals, dangerous predators, and even some fighting scenes! This story would be perfect for people that have read other books in this series by Avi. This is only one of many awesome books! We hope you get the chance to check them out!

You are going to LOVE this book! It all happened when my teacher began to read it and it caught my eye and I started listening. Now I'm hooked! It is beautifully written by Avi. It is about a little mouse who adventures out into Dimwood forest. It held me in suspense. That's why it is a really good book. My favorite character is Poppy because she loves to dance like me! Its great for fourth graders, I know this because I am one! Happy reading!

It is rare to find a book in which the talking animals act just exactly as you would expect talking animals TO act. In this book a small mouse sets out on a very believable mouse quest. She wishes to find a larger food source for her family while avoiding being eaten by owls, foxes, etc. The setting and main character are not all that different from, "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH". In both cases a small female mouse must fight to save other mice. It's a simple book containing a very good sense of what courage is. There's a lovely section in which Poppy tries to decide whether to carry on her quest or turn back, and her decision to carry on doesn't spring from some fiery belief, but the quiet acknowledgement that it is the right thing to do. The illustrations, by the way, are charming. Poppy is delightfully rendered as a small and charming creature. The map at the front is also very helpful in letting the reader get their bearings. All in all, a great book by Avi.

Do you like exciting adventure books? Well if you do, the book Poppy would be a great book for you. This book is about a little mouse named Poppy who is trying to save her family from starving to death. She has all sorts of adventures like when she goes in to the forest where very few mice have come back alive to tell about it. Also, she almost gets eaten by a flesh eating owl named Mr. Ocax and when she was trying to cross a river she fell in and almost drownd to death. Mr. Ocax made a deal with the mice that he will protect them from other dangerous creatures if he becomes the ruler of their town and they have to ask him if he can cross the land. Poppy didn't and this is why she almost ended up being dinner for the owl. Poppy's family has over 100 mice and they are running out of food so Poppy has to go through all sorts of danger just to find a new home for her family. I liked this book because once the chapter was done I wanted to read the next chapter. The first night I read it I ended up reading half the book. Also, this book kept my attention all the way through and that is very unlikely to happen with books. This book is a easy finder and I got it for a low \$5.99. If you

want to know what ends up happening to Poppy and her family go get this book at the nearest book store.

Atop Bannock Hill, is a large, dilapidated old place known as Gray House. To the average person's eye, Gray House looks like a place that no one has set foot in for years. But looks can be deceiving. For within the four walls of the large home lives a family of deer mice, who lives their lives in fright of Mr. Ocax, a large horned owl who rules the land of Dimwood Forest. Mr. Ocax refuses to let any member of the deer mice family wander throughout the woods without his permission. But when Poppy, and her boyfriend Ragweed decide to go for a walk on a romantic night, all that changes. Ragweed does not make the trip back home with Poppy, and Poppy must tell her family why: the two of them did not ask Mr. Ocax's permission to wander through Dimwood Forest. And so begins a series of unfortunate events, in which Mr. Ocax refuses to allow Poppy's family to move to a place called New House, leaving Poppy's large, extended family in a deadly predicament. Now, the brave Poppy has decided that it is up to her to make her way to New House, and discover a way to defeat Mr. Ocax, in an attempt to save her family. I have read many books narrated by animals, but POPPY has quickly become one of my absolute favorites. AVI is an amazingly talented writer, who has made the lives of a family of mice - and the various other animals they encounter - one of the most interesting adventure stories in children's literature. Poppy is an adorable, heroic character, whose brave way of thinking, and hard-headed nature make her an admirable mouse to read about, and learn from. POPPY is the ideal book for readers who are too young for REDWALL and too old for THE CAT IN THE HAT. A remarkable, richly visual, enchanting tale of a heroic mouse, and the owl who rules above her. Erika Sorocco Book Review Columnist for The Community Bugle Newspaper

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