**The Van Gogh Café by Cynthia Rylant**

***Elements of Fantasy***

**Chapters 1-2**

1. **Characters have special powers.**

* The possum mends fights/arguments- pg. 8-9
* The possum brings people (who haven’t been getting along) back together- pg. 8-9
* The possum inspires a lonely man to continue living his life- pg. 10
* The possum’s food attracts stray/wild animals- pg. 9

4. The story is set in or includes episodes from a distant time period, **place**, or magical world.

* The Van Gogh Café used to be an old theatre with magic in its walls- pg. 1-2
* “Magic is in the Van Gogh Café…and sometimes the magic wakes itself up…” pg. 2

**Chapters 3-4 (Lightning Strikes/Magic Muffins)**

1. Characters have special powers.

* Woman makes magic muffins pg. 23
* Marc writes poems which tell future (NOT PAST) pg. 16

1. Objects have special powers.

* Food cooks itself pg. 14
* Muffins heal children pg. 28-29
* Hen and music make woman generous pg. 13

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