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Old Cyrus Grape doesn't like children. And he insists that the skating pond is *his*. Mr. Whiskers knows this isn't true, but since he can't prove it, there'll be no skating...not even on Christmas Day!

That is...unless cleaning Mr. Whiskers' house uncovers some important information.

Cranberry Christmas Details

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Amanda says

One of the better Cranberryport books. My daughter especially loved the painted shell decorations.

Judy says

This has the 'Christmas flavor,' but the tale itself pivots around the ownership of a pond and two older gents, one of whom might be Scrooge's brother. This definitely is not a usual Christmas tale (except that all ends well).

I'm not surprised that we liked this book since it's by the author of How Fletcher Was Hatched.

Lynne says

While I have just discovered this series (thanks to my daughter-in-law), this book has been around for awhile. My granddaughter's wish list included Cranberry Thanksgiving which was out of stock, so I ordered this one while we wait. Cranberry Cove is a wonderful setting for a series of books, the characters are lovely people who help each other (with the exception of the old grouch), and children will love them as well as the story. Nice addition to my Christmas picture book collection!

Branwynne says

Such a sweet, imaginative, simple story. I'm particularly fond of Mr. Whiskers- this is one childhood book I've remembered well and hung onto.

Lydia says

What a delightful book!

Summer says

Another great addition to the Cranberry Thanksgiving Series! The boys really enjoyed it.

Jennifer says

Adorable children's book, I loved this when I was a kid and re-read it this Christmas. Beautiful line drawings and a nice story.

Melki says

It's looking to be a miserable holiday for Mr. Whiskers. His sister is threatening to make him move in with her, and his new neighbor claims Mr. Whiskers' pond now belongs to him. Can Grandmother and Maggie help make things right?

Dolly says

This is another entertaining story in the Cranberryport series by Wende Devlin and Harry Devlin.

This series is very charming and features a cantankerous character named Mr. Whiskers who is hilarious. We've read many books in this series, mainly around the associated season or holiday. The illustrations are old fashioned and have a nice New England theme.

This is a great book to read for Christmas and I thought it was sweet that Grandmother and Maggie helped Mr. Whiskers fend off his sister. I also loved that Mr. Whiskers had a special Christmas surprise for the children of Cranberryport.

We enjoyed reading this book together, and the recipe for the Cranberry cookies is included in the back of the book (I've also copied it below.)

Maggie's Favorite Cranberry Cookies

Ingredients:

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1 egg
1/4 cup milk
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3 cups fresh or frozen cranberries, stemmed and chopped
1 cup chopped walnuts

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Measure flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt into a bowl; stir with a fork to mix.

Cream butter and sugars in a large bowl until fluffy; beat in egg, milk, and lemon juice. Stir in flour mixture, a little at a time, until well blended; stir in cranberries and walnuts. Drop dough by teaspoonfuls, about 1 inch apart, onto greased cookie sheets.

Bake 15 minutes, or until firm and golden. Remove from cookie sheets to wire racks; cool.

Yield: about 8 dozen cookies.

Rebecca says

One of my favorite books from when I was little. I wanted to live in Cranberryport.

Calista says

Wende Devlin knows how to write a holiday story that's different. This has a Christmas theme to it, but it's more about ice skating and Mr. Whiskers having to figure out if he owns the skating pond or not. Can he save the skating?

Mr. Whiskers sister is also trying to force him to move to the city with her and so he has to clean his house and prove he can take care of himself. All with Christmas in the middle. This isn't overly sweet and by today's standards not very Christmas-y. Still, it's a lovely story with the message about taking care of yourself and being able to stand up for yourself.

The Niece gave this 4 stars and the nephew gave this 3 stars. His sister has been trying to coerce him into skating and he doesn't want to, so this book about skating wasn't his favorite.

Crystal says

My mom was addicted to these books when I was a kid, and read them all to us frequently. they're cute, and if I remember correctly, always have a cranberry recipe at the end of the book.
I want to reread these sometime.

Miri says

Cyrus Grape moves next door to Mr. Whiskers and says he owns the skating pond and refuses to let anyone skate on it. Meanwhile Mr. Whisker's sister wants him to move in with her in the city because she thinks he can't take care of himself. What is Mr. Whisker's going to do?

LCL Children'S says

Continuing with Wende and Harry Devlin's Cranberry books, Cranberry Christmas is their Christmas tale. Mr. Grape buys the house next door to Mr. Whiskers and claims the pond that Mr. Whiskers and the children ice skate on is on his land. Mr. Grape doesn't like children and every time Mr. Whiskers and the children skate on the pond, Mr. Grape orders them off. Mr. Whiskers believes the pond is his but has no way to prove it. On top of that, Mr. Whiskers receives a letter from his sister, Sarah, who thinks he can't manage on his own and is coming for Christmas and after the holidays she wants him to move back to the city with her. Enjoy the fun as Maggie and Grandmother help Mr. Whiskers show he can take care of himself. And what about the pond? Read the book to find out how Mr. Whiskers solves that problem. As always, another good Cranberry story along with a recipe for Maggie's Favorite Cranberry Cookies at the end. JM (Utica)

Jen says

Mr. Whiskers saves the day to prove to Cyrus Grape that he does NOT own the pond that all the children love to skate on! We purchased Cranberry Thanksgiving last year for our boys and made the cranberry bread recipe in the back. We hope to do the same next week with the cranberry cookie recipe found in this book. I remember reading these books when I was little, so I definitely wanted to share them with my boys.
