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When Jack washes up on a mysterious island after a deadly storm, there's no one to help him, except for the dogs. The sheepdogs on the island have eyes that speak right to Jack's heart, especially one dog—Moxie. But when angry beasts called fangos threaten to destroy the island, Jack and his companions must fight to save it. Once the battle ends, Jack is changed. Will he ever be the same again? Told from Jack's and Moxie's points of view, this adventure reveals how loyalty between boy and dog becomes a means for survival and hope.

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Julie says

Adventure story about a boy who is shipwrecked on an island with only dogs. There are 2 kinds of dogs on the island: sheep and wild. The book goes back and forth between the points of view of the boy, and of one of the sheep dogs. I didn't think I'd like this but the changing points of view kept it moving along quickly and it pulled me in fast. It ended up being pretty good.

Jessica says

What started out as a really good idea, really fizzled at the end. This could have gone places and been a most excellent book.

When the main character Jake, finally communicates with the dogs on the island and he sees the bigger picture of their survival, he is plucked from the island.

What to me is interesting is the fact dogs and sheep could survive so long on an island after man has left. There were the good dogs, the bad dogs (dogs who kill sheep so they-and everyone can survive) and the sheep.

Zoey says

Have you ever thought that you may have a power that is almost human-less? have you ever been able to look at your own dog and know what they are thinking? Well, what if you were a teenage boy, and you had no idea that your family has this crazy power of seeing sights, feelings, emotions, and even things that only dogs can see. How would you use this power? would you hide it from the rest of the world? This book puts you in a young boys perspective of life with a huge power, he can talk to dogs. Pretty cool huh? Maybe not, would you want to know exactly what your dogs are thinking every second of their life? How would you react if you knew the last things that your dog was thinking after they take the last breath that their lungs will ever consume? this young boy, has to go through years without knowing what his dog will ever say to him, and the night of his death, the boy finally understands. The book did contain many interesting thoughts, and hallucinations. The book did have a unique way of changing point of views, but I personally wouldn't want to read another book with the same way. This book was filled with crazy ways to put some figurative language into context and I did like it. Everything was very clear to see, and nothing was really confusing about the book. I do recommend this book to teenagers who would like a little bit of adventure while reading a book. If you would like to see how Jack lives with this big mystery in his life, I recommend that you read this amazing book!

Rain Misoa says

What an adorable little book! I enjoyed the simplicity of it!

To read my full review, read [here](#).

Liz says

This was another one of Mia's books. She liked it just fine, but I didn't care for it. I kept expecting this shipwrecked boy to do something.....anything worth writing about and then all of a sudden at the end he can speak to the dogs.....?????? then the next moment he is rescued and acts like a dog.....he wasn't even on the island with the dogs that long and didn't really interact with them much....it just didn't make any sense.

Anna (Sometimes the sun shines brighter than other days, but it's always there) says

Simply written, cute story. :D

Diana D says

As in *The Isle of the Blue Dolphins*, a young person is stranded on an island and must use wits and emotional stamina to survive loneliness and three wild animal packs. This story is told from two different characters' points of view; the once already orphaned Jack, and Moxie, an inquisitive but wild border collie. Will they be able to understand one another and not be killed by the ferocious 'fangos'? One of the things I like most about reading, is to be able to have an experience of another's feelings and point of view, especially from another culture. *The Boy Who Spoke Dog* is a good example of this. A quick read.

Mark Valentine says

I see that many others have approbatively approved this book but I could barely finish it. Its tinny quality gave a frazzed reflection like a broken parlor mirror in an alleyway. Formula, formula, formula.

Designed to appeal to dog lovers or grandparents who buy books for their dog-loving grandchildren's infatuations, it read like a two-dimensional formula-framed story. That is, it is designed for reader's who want to identify with Jack, the castaway boy, and follow his moves as an extension of the reader.

It is a papery-thin book made to excite the reader and improve on his life.

Too bad. I really liked Clay Morgan's novel, *Santiago and the Drinking Party*. It was the reason why I sought out this book. I will keep on liking his first novel, but it seems Mr. Morgan has taken to writing the formula books for the masses.

N.T. Embe says

This was a very quick, easy read. It reminded me of **Island of the Blue Dolphins** by **Scott O'Dell**, so if you're a fan of that story, I would highly recommend this one to you. It's the tale of a young boy who gets shipwrecked on an island with a pack of sheepdogs who act as the second part of the perspective. It's both the tale of a youth and the tale of an animal, and that unique balance makes this one a tale worth reading amongst the gamut of other stories that have the same theme. If you're a fan of animals and animals with intelligent thought, I would definitely recommend this one to you. Personally, I found it a swift, enjoyable read with a good complexity of emotions. Definitely worth a one-time visit at the very least.

Mark Holbrook says

As a grandparent/volunteer, I read this book aloud to a combined 3rd/4th grade class for 20-30 minutes at each weekly reading. The children were attentive and loved it, always disappointed when I stopped. Their teacher added the book to their "recommended" list that is shared among other teachers of the same age group in the school district. She said her fellow teachers had been looking for a book that was told intermittently from two points of view.

Nicole says

Not what I was expecting at all. It was a tad strange but I look forward to reading the sequel next. I really enjoyed how it was written from both the perspective of the dog and the boy. It was unique.

Twyla says

My favorite part was when Jack learned how to speak the language of the dogs so that they understood each other. My least favorite part was when Kelso and Sage died, and also when the crew of the ship came back and got Jack back, but left Moxie on the island.

Melanie says

When Jack's ship wrecks he finds himself stranded and alone on an island. Or is he alone? When he sets eyes on a Border Collie he's sure there must be people nearby. After much searching Jack admits he must be alone on the island except for a pack of dogs who appear to be guarding a flock of sheep with no human direction. There is also a pack of evil dogs who prove to be a constant threat.

Jack is able to set up a shelter, figure out how to procure food and build a signal fire. Readers never become aware of where Jack learned to do these things as he was an orphan before he joined the ship.

Over time Jack finds he is able to communicate with the dogs in some manner. But how will this affect his life if he is ever rescued from the island? Based on a New Zealand legend, a simple but adventurous story.

Akin Owosina says

I think that this book is amazing!

I was a little confused at first when Jack washed up on the island a thought he could all ready talk to dogs but any way it was really fun reading this book because it has a lot of action for example when he gets trapped by a circle of Fango's (or wild dogs) and he has to escape. But i also loved it because half the time it was in a dogs point of view. Also I felt bad when Jack got saved because he was just starting to understand the dogs. So all in all I think this an amazing book for all dog lovers.

Delshawn says

I like the cover and how the story is set up. (Spoiler Alert) What I hate about the book is how Jack is stranded on an island inhabited by dogs. He could have just built a raft and sailed away from the island. He had to wait, when he could have cut down some trees and tied those together. He could have taken all of his food into the pot he found. I guess the author was trying to just get it done.

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