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Noni the Pony lives on a farm by the bay. She's friendly and funny and her best friends are Jac Dog and Coco the Cat. In the day time she gallops and canters and entertains the other farm animals, but sometimes at night, when the leaves sigh in the breeze, Noni gets spooked and that's when her friends help Noni go to sleep.

## **Noni The Pony Details**

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# From Reader Review Noni The Pony for online ebook

## Katrina Pieri says

Cute story about pony & friends. Good rhyme and repetition. Might be suitable for younger storytime.

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## Shannon (Giraffe Days) says

I'm a big fan of Alison Lester - her set of four little board books (*Happy and Sad*, *Bibs and Boots*, *Crashing and Splashing* and *Bumping and Bouncing*) are huge favourites at our house, and I've picked up a couple of her Imagine books too, so when I saw this one of course I had to get it.

It's the sweet and simple story of Noni the pony who is friendly and funny. "She lives on a farm near Waratah Bay" and likes to prance and dance for the "ladies" (cows) next door. She has two best friends, Dave Dog and Coco the Cat, who hang out with her in the paddock, playing hide-and-seek and jumping the creek. Noni's so gentle and kind, she "never lets anyone get left behind." Noni really is the best friend you could hope for - when "Coco and Dave feel lonely or gray, Noni tells stories to brighten their day."

There's no moral of the story or plot, just descriptions of how Noni spends her time, growing fat and shiny in the paddock, with her two friends, but that doesn't mean it's a shallow or empty story. She lives life to the full, she protects her friends (she sings to them when there's a breeze that sounds like monsters in the trees), and she is friendly and kind. Stories about good friends are popular with kids, and this one will go down well with kids who love horses and ponies, too.

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## Nicola says

Nice simple story told in rhyme.

Miss 4 and I like to explore different books and authors at the library, sometimes around particular topics or themes. We try to get different ones out every week or so; it's fun for both of us to have the variety and to look at a mix of new & favourite authors.

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## Allie Sargent says

Summary: Noni The Pony is a simple, yet sweet story about a pony named Noni and her daily activities. Noni is always "trotting and prancing" around and running into her various animal friends. Noni's best friends are Dave Dog and Coco the Cat, and the three friends like to play hide and seek together around the creek. Noni is also very caring towards her friends and makes sure that no is left behind, and if her friends are feeling down, Noni is always the pony that can brighten their day. However, every so often Noni is scared of the night, but her friends Dave and Coco are there to help her sleep through the night.

Themes: The major theme of this story is friendship and compassion. Noni demonstrated compassion

towards her friends by telling them stories whenever they're having a bad day. Friendship is also an important theme of this story because all of the animals love to play together and have fun during the day.

Personal Response: This story was very fun to read because all of the sentences in the book rhyme, which would make reading this story more enjoyable for young children. I also enjoyed this book because it reminded me of something I would have loved to read as a child because I loved horses and found any book with horses as the main character enjoyable.

Recommendation: I would recommend this book to young readers because it is fun and easy to read. This story also teaches children about the importance of friendship and it shows that in a fun and clever way through the use of various animals. I also would recommend this book to young readers who are just beginning to read on their own, or as a book parents can read to their children while they are still young.

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### **Katie says**

Wonderful, sweet book about a pony. Each illustration covers two pages, with two lines of rhyming text. There isn't a set plot, but it's still a cute book. I would not hesitate to read this in a story time, the illustrations are vibrant, and the text flows well, making for a great read-a-loud.

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### **Robin says**

Great toddler picture book.

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### **Molly says**

Sweet story about the daily adventure of kind Noni and her friends. Simple, but great illustrations. A fun read for story time.

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### **Dan Hyer says**

One of the better picture books out there. This is in the regular rotation for my twin girls when they are 3.5 years old.

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### **Clare Cannon says**

A cute rhyming picture book for young readers with simple pictures and sweet words.

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## **S.Michelle says**

Noni the Pony is a cute, rhyming story about a pony who loves to dance and spend time with her friends. A great read for bedtime!

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## **Deborah Abela says**

This is the story of a pony called Noni who is friendly and funny and has a shimmering, honey-coloured tail. She lives on a farm overlooking the sea and likes trotting and prancing and kicking up her heels with the hens and the ducks. Her best friends are Dave the Dog and Coco the Cat who run and play and jump over the creek. And like a good friend, Noni is always careful that no one gets left behind, that if thunder frightens her friends, she cuddles them close and tells them stories to help them be brave, and when she gets spooked by the rustling leaves at night, all she has to do is snuggle in for a song with her best friends and soon she'll be sleeping all night long. Alison's drawings are created from clean strong lines, vibrant colours and a fierce love of animals and the Australian landscape. When times are happy there are golds and blues and when forests fill with Noni's fears, there are murky greys and greens. With Alison's books though, you can be sure to end on a warm and cuddly note.

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## **Becky B says**

Meet Noni the Pony and the other animals who live with her on her farm in Australia.

A cute farm animal book that little animal lovers should devour. Noni is a good friend to the other farm animals, and the rhyming of the text is well done. Going to have to buy this one for the niece who LOVES farm animals.

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## **Lydia says**

The daily adventures of a kind pony and her friends.

This is a fun, happy story of a pony, the friends she does stuff with daily and what they like to do. Most of it is actually stuff a pony would do, though finding a truly kind pony is like finding gold (just ask whoever you know that actually works with/rides horses, ponies can be evil!)! But for the young animal lover, this is a cute introduction to a pony's world.

No content issues.

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## **Kelly says**

LOVED it. It's simple, colorful, rhyming, and a neat story.

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### **Cecilia says**

This book is touchingly sweet. If they make Noni the Pony stuffed animals, you might as well get one if you're buying this book because you'll want to huggle the stuffing out of it.

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