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Imagine walking to the same place every day, to meet your best friend. Imagine watching hundreds of people pass by every morning and every afternoon. Imagine waiting, and waiting, and waiting. For ten years. This is what Hachiko did.

Hachiko was a real dog who lived in Tokyo, a dog who faithfully waited for his owner at the Shibuya train station long after his owner could not come to meet him. He became famous for his loyalty and was adored by scores of people who passed through the station every day. This is Hachiko's story through the eyes of Kentaro, a young boy whose life is changed forever by his friendship with this very special dog. Simply told, and illustrated with Yan Nascimbene's lush watercolors, the legend of Hachiko will touch your heart and inspire you as it has inspired thousands all over the world.

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Isabella Green says

Hachiko by Pamela S. Turner is based on a true story about a dog in Japan that was adopted by a professor off the streets. Hachiko adored his master so much that he would follow him to the train station and watch him get on to leave to work and waits for his master to come back everyday. One day Hachiko's master never came back from his business trip leaving Hachiko alone. Hachiko's loyalty and persistence shows throughout the book when he continues to visit the train station waiting for his master to return. Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog is a great story to read to students about loyalty and loss. The story starts off bright but later turns dark when the owner passes away leaving the dog alone. Students can relate to this by thinking of a time when they had to go through something difficult in their life.

Roger DeBlanck says

Hachiko is full of sadness and wonder about a dog waiting for his master. Turner does a fine job telling the story, and Nascimbene's illustrations bring the dog to life. Nascimbene makes use of smaller pictures when he focuses on the dog exclusively, and when other aspects of the story are discussed, he uses larger spreads. The colors make use of both warmth and coolness, and everything has a touch of somber loveliness.

Kathleen Dixon says

I saw the story of this dog, Hachiko, when I was following another dog story (Gobi - and I'd link it but the computer I'm on isn't letting me). There have been quite a few books written about Hachiko - this one is fiction and quite sweet.

If I do a study on Japan with the kids (we homeschool them) I shall be sure to borrow this from the library as part of it.

Eva Leger says

Unlike Hachiko Waits, this story about Japan's most faithful dog is much more age appropriate for my almost 6 year old. The story is shorter which enables a child in that age range to keep their attention where it should be and the numerous illustrations serve to keep the young reader entertained along with the story. A quick note about the illustrations - I didn't really like the way the people were portrayed but the everything else in relation to the pictures I thought was matching. I can't put my finger on what bothered me about the people.

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Rachel says

A nice picture book fiction story of the real Hachiko dog. I've always loved this story...of the dog who loved his master so much, he wouldn't leave the spot where they'd meet up each day after work at the train station. This is a true story to introduce to kids, with unique, artistic pictures.

Jessica Marquez says

Great way to introduce the story of the loyal dog Hachiko

Allison Homeyer says

A heartwarming story of a dog and the love he has for his owner. Based off of a true story, we watch as a dog faithfully waits for his owner every day until one day his owner did not come to meet him. Hachiko became famous for his loyalty and his love for not only his owner, but everyone he came in contact with. I actually cried during this book! I loved it that much. How beautiful to show how much we mean to our pets. It is true that they are only part of our life, but to them we are their whole life.

I would definitely use this book in a therapy session. It would be great to show a child about loyalty and friendship and even love. Possibly even in a group session this would be excellent to use!

Jordan Lee says

Hachiko is the story of an amazing dog that holds true to his owner even after his owner dies. A young boy

named Kentaro is also featured in this book. He takes care of Hachiko at the train station after his owner, Dr. Ueno, dies. The strongest part of Hachiko is the dedication the dog shows to his owner and in turn the townspeople show to the dog. Every day for seven years the dog would show up to wait for Dr. Ueno, but the doctor never showed. The dog was so famous and inspirational that the people of Tokyo actually made a statue of him. It is well known as a meeting place for people at that very same train station that Hachiko waited at so many years ago. This book teaches a great lesson on how important it is to stay loyal. I feel that loyalty can be taken for granted many times, but through this tale students can learn how being loyal can impact so many lives.

Stephanie says

Text-to-World Connection:

"Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog" is a wonderful story of friendship. The picture book shows the importance of friendship which I think is something the world seems to share and embrace. In the story, the main character begins a friendship with a furry friend. This type of friendship is one that most people can relate to that extends beyond upbringings. People tend to have good relationships with animals! This story does a great job at portraying this strong relationship. I think that it is a wonderful thing that happens, having a friend that is always there and does not always have to understand. This remarkable bond is somewhat unexplainable and I think most everyone would agree that it is special. Having a special friend that will always be faithful and loyal is awesome and uplifting. I am glad that we can experience this and hope that most people enjoy the company of their special animal friend. I definitely recommend this picture book for teaching friendship!

Jo says

This is an amazing story that I recently learned about. I watched the movie the other night and fell completely in love with it and with Hachiko, the remarkable Akita dog. I knew this was a story I wanted to remember forever so I immediately ordered this children's version as a keepsake and it doesn't disappoint. <3 I definitely encourage everyone to read up on this wonderful true story of a dog's love and loyalty.

The story takes place in Japan and tells the tale of an Akita puppy named Hachiko. Hachiko and his owner, Dr. Ueno, walk together to the train station every morning. Dr. Ueno is a professor at the Tokyo University. In the evening, when Dr. Ueno's train is due back at the station, Hachiko returns to meet him.

One day Dr. Ueno doesn't return on the evening train. Sadly, he had a heart attack at the University and died. Hachiko, continued to return to the train station every evening to wait for Dr. Ueno for **9 years**. How amazing is that? Hachiko would come to wait in the same place everyday and became a regular, and much loved sight at the train station with many people providing him with food/water and taking care of him throughout the years. Hachiko died in the same spot where he always waited for Dr. Ueno and a bronze statue was erected in the very same place to remember Hachiko's love and loyalty. To this day, it remains a very popular meeting spot for people at the Shibuya station.

An incredibly sad and heartbreaking story but a truly amazing one as well and one I will never forget. <3

Ruhama says

The subtitle to the book is *The True Story of a Loyal Dog*, and is about a puppy who would wait for his owner every morning and evening at the train station in Tokyo. One evening, the master did not return from university, as he had died, but the dog continued to wait. The story is told from a little boy's perspective, and he marvels at how people start to take care of the dog as the years pass and his owner never arrives home. Eventually, the dog dies and a statue is erected in his honor. The book is sweet, simple and will be a treat for dog lovers. The illustrations are simple, yet colorful, and capture the essence of Japan. The only thing not included is a photo of the statue, and that was disappointing.

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Based on the true story of Hachikō, the dog who waited for his owner after his death at Shibuya Station for 9 years.

Julia Jasztal says

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Lauren Barone says

Story books of animals, in my opinion, are the most interesting. This story of Hachiko, the dog who lived in Japan, was an amazing story. Hachiko was a loyal dog who caught the attention of many people living in Japan. He waited every day for his friend to come and see him at the station. Many grew to love and adore this dog. It teaches children the loyalty of animals and about the concept of loyalty.

This book most likely won this award for it's beautifully illustrated pictures. This picture book matches perfectly with the texts on each page to make it easy for the reader to jump right into the story.

Shannon says

This book was heartwarming because it showed a bond between a man and a dog. Even the story did a great job showing loyalty to its owner.
