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Bethany says

Oh February school read-a-thon, how do I love thee? My son gets really into the competition and reads every minute he can spare. And when he gets tired, then he lets me read to him. We read for about an hour a day and he's snuggled up with me in our favorite spot and it's just the best ever. Why do little boys have to grow up?

We've read all the Battle of the Books and this was in our top three. It's a sweet story and this pup is very insightful. I like how this book is written in the dog's voice and encourages the reader to "read between the lines" to translate dog observations into reality. I'd consider having a dog if I could have one like this pup; he definitely grows on you.

10-11 Jonathan says

The book sheep was a kind of sad and funny. I recomend this book to all that like funny and sad books.

Tiffany Chung says

Jack just ran away from the circus fire. He ran and ran. Jack saved a boy's life. Luke the boy gave jack a piece of pizza and they went to Luke's house. Luke is an orphan. If I was jack I would be happy that I escaped from the cruel circus owner. I would also feel happy for Luke, because Jack saved Lukes life.

Marty says

A feel good book by the end, especially

Shannon says

I read this book aloud to my students. This book is in first person from the dog's perspective. It is a bit heavier than you might think. Most of the book is very sad, as you would expect from a book about a homeless dog. The students seemed to enjoy it, and the ending is quite wonderful. I would recommend it to children in fourth or fifth grade who are wanting something with more depth.

My students just voted this book their favorite of the books nominated for the California Young Reader Award.

Ryan Callahan says

I liked how happy it was at the beginning, towards the middle it turns out so, so sad. I did not quite like the middle. But at the end it turned happy again.

Amanda Yeargin says

I decided to read Sheep as a IR Book. Basically this sheep dog has the most wonderful home until he hears rumors about selling. He doesn't know what that is at first but he soon will find out. All he does is want to go home. He finds himself wondering cities and getting new names but still trying to find his old home. Do you think he will ever find a right home or the one he got sold from. Read the book to find out.

One connection I have is a text-to-world connection. I have this connection because you see a lot of dogs out in the streets or getting a lot of different homes. As my sister said when she went to visit France she saw that there were a lot of more homeless dogs than there were homeless people. But back in the U.S. we see a lot of more homeless people than homeless dogs. It's kind of sad. So this is a text-to-world connection because sheep who gets different homes and names and also lives on the street sometimes relates to the real world. I'd give this book ***** stars. I gave it 5 stars because this book really relates to the world and it touches my heart. It's sad because he loses his home because his dad had to sell him and then he knew that he still didn't get to prove to his dad that he was a good sheep herder. It's sort of surprising too because you never know where he was gonna end up next and what name he was gonna be given. So you should read this book if you like dogs and surprises but also sad stories that won't make you cry.

the book hugger says

It expressed hope and adventure as a dog with a purpose and a mission. Who learns how to love and live life the best way possible.

Tiffany says

While this was a cute story it took a lot for me to get my nephew interested in reading it. I don't know if there wasn't enough action or if because it was told from a dog's perspective he just didn't really care about it. It was a fine read and I am glad we finished it, but I am not in a hurry to read more at this time.

Mary says

This is a cleverly written, pleasant journey of a knocked-around border collie. The first-person voice actually sounds like one of this breed! I've read it aloud to two of my children's school classes. Every child was captivated and entertained, all the while relating to the poor dog's circumstances. I think it was a great way to bring themes of abandonment, disappointment, hope, shame, ridicule, love, and family, down to the level of young children - who certainly feel those emotions, even if they're not able to articulate them.

Caitlin Vaille says

This is a super cute book, but I couldn't take it completely seriously since it is written from the perspective of a dog. That is the point of course. It's definitely more of a children's book, so it was quite easy to read. I liked it, but it didn't blow my socks off by any means

Jenna Weaver says

Everything seemed great on the farm, the puppies were finally old enough to herd the sheep like their parents. When the farm burns down, Jack, the border collie protagonist and narrator is sold to a pet shop. He moves through a series of owners, finding himself in a little girl's backyard, the animal shelter, the streets, a circus where is brutally forced to perform tricks, and a boys orphanage. Jack is the final name for our narrator, after going through different given by his previous owners. The entire book shows the experience of a dog just looking for sheep to herd. The ending is very touching as Jack helps the young orphan boy find his new parents and finally finds some sheep to herd for himself. While the narration is from Jack's perspective, his character is far too human in thinking and reasoning. I do think the novel still gives readers a chance to see the experience of a pet store or the animal shelter through the eyes of the caged animals instead of our human eyes, which changes the way we see these places. A very redeeming quality of the book are the numerous unexpected insights about the human condition which come from Jack's contemplation about his situations and human behavior. I think this short chapter book would be good for newer readers and reluctant readers because few children dislike stories about animals and the plot is interesting from beginning to end.

Megan says

Actual rating: 4.5 stars

A very cute, sweet, and moving story, about a dog who dreams of returning to the life of a sheep-dog, and of all the adventures and tough spots that he goes through on the way.

Natalie says

Another BOB book off the list. Since it was on the BOB list I just grabbed it and started reading. I was wildly disappointed to find that the narrator was a dog.

I'm just not a fan of books from an animal's perspective. I couldn't get into this at all and just wanted it to end.

Jack tells about being taken from his home on a sheep ranch to a pet store. He's bought by a girl that he doesn't like and runs away. Next he meets the Goat Man who teaches him philosophies. Jack works in a circus and meets a boy named Luke.

The writing is well done, I just didn't like the story. I didn't care about it. I bumped it up to two stars because I thought the ending was sweet.

The kids also seem to be wild about this book, so that's good news.

3/4 BOB

Levi Mohr says

This book is about a dog who is separated from his family and his sheep. This is a very good book. The author did a good job of making it interesting but not too long and boring. I liked how I could understand what was happening and I also liked the story line. I did not like how some parts that could have been more detailed were not. I also did not like how there were two large spots that lacked suspense. But the ending was pretty good. I think the author did a great job and it's a great book.
