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Newbery Medalist and bestselling author Lynne Rae Perkins introduces a boy (Frank) and a dog (Lucky) in this celebratory, wry, and happily unconventional introduction to the subjects children encounter in school. This beautifully illustrated, humorous, and insightful picture book offers a new twist on the classic boy-and-his-dog story!

On a rainy day, Frank's parents take him to the shelter to get a new dog. That's how Frank finds Lucky, and from that moment on, they're inseparable. As Frank and Lucky venture out into the world around them, they discover they both have a lot to learn. Exploring their neighborhood teaches them about biology: Lucky learns all about squirrels, deer, and—unfortunately for Frank—skunks. Sharing a bed teaches them about fractions—what happens when one dog takes up three-quarters of the bed, or even the whole thing? They even learn different languages: Frank makes a friend who speaks Spanish and Lucky tries to learn Duck! Who knew you could learn so much without ever setting foot inside a classroom?

## **Frank and Lucky Get Schooled Details**

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## **From Reader Review Frank and Lucky Get Schooled for online ebook**

### **Tasha says**

Frank was having a horrible day until his parents took him to get a new dog at the shelter. That's when Frank met Lucky and Lucky met Frank. They learned a lot about each other, but they also both just loved learning things. Lucky loved science, especially learning about the ducks in the pond. He also loved exploring nature, handily bringing a lot of it back with him when he returned home so that Frank could study it closely. There was math too, questions about how many dog biscuits Lucky deserved and how much hair he could shed. Dogs can even be heroes, though Lucky may not have been particularly heroic when eating the entire birthday cake. Art, languages, geography and more were studied as Lucky and Frank spend time together. There is so much to learn when on walks together!

This is an unusual picture book, one that is immensely clever and completely noteworthy. Perkins doesn't create a linear picture book here, rather the story of a boy and his dog is specifically told in different school subjects. This makes the book a very dynamic read and offers wry insights into the perspective of both dog and human as they spend their days together outdoors. The focus is on exploration and learning, which both of them do in different but also parallel ways. There is humor throughout, intelligently speaking to the relationship of human and pet but also to learning in a larger way about life.

The art by Perkins is stellar. Done in pen, ink and watercolor, the illustrations are humorous but also delicate and realistic. With different and interesting perspectives used, each page is different from the next but also part of a cohesive whole. A dynamic mix of different sized illustrations makes the book all the more fun to read.

Children will respond to the idea of learning in life and outdoors and will also love Lucky right from the beginning. Appropriate for ages 4-7.

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### **Brianna Crall says**

A must for all dog lovers.

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### **Pam says**

There are books I can't wait to read aloud to a class and there are books I can't wait to snuggle in bed and read with my son. This is the latter. It's perhaps too long for a read-aloud and I know my curious, science-loving son will have a lot of questions and comments to make as we read it. The story is about how a boy and his dog learn, through their play together, about science, geography, history, math, art, etc.

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### **Jillian Heise says**

I was smiling throughout this book. It's has an overarching story, but it's not really a straight narrative - meant to teach and shows how learning can happen in many ways throughout the day - with specific references to school subjects. That factor would make it good to use in a classroom. I appreciated the loose narrative story element of a boy with his rescue dog. A long picture book, but a sweet one.

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### **Cheryl says**

Science fact in a fiction book!

There do exist science concept books with little stories for toddlers.

There are books for school-children who are doing reports and who are working on science fair projects.

What we need is more Good Science in story books for the "juvenile" and "ya" markets.

If this is that, yay!!

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"Dogs were the first animals who chose to be tamed by humans."

Pretty much a Good Science lesson right there. In fact, this whole book is all about learning... but it's also way fun, and heart-warming, and clever. More than just "yay" ... more like Three Cheers!

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### **Nancy Kotkin says**

A celebration of dogs and all the ways they enrich the lives of humans, told through the eyes of one particular boy and his canine best buddy. Not all picture books are for pre-schoolers; due to the amount of text, some advanced vocabulary, and the exploration of school subjects, this one is best suited for elementary school students. Lynne Rae Perkins is as talented an artist as she is a writer. The illustrations are varied in style, changing with the needs of the text. I'm in awe with the amount of learning she managed to pack into this book, while maintaining a light and engaging tone throughout. She hit it out of the park on this one.

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### **Matt says**

An interesting book about a boy and his dog. Their daily tribulations show the world in which they live, while highlighting areas of science, the arts, and other academic pursuits. The reader learns of these areas as well, shown their practical implications. Neo was interested, which surprised me, as things got pretty specific at times.

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### **Melki says**

It's amazing how owning a dog can teach you so much about Chemistry - trying to remove a skunk smell, Math - what percentage of the bed does the dog occupy, and much, much more.

This is a delightful book for dog owners who already know they what they get from their canine companions - everything wonderful in the world!

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### **paula says**

I'm going to give this to my favorite third grade teacher. She has a knack for doing interesting fun things with the kids in her classroom and then showing them what they've just learned from doing those interesting fun things. Just like Frank and Lucky, who share History in their stories, study Languages by talking to ducks, and find Math, Art, Science and History when they look closely at a snail.

Friendly, natural language gives this book a relaxed tone, but it is packed with so much insight that it merits reading again and again. Such a winner!

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### **The Library Lady says**

Okay, I think Perkins is one of the most overrated writers out there. (Try reading student reviews of Criss Cross instead of those of teachers and librarians.) And I'm a cat person, though dogs are okay.

But those prejudices aside, this is a picture book for a much, much older audience. It is wordy, goes off on a zillion tangents (Science! Math! Let's get those STEM concepts in!), and can't serve as a read aloud because of the overcrowded pages.

Perkins is a great artist though. The pictures are lovely. I wish she'd stick to illustrating and let someone else do the words.

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### **Jenny says**

I liked the illustrations a lot...the text was okay. Frank and his dog Lucky love to learn together. Lucky especially loves science because science is about asking questions and observing the world around you...and often animals such as squirrels or ducks or deer are involved. Together Frank and Lucky study a number of subjects. I liked that it used correct terminology...entomology and botany and silhouette but also that it defined the terms in the text. And I liked that it pointed out how inter-related the school subjects are.

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### **KC says**

A wonderful tale of a young boy who adopts a dog. Being a new pet owner takes him on a journey with discovering math, geography, science, astronomy, math and even hygiene.

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### **Aimee says**

Very cool way of showing how what you learn in school can be applied to every day life, on top of a cute

story about a friendship between a boy and his dog. This would be a great first week of school book for a 2nd or 3rd grade class.

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### **Samantha says**

The story of a boy and his dog with a special focus on how caring for a dog can look a lot like various areas of academic study.

The writing/storytelling in this book is so clever and is evident from the very beginning in which the back story of both boy and dog appears in three panels above the action of the moment the two meet. The moment they meet each other is shown from both perspectives which really draws the reader in and promises that this dog story will be special.

I really appreciated the ways in which the author clearly defined some difficult subjects throughout the book, especially the way the author labels the time boy and dog spend outside exploring as geography.

Overall, this book is just plain awesome and I can't think of anything quite like it. Must see/must read!

Pen and ink and watercolor illustrations. Highly recommended for PreK-2.

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### **Tricia Douglas says**

I thought this was a great book for elementary-aged children. Frank gets Lucky at the pound. In the adventures that result, Frank learns a lot about the subject he might learn at school. Science and Entomology when Frank and Lucky explore a meadow/forest. Chemistry when Lucky gets sprayed by a skunk. Astronomy, reading, math, history are all subjects that a dog can help Frank learn! Cute book. Great illustrations.

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