



Family Book Club

Topic: Dogs

Good Boy, Fergus by David Shannon (E)

Meet Marley by Natalie Engel (ER)

Barkus by Patricia MacLachlan (J)

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (J)

Jack London's the Call of the Wild: The Graphic Novel by Neil Kleid (J graphic novel)

The Call of the Wild, White Fang, and Other Stories by Jack London (fiction)

Marley & Me: Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog by John Grogan (non-fiction)

A Kid's Guide to Dogs by Arden Moore (J non-fiction)

The Encyclopedia of the Dog: The Definitive Visual Guide by Bruce Fogle (non-fiction)

A Dog's Purpose (DVD)



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Book Discussion Ideas

Was the book a 'thumbs up' or a 'thumbs down' for you?

What three words would you use to describe the main character?

What three words would you use to describe where the book is set?

Who was your favorite character and why did you like them?

What did you think of the way the story ended?

What do you think happens to the characters next?

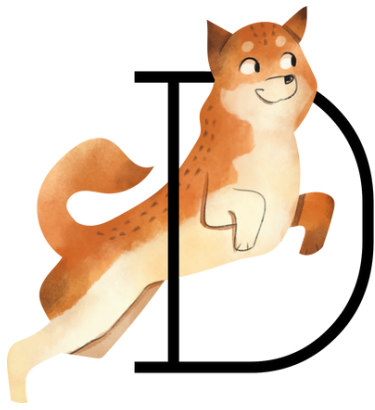
Did you learn anything new from reading the book?

Why do you think the author wanted to write this story?

If you could give the book another title, what would it be?

Would the book make a cool movie? Video game? TV show?





Dog Fun Facts

National Dog Day is on August 26.

Dogs were the first animals ever to be domesticated.

Dogs have lived and worked with humans in many roles, including: companion animals, herding livestock, hunting and rodent control, pulling loads, search and rescue dogs, detection dogs, guard dogs, guide dogs, hearing dogs, mobility assistance dogs, psychiatric service dogs, and more!

A dog is called a puppy until it is about one year old.

A dog's nose print is unique, much like a person's fingerprint.

Dog tails come in many shapes: straight, straight up, sickle, curled, and corkscrew. Dogs use their tails primarily to communicate their emotional state with others.

Dogs communicate with each other using eye gaze, facial expression, vocalization, body posture, as well as scent and taste. Humans communicate with dogs by using vocalization, hand signals, and body posture.

Dogs' nutritional requirements place them halfway between carnivores and omnivores. However, many human foods are toxic to dogs, including: chocolate, onions, garlic, grapes and raisins, and macadamia nuts.

Greyhounds can beat cheetahs in a race. While cheetahs can run twice as fast as greyhounds, they can only maintain that 70 mph speed for about thirty seconds. A greyhound can maintain a 35 mph speed for about seven miles. So, the cheetah may start out first, but the greyhound will soon overtake it!