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One day Pepito, son of the Spanish ambassador who lives next door to Madeline, invites her and her cohorts to a Gypsy carnival. They venture forth excitedly, but suddenly a storm hits the fairgrounds, so everyone hops in a taxi and heads back home. Except for Madeline and Pepito, that is--forgotten and stuck at the top of a Ferris wheel in a downpour. Pepito climbs down to get help, and the Gypsy Mama takes the children under her wing ... and on the road. Gypsy life affords many previously forbidden wonders to the two kids--they get to float in a pool while everyone else is in school, and they don't have to brush their teeth, or even sleep. In between learning how to walk the tightrope and juggling, they send Miss Clavel a postcard. "'Thank heaven,' she said, 'The children are well! / But dear, oh dear, they've forgotten how to spell." As she and Madeline's 11 classmates race to find them (based on the postmark location), the Gypsy Mama sees the approaching Parisian posse in her crystal ball. Despite the Gypsy Mama's worst intentions, and the fact that she sewed the children into an old lion's costume to hide them, Madeline and Pepito are reunited with Miss Clavel and the others. The *Chicago Tribune* writes, "How inevitable that the irrepressible Madeline should one day meet up with gypsies.... As absurd and amusing as ever." (Ages 4 to 8) --Karin Snelson

From the Back Cover

Madeline And The Gypsies is the story of Madeline and a gypsy named Miss Clavel, who forgets about Madeline and Pepito in the ferris-wheel.

About the Author

Ludwig Bemelmans (1898-1962) is a painter, illustrator, and writer for both children and adults. He is best known for *Madeline*, a seminal picture book in children's literature and Caldecott Honor book. He wrote six *Madeline* books altogether, including the Caldecott Medal winning *Madeline's Rescue*. Ludwig Bemelmans' grandson, John Bemelmans Marciano, carries on his grandfather's legacy and has written and illustrated four books about Madeline of his own, including *Madeline and the Old House in Paris* and *Madeline at the White House*.

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