

*Vito and the Magic Bread*

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Vito the pig lives in a far off galaxy on a planet named Chip Swirlee, where he maintains his cheerful little barber shop. Unbeknownst to anyone though, Vito lives a secret life as a superhero helping those in need down on planet earth. In this adventure, he swoops into come to aid of Mr. and Mrs. Calabash, a kind elderly couple who own a family bakery loved by all the local residents. Land developers want to buy out their land and construct a large mall, but the Calabashes refuse to let that happen. Vito helps out their cause by bewitching their oven to bake breads that look like famous people. People from all over the country request their own celebrity "Breadheads," earning the Calabashes enough money to save their bakery from its impending doom.

*Vito and the Magic Bread* is an advanced picture book aimed towards upper elementary school students. Unlike other happy endings revolving around fantasy plotlines, the warm, happy feeling at the end of *Vito* is much more deeply satisfying. The storyline is cute and simple, but contains many real-life situations. Whereas fantasy picture books present a setting of a land far, far away, *Vito* presents a scenario that could very well happen just down the street. There is no Vito the pig in real life, but like Vito, young readers can learn to love to help others and become a 'superhero' as well. I enjoyed reading this story very much and would definitely suggest it to many other young readers.