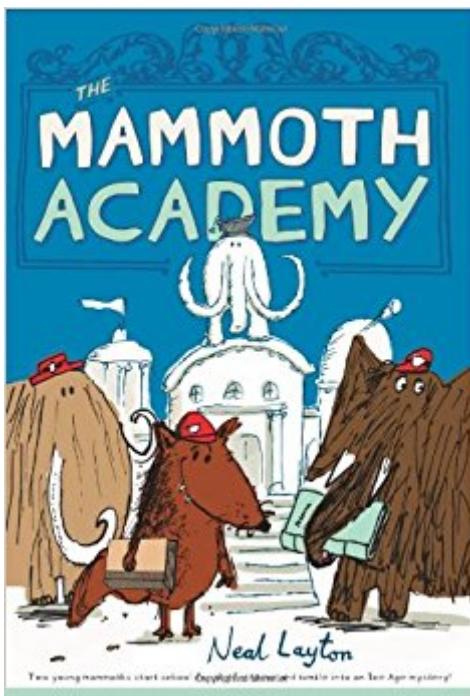


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# The Mammoth Academy



## **Synopsis**

Oscar and his sister, Arabella, are starting their first year at the Mammoth Academy. Oscar isn't fond of schoolwork, but he loves learning outdoor sports and becoming best friends with Fox. Things are going wonderfully, until the cook's oranges are stolen and Oscar spots some MYSTERIOUS TRACKS. Whatever made the MYSTERIOUS TRACKS has only two feet. Could it be those wild and dangerous animals called humans?

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Grade 3-5 •The protagonists of Layton's picture books Oscar and Arabella (Hodder, 2003) and Hot Hot Hot (Candlewick, 2004) return, this time in a beginning-chapter-book format. The woolly mammoths are summoned to start school at the Mammoth Academy. Despite its name, all varieties of Ice Age animals attend, and Oscar soon finds a good friend in Fox. Arabella, unfortunately, remains a minor character. Fox says one day in gym that he's heard from a warthog that if you don't bathe for two months, your fur begins to clean itself, and he has decided not to wash anymore. Soon he stinks so badly that the other animals (except for Oscar) keep their distance. But when Fox and Oscar discover a cave filled with terrifying, club-wielding humans who plan to capture and consume the students and teachers, only Fox's odor •and Oscar's

invention of the first skateboard—help them warn the school in time. Most of the pages are comprised more of Layton's scribbly-style cartoon drawings than text, and in some, such as those of the humans' "Cave Skool," the text becomes part of the illustrations. This silly, loose, witty tale will appeal to fans of the Pleistocene everywhere. •Walter Minkel, Austin Public Library, TX  
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“Silly jokes, a swift-moving plot, and a dose of adventure combine to create a book with strong appeal for readers of beginning chapter books.” •Booklist “They will surely agree with Professor Snout’s review: ‘This book gets 10/10!’” •School Librarian

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