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Stanley's people go out a lot. Stanley is a good dog, but one night, while they're away, the temptation becomes too great and he sneaks up onto the couch. What a wonderful experience! Soon he's also blasting the music, dancing around the living room and raiding the fridge. Stanley's never had so much fun! But after a couple of weeks something is missing, and Stanley realizes that partying alone has lost its thrill.

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From Reader Review Stanley's Party for online ebook

Grace says

This is such an adorable book. Made me laugh the whole way through. If you have a dog that likes to "sneak" up on the couch, you will like this book. I definitely think children of all ages will like this book because mainly it is a story from the dog's point of view-what child doesn't like that? It also has great, colorful illustrations. Plus, it has a "sneaky" message in it. Not so forward as to bore the kid reading it. The message: Don't do something you are not supposed to do because in the end you will get caught.

Jacey Hull says

This is a cute little book to read to class and maybe to teach them the importance of not doing things behind people's backs.

McKinzie Elton says

From http://www.bookcentre.ca/activity_sta...

Before starting, ask the children if they have ever wanted to do something so badly (even though they know they aren't allowed) that they did it anyway? What happened? Discuss.

Introduce Stanley, and explain that the story is all about a dog who can't help his own curiosity and breaks the rules because of it.

Examine the front cover together. Can the children guess what Stanley does wrong?

While looking at the cover, ask the children where they think the story takes place. Which dog do they think is the main character? Why? How does he look?

Megan Gavin says

I thought this book was really cute. It is about a little dog named Stanley who likes to have fun while his owners are out of the house at night. He listens to music, dances, and eats lots of food. Eventually, Stanley ends up throwing a big party, but that's the night his owners come home early. Stanley gets in big trouble, and he has to help clean the whole house.

Kaytlyn Witcher says

Georgia Children's Book Award

This book is about a dog that does all the things he is not supposed to do whenever his owners are away. After a while of doing it by himself, he invites all his dog friends over. They throw a huge party with dogs

from everywhere. However, Stanley's owners got home early this night and had to clean up for 2 days straight. His owners never again left him home whenever they went out. But Stanley's party story made it all over the world and every dog still talks about it to this day.

Activity: In the Story Turramurra and Timbuktu are mentioned. Get out a world atlas or use an online mapping program to show them. Turramurra is in New South Wales, Australia. Timbuktu is in Oregon, USA. This book will be an entrance into studying places around the world. I will bring books in from the library so that students can do a book study. They will each pick a place around the world and do a report on it, once they are finished we will talk about them and then begin my lesson on different areas around the world.

Jennifer Rayment says

Jake's Review: I really like the Stanley books as they always make me laugh. Stanley is always getting into trouble but he is not a bad dog. This one is very easy to read and even though they are written for the midget, I still like looking at them. The pictures are really funny to look at too. Mom scored me a signed copy of it too which is kinda sic.

Jake's Rating: 9/10

Mom's Review: The story is delightfully charming and the illustrations are classic Slavin. So much expression and attention to detail in the illustrations that even those who have not yet learned to read, can understand the story. I love Stanley he is so wonderfully charming and naughty -- sort of reminds me of Jesse. The storyline is imaginative and unique and really makes you wonder what your pets do when you are not home. It is a fast paced story with plenty of fun moments and nice morals cleverly hidden within. This is another one that we used to read to Jake over and over. It is the perfect book for the young and young at heart. I also highly recommend this one for story-time and a must have for all libraries. The kids will laugh at Stanley's wild antics - also check out Stanley's Wild Ride for further Stanley adventures.

Mom's Rating: 10/10

Engel Dreizehn says

Haha! Hilarious and delightful picture book of....what are your dogs doing while you're away? Highly recommended for dog lovers.

Olivia Slykhuis says

A funny story about a dog realizing all the fun things he can do when his people go out. Goes on a little long, but not bad. Lots of text, age 5+

Sarah Rourke says

Personal Reaction: I really enjoyed reading this book. It was engaging, humorous, and the illustrations were fun to look at. I think kids will really enjoy this book!

Purposes: Read a loud for enjoyment.

-This story would be a fun book to read to K-3rd grade students.

-Rich language: vocabulary such as: entranced, waltzing, tango. Teacher could ask the students if they know what sort of dance waltzing, and tango are.

-The illustrations usually fill up the whole page, which makes the book more engaging. There is a lot going on in the pictures, so kids will enjoy looking at them and following along with the story.

Anneliese says

All this book makes me think is, Boy I do not want a dog!

Mallory says

Annotation:

Home alone one evening, Stanley explores what happens when he sneaks onto the couch – it was even better than he ever dreamed! Pretty soon he parties every night alone, but realizes something is missing – friends! Stanley must also keep his new lifestyle a secret from “his people”.

Review:

Stanley's Party

Written by Linda Bailey Illustrated by Bill Slavin

Bailey's best works are Good Times Travel Agency Adventures and the Stanley the dog series; both illustrated by fellow Canadian Slavin. Slavin won twenty-six awards, nine for Stanley's Party, and Bailey won twenty-two as of 2008 (CANSCAIP,2007;Bailey and Slavin,2007).

Stanley's Party was the first in the series, and answers the question all dog-owners ask – what do they do when they're alone? Stanley tests his waters first by taking a seat on the couch, having the best night ever, and doesn't even get caught! Soon he's blasting music, raiding the fridge, and eventually hosts a full-blown dog party!

The intended audience is K-2 with complex sentence structures and some repetition. Overall Stanley's good dog and the storey develops his character even more, at first as an explorer, then lonely, and finally a party animal!

The plot is strong and quickly builds with anticipation. It's an exciting read-aloud as the voices have potential to be funny. Children are generally intrigued by animals, dogs especially, and the way Stanley acts as a member of the family, paired with the excitement of getting caught, appeals to children while adults can

appreciate the humour.

The scene Stanley invites dogs to his party contains a lot of white space and the illustration goes off the page leaving the impression that there are more dogs involved than can be seen. Conversely, the dog-party is full of action. The text says every kind of dog is present, while the illustration shows them in hilarious situations, conveying a wild party!

Slavin's curved lines give the dogs a friendly appearance, conveying them as members of the family with human traits. His watercolours and ink add a cartoonish texture.

I highly recommend this book for young independent readers and as a read-aloud as both children and adults will enjoy the humour.

Shelley says

Have you ever wondered what dogs do while you are gone? Stanley knows the answer to that. Stanley is forbidden from sitting or laying on the couch like most dogs, but soon Stanley starts to see a pattern with his owners always going out for long periods of time. Stanley is very clever, and definitely clever enough to learn that maybe, just maybe he can get away with hanging out on the couch or stealing food from the kitchen without getting caught while his owners are gone. What starts out with an innocent relaxing and playful time on the couch and stealing of food in the kitchen progresses into a full blown dog party. Will Stanley get caught? For anyone who has ever been out and come home to their dog laying on the couch and looking guilty, this is for you!

Bianca says

I really liked this book, it was about a sad dog who stays home and starts breaking his people's rules like sitting on the couch. One thing leads to another and he ends up throwing a party that doesn't exactly end well before the book finishes with a happily ever after for everyone involved.

I found it entertaining and definitely would share this with anyone with a love of dogs, reading or parties.

Hyeonjeong Lee says

Personal Reaction - I like this book very much because the dog in this story is very cute. Because this book sets a the dog as a main character, it would be more familiar to children and they would learn something from this story very pleasantly. As a dog person, I will remember this story forever.

Purposes-

Read aloud to first graders of elementary school for several potential purposes:

- The illustrations are very colorful and it would catch children's attention while reading it.
- This book uses personification as the dog, Stanley, cleans the couch, and talks.
- This book has onomatopoeia, for example, "Rrrrf", "Bark-de-bark-bark" and "Burp."
- The story of it would teach children that you should not do what you are not supposed to do. First graders

like doing something are not allowed. Even, that age group has egocentrism, which means they think they are in the center of the world, and see it through their perspectives. Thus, this story would give them the important lesson.

Amy says

Super cute. Have you ever wondered what your animals do when you leave? This dog throws a wild part.
