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Coraline by Neil Gaiman is a weird and delightfully scary fairy tale/ghost story. I call it "delightfully scary" because while it grips the reader's attention with creepy happenings that may cause a case of the shivers, it is not the kind of scary book that leads to nightmares of the "it could happen to me" kind. The story revolves around the very strange experiences Coraline has when she and her parents move into an apartment in an old house. Coraline must save herself and her parents from the evil forces that threaten them. Coraline by Neil Gaiman is recommended for ages 8-12.

The Story of Coraline. Coraline: Detailed Summary & Analysis. In-depth summary and analysis of every chapter of Coraline. Visual theme-tracking, too. Coraline: Themes. Brief Biography of Neil Gaiman. Neil Gaiman is renowned the world over for his darkly fanciful fantasy and sci-fi works, which range from graphic novels to children's books to literature for adults. While Coraline isn't tied to any specific town or time, Gaiman writes in the novella's foreword that much of the book's spooky setting—a large manor house divided up into several smaller flats, or apartments, bricked off from one another and rented out—is inspired by a mixture of several real-life places from Gaiman's life. In 1987, he, his wife, and their three small children moved into a house similar to the one Coraline and her parents share. In the book Coraline goes through a plethora of stages starting from being a naïve child to eventually evolving into a girl with a strong identity who is fully aware of who she is and proud of who she has become. At the beginning of the book Coraline is your typical kid who is filled with curiosity and an urge for exploration. This is best illustrated on page 26 when Coraline first ventures into the alternate universe. Coraline went through the door; she wondered what the empty flat would be like if that was where the corridor lead (Gaiman 26). Although Coraline is unaware of her surroundings (due to the fact that she just moved there) this does not stop Coraline from being adventurous and exploring the unknown.