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Total joy! Nothing amid the gaudy, arty, over-self-conscious picture books with which we are afflicted offers a tythe of the pleasure of this story of the midnight adventures of Marie Elaine and her cat Malcolm. What happens cannot be set down here because, of course, it is a secret, but what can be pointed to is the relaxed, unpretentious way in which Burningham's seriously hilarious pictures match in with his wide-eyed, deadpan text. Send forth barrows to distribute copies to every child, parent, relative, schoolteacher, and CILIP librarian in the land.

Following the publication of John Burningham's autobiographical essay 'the 'Editor's Choice' of our last issue' a celebratory exhibition has now been mounted at the Dovecot Gallery, Edinburgh until 5 September. Further information from [www.dovecotstudios.com](http://www.dovecotstudios.com) [4]

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