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**Jordan Crane : The Clouds Above** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Clouds Above:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Beautiful ImaginationBy Stephen HarrisonThere is so much to say about this book, however I will try and keep it to a minimum. This book is fantastic. It's a short, little book with a story that flows out from the pages and into your imagination, casting you away into childhood. Well, that is, if your childhood contains a talking cat. I thought of how the relationship between the boy and his cat had reminiscent characteristics to the beloved Calvin and Hobbes. However, this story is more fantastical and heart-warming. After reading this, I felt happier and better about myself. I wanted to partake in the same journey the boy does. I recommend this to everyone and show them my copy. The art is beautiful, the story is beautiful. I'm glad I own this.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Clouds AboveBy . IsabeauThis is a first Edition, in perfect condition! Need I say more? Apparently, I must!Thank you to the seller for a wonderful ethic!1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful bookBy Robert Fries IIIThe Clouds Above is a beautifully designed book. Jordan Crane has an original voice and an interesting approach to characters and storytelling. My only complaint would be that I read it in about tweleve minutes even though its nearly 300 pages. Recommended

An all-ages classic. This gorgeously packaged (yet affordable) children's fantasy has become an instant classic since its original hardcover release in 2005, as well as a perennial bestseller for Fantagraphics in three hardcover printings. This paperback edition includes five new pages not included previously.The Clouds Above is a rip-roaring adventure about a kid named Simon, who skips school one day with his cat, Jack. They climb a magic staircase leading skyward,

encounter a sad cloud named Perch and get mixed up in a conflict involving him, some nasty storm clouds and an irritable flock of birds. Will they make back home safely in time for school tomorrow? This brilliant, full-color graphic novel doubles as a wondrous children's book, recalling such classics as *Where the Wild Things Are*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, with its depiction of a fantastic world that lurks just around the corner from reality and that only children know exists. 224 pages of full-color

From Publishers Weekly Starred . Crane has made his reputation with subtle, heart-tuggingly depressive comics like *The Last Lonely Saturday* and *Keeping Two*, so his new project is a delightful surprise: a rip-roaring adventure about a kid named Simon, who skips school one day with his cat, Jack, and climbs a magic staircase leading skyward. There, they encounter a sad cloud named Perch and get mixed up in a conflict involving him, some nasty storm clouds and an irritable flock of birds. Crane's story piles absurdity on delicious absurdity, operating with the peculiarly linear logic of children's storytelling. Everything's exciting, even if it doesn't make much sense, and the dialogue is witty and bubbly ("Don't say fall when we're up so high," Jack tells Simon. "Say autumn"). Crane has a sense of all of his characters' body language Jack may talk, but his motion and expressions are totally catlike, and the shifting expressions and indistinct, grasping limbs of the clouds are exactly what clouds would look like if they had body parts. The book is a joy to look at Crane's loose, gliding lines burst with character, and his compositional gifts make every panel worth contemplating on its own. (July) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From *The New Yorker* After heroically escaping his beastly teacher, Simon and his cat, Jack, enter a dream world that only a child unburdened by school could conjure. Like many great adventures, this one begins with a passageway here a rickety staircase to a universe situated just beyond the familiar. As Simon and Jack climb, they befriend a helpful cloud, battle heavy weather, trick a flock of belligerent birds, and question their own existence. Crane's drawings are clean, yet full of nuance; his writing is playful and sharp. The artistry is in the detail: Jack's movements are consistently catlike, and the teacher is a mangy figure surrounded by flies, an amalgam of the forces that oppose creativity and imagination. Copyright 2006 *The New Yorker* From Booklist Gr. 2-4. Simon and his cat, Jack, arrive late for school. They avoid getting in trouble by hiding on the roof, where they find a strange stairway into the sky. Jack is cautious, but Simon heads up the steps into thickening clouds. Their adventures lead them across the sky, where they meet a lonely cloud named Perch, escape terrible storm clouds, and trick a flock of birds into getting them back to school before anyone notices they're gone. The story manages to be both wildly fantastic and solidly grounded at the same time, and Simon displays a real kid's sense of certainty without coming off as precocious. The softly colored art is not overly cute, and works with the sweet, straightforwardly told story in perfect harmony. Great for any comics fan, with the added bonus of being very accessible to kids; although there are a few big words, it's a good choice for children just getting into solo reading. Tina Coleman Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved