

# Crenshaw Book Review

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My favorite book is Crenshaw! I read Crenshaw just this year (4<sup>TH</sup> grade). It is the best book I have ever read! It is written by K. A. Applegate. My librarian Mrs. Powell showed my class a trailer of books and she recommended Crenshaw. I'm so glad that I picked the book Crenshaw out to read at the library.

In Crenshaw the main story line or the main idea is about a boy named Jackson who saw a giant purple cat at a gas station. Jackson named that purple cat Crenshaw. At first, Jackson thought the cat just was an imaginary friend but it turns out Crenshaw was actually real. Jackson and Crenshaw see each other a lot. They became friends because when Jackson first saw Crenshaw, Crenshaw was nice to Jackson. They do lots of things together. For example, they sleep together, they played at the beach together and when they had a house at the beginning of the story they shared rooms.

Jackson's family was poor and eventually went homeless. When Jackson's family went homeless Crenshaw helped the whole family for the whole time they were homeless. When Jackson's family needs food sometimes Crenshaw gives Jackson's family jellybeans and also Crenshaw gives Jackson's family company when Jackson's family needs comfort or feels lonely. Crenshaw is important to Jackson because Crenshaw helps Jackson and Jackson's family with being homeless.

The thing I liked most about the story Crenshaw was that Jackson's family never gave up when they were homeless. The thing that I liked least about the book was that Jackson's family had to suffer because they were homeless.

The thing I learned reading this book was to never give up no matter what happens. I think this author wanted to tell the readers that if something bad happens don't let it get you down and just overcome it.