From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler: 35th Anniversary Edition

This Book Inspired My Career!

After reading this book, I guarantee that you will never visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art (or any wonderful, old cavern of a museum) without sneaking into the bathrooms to look for Claudia and her brother Jamie. They're standing on the toilets, still, hiding until the museum closes and their adventure begins. Such is the impact of timeless novels . . . they never leave us. E. L. Konigsburg won the 1967 Newbery Medal for this tale of how Claudia and her brother run away to the museum in order to teach their parents a lesson. Little do they know that mystery awaits!

My Personal Review:
As one of my first chapter books I ever read, this still remains the most memorable from my youth. In fact I remembered the story, but not the title. It wasn't until my recent trip to the NY Metropolitan Museum of Art that I saw it. What an exciting discovery!

The book is so much fun - the kids are on their own, and yet their learning and enjoying the museum while they are involved in various hijinx.

In my opinion, this is a must-have.

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