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I don't do 'sit!'

I don't do 'stay!'

But I will love you anyway.

Dog is very badly behaved - he destroys everything, chases cars and won't stop running away! But when he finds himself lost and alone there is one person he can count on.

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Donna says

Adorable but naughty puppy. The rhymes are sweet, but there's just a bit of ambiguity at the end that I found a little sad and even scary.

K Stile says

It's not often that a children's book leaves me misty-eyed...

Edward Sullivan says

Unconditional love for a badly behaved pooch.

Arielle ? Cursebreaker ? says

This was decently cute but I didn't love it as much as I wanted to. I have always been a dog lover and am now a dog mom myself to the most mischievous and adorable 10 mo old chocolate lab pup so let me tell you, I know alllll about them getting into trouble.

Sooo, even though I thought his antics were cute/sassy and the rhyming made me smile I was NOT expecting the part where the parents threaten to give him away/him running away/still being just as sassy upon his return. I feel like I took it more seriously than it had to be--I guarantee you kids will be giggling away at the rhymes about the puppy's antics, it just overall didn't entertain me the way I had been expecting!

Mary says

Silly little dog just does his troublesome doggie activities and his boy hugs him. Even when he runs away and runs away again.

Humorous

Carmen says

An ugly, stupid little dog who someone made the unfortunate decision to dress in little ankle sweatbands is very badly behaved.

I lick your face.

*I bite your leg.
I nip your finger.
Paw your head.*

*I scratch the carpet,
Bash the chairs,
Dig the sofa,
Mess the stairs.*

*I steal your glove.
I steal your shoe.
I steal your socks.
They smell of you.*

The dog escapes constantly, rolls in poo, and doesn't obey any command for any reason. At one point this results in him getting hit by a car.

The parents say they can't stand it, they can't cope, and they are getting rid of the dog. But the little redhead boy loves the dog very much.

There is a thunderstorm and the dog runs away for the hundredth time. He is scared and on the road, but has faith his master will find him. The boy does find him, and brings him home. He worriedly asks his parents if he can keep the dog and they say 'yes.'

*If I could speak
What would I say?
That I will never run away?*

*There are NO words
Inside my head.
I wag my tail
Instead.*

*I don't do "Sit!"
I don't do "Stay!"*

*But I will love
you anyway.*

I don't do WORDS.

They make NO sense.

I jump for JOY...

...and jump the fence.

THE END

Okay, let's talk about this.

Everyone seems to think this is a cute and heartrending book, but I have a lot of problems with it.

CONS:

1.) There's NOTHING cute about an untrained dog. I know LOTS of people who have small dogs (they are always little dogs, for some reason) who can't even be bothered to housebreak their dogs. There is NOTHING cute about a dog who will shit in the house for the rest of his life because his owners are lazy and/or got a dog they knew was too much for them to handle.

Yes, dogs are little idiots* and have no idea about the human world. This doesn't mean we should indulge their every whim. A dog doesn't need to be able to play fetch, but I expect dogs to a.) urinate and defecate outside. b.) Know basic simple commands such as sit, come, drop it, and lie down. c.) Know not to bite people. That's it. I'd like to add "heel," too, but I understand if that is too much work for some people. But those four commands are not only necessary, they could save your dog's life. The dog in this book gets hit by a car! He could have died a horrible, painful death! Isn't teaching your dog basic commands a low enough price to pay to avoid the animal meeting this fate?!?!?

I don't believe people who allegedly love their dog but don't care enough about it to train it. I'm not talking about complicated stuff here, just VERY SIMPLE stuff. You own the dog, it doesn't own you. It needs to be able to obey simple commands and it needs to learn to go outside to do its bodily functions. This isn't CRUEL to the dog, in fact the opposite is cruel.

2.) The parents. JEEZ LOUISE. How horrible that they just tell the kid, "Well, the dog is badly behaved. We're taking it back!" Kid loves the dog, dog worships the kid. Don't be cruel and lazy, just fucking TRAIN THE DOG. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR PATIENCE TO TRAIN AN ANIMAL AND PROPERLY CARE FOR IT, DON'T FUCKING BUY IT. DOGS AREN'T TOYS, THEY ARE LIVING BEINGS WITH NEEDS AND THEY DESERVE A QUALITY LIFE.

The poor kid is now constantly living in fear that his dog will be sent away and he'll never see it again "Because it's bad." This is not only a bad message about animal care, but it might make the boy doubt his own place in the family if he misbehaves. Be responsible pet owners. PLEASE.

3.) The illustrations are extremely ugly.

PROS:

- Told in rhyme.

- Kid loves dog, dog worships kid. Cute. The faith the dog has in his master is also cute.

Tl;dr - This is played off as a cute and heartfelt book. However, I don't find irresponsible pet ownership to be "cute." Take care of your animals, FFS!

*I'm saying this with affection.

Andrew Greatbatch says

This dog is a little bugger, just like mine. I love him.

Kate says

I adored this book, but likely because it hit close to home for me. It's the story of a little red haired boy (I'm a girl, but have red hair) and his disobedient dog. The dog doesn't listen when they say sit or stay or call his name. Sounds very similar to my own little dog!

Amber says

A cute story about the love between a child and a pet, told from the perspective of the dog. Kids will be amused at the dog's antics.

Julie says

I read a good review of this picture book and requested it from my library because my neighbor and a close friend each have a pug. It was fun to see how the pug in this story wormed his way into his owner's heart and wouldn't let go. His mischievous and disobedient behavior was endearing, also reflective of the pugs I know, and his actions that let everyone know that he wasn't about to change his ways. Cute book for read-aloud, with funny illustrations and charming rhymes.

Desiree says

Wonderful cute story about a dog who doesn't understand the words of his human. The illustrations are richly textured. Great story for young pet owners.

Jody says

This was cute, and I really liked the illustration style. My 6 year old wasn't overly fussed though.

Bianca Orellana says

I LOVE the park.
I find a poo.
I roll in it.
I look at you.
You tell me, "Stop!"
You tell me, "Stay!"
I run to you...
...You run away!

Favorite part of this adorable book.

Barb says

I have always loved Mick Inkpen starting with Blue Balloon. I Will Love You Anyway is a great addition to his collection.

Poor little dog is just so misbehaved. Yet, he loves his little boy master and relies on him to help him out. This dog is so much like my Min Pin Mercedes that it is scary. So, I loved the story. It is told from the dogs perspective, and his thoughts tend to be all over the place and not in complete sentences. This can be forgiven for a dog.

I am going to try this one for my toddler storytime, but I gave it four stars instead of five because I am not sure it will work. It might just be a bit hard for the toddlers to follow and for me to read effectively. But, it is such a sweet story, I think it is worth a try.

Kristina Jean Lareau says

A great concept with rhymes that start out great, but they devolve into forced meter. The illustrations are okay--I like the bug-eyed pug--but not memorable in any way.
