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Award-winning author-illustrator Bob Staake has created a rollicking picture book about a boy and his most unusual pet!

Most pets are cats and dogs, but what happens when a boy wants a different kind of pet, one that doesn't meow or bark? Bob Staake's exuberant tale of a little boy and the pet of his dreams will appeal to anyone whose best friends are . . . books! Books make the perfect pets, the boy decides, and chooses a bright red one. When it goes missing, a lively adventure is in store for readers who love a happy ending. Soon kids everywhere will wish for a pet book of their very own.

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Mehsi says

*The boy's mum gently asked him how a book could bring such joy.
"Because every book's a friend!" explained the yawning little boy.*

I spotted this book and new it was a book I would really like. It turned out that I couldn't love it, due to some stuff, but most of the book was terrific so I really like it.

Why would you get a cat? Or a dog? Or even a goldfish? Those pets are so dull and so the same, what about a book for a pet? A pet that never sheds, never poops, never will get flees, and you can just sit down and read the stories that it contains inside. What more could one want? It was a really cute idea, and I totally agree, though I think that hamsters still win as a pet for me. :D

The boy's passion for his pet book was adorable and it made me all warm and glowy inside. So many books are about kids wanting to get a pet, but none would want a book for a pet. It is original and creative.

There were a few things I didn't like. For instance him dragging(?) the book with him on a leash, or that annoying maid that was a bit too dedicated to cleaning and apparently didn't care to ask the family she cleans for if stuff can be removed/cleaned. :| I would have fired her for a) throwing away stuff and not checking if they are meant to be thrown away. b) for throwing away something like that. :|

The ending was adorable and I was just awwwing at it all. I hope the boy and his book are together for a long time to come.

The art was really fun, and I liked that even though you read the text, you could still spend a long time looking at the illustrations and find all the things + more that the story had just told. I liked how colourful the art was, it really fit the happy nature of this book.

All in all, this is one book I would recommend to every booklover.

Review first posted at <http://twirlingbookprincess.com/>

Ruth says

An adorable children's book about a little boy who doesn't like cats or dogs because they are messy and make his sneeze, so he chooses a book for a pet. Any book-loving parent will giggle their way through reading this adorable story to their child, and children will love reading it as well. The illustrations are bright and bold and charming.

Rosy says

Adorable book, lovely illustrations, I LOVED IT!

A little boy wants a pet and what's better than a book for a pet?

This was perfect <3

Amy Rae says

This is a book with two things that annoy me about it and nothing that I really like.

First thing: The family in this book has a maid, which seems really unnecessary and stratifying to me. Her role could have been played by any absent-minded family member; an anachronistic maid (do people seriously still call housekeepers maids these days?) in an anachronistic domestic uniform isn't actually necessary.

Second thing: AFAICT, your choices in this book, as a person living in the illustrations, are to either have pale skin or crazy rainbow skin. (Our central character, as you can see on the cover, is the whitest of all--he's literally glowing, he's so white.) There aren't any characters who have dark skin that could exist in reality. I'm totally fine with people being rainbow colours, as long as rainbow-coloured people don't end up being a substitute for real-world-style people of colour. When it's easier to be purple in your book than it is to be black, I think there's a problem.

Ignoring those issues, it's middle-of-the-road pablum. The story isn't that interesting, the rhyming isn't that good, and I'm not a huge fan of the way Staake draws his characters, all colours aside. I can't really think of anything to recommend this book except "it promotes a love of books, I guess," and plenty of books do that. Actually, literally any good book promotes a love of books, and it does it more subtly than this effort.

Melissa Rochelle says

I find rhyming books so much fun to read aloud. It's even better when the book is about a boy and his love for his pet book -- because not everyone is interested in or can have the furry kind of pet or a pet that poops or one you have to clean up after. However, even if it's just a pet book you have to be careful to not lose it.

Molly says

A dream of a story for parents who are allergic to every possible pet option - and pretty cute regardless of that. Books **are** friends. Bob Staake gets it.

Diane says

"Most pets, you know are cats and dogs, go out and take a look.
But there's a boy in Smartytown whose pet is ... a little book."

The boy wants a pet that's easy to take care of and decides that a book suits him best. He finds the perfect book "with a frisky red hardcover" at the book shop. The spend countless hours together. "The boy imagined as he read that he was *in* the story." But when he comes home from school one day, the book is missing. Oh

No! The maid has taken the book to a thrift shop. And the mad search begins.

Such a great story about the joy of reading. When asked how a book could bring such joy the boy replies "It's cuz every book's a *friend*!"

Laura Harrison says

It darn near kills me giving a Staake book a 3 star review. But it is what it is. Vibrant, glorious illustrations with a blah story. It could have been great. The premise is cute as heck. But the story becomes dull and uninspired pretty early on. The pictures can definitely hold a child's attention.

Becky says

The boy in this story has a book for a pet. It's not that his parents wouldn't allow a cat or a dog, but, that this boy really wanted a pet book. The premise is quirky and not without potential. For some readers, this one may prove completely charming.

My problem with the Pet Book was not the premise. I found the rhythm and rhyme to be a bit off or unnatural. The rhyming just didn't work for me. And it felt like it was the need to rhyme that was driving the book, the story. For example when the book "runs away," this is the rhyme we're "treated" to:

"He ran away! He ran away!" The boy began to bleat. "How could a pet book run away without a pair of feet?"

It continues,

The maid could hear the crying boy. (That sound was such a rarity.) "I think I know what happened..." (gulp) "I gave your book to...charity."

Jean says

The rhyme was cute and the idea not bad. I don't know who that maid thinks she is though. Seriously.

Callie Rose Tyler says

I think that maybe this one just wasn't my cup of tea. The illustrations were colorful but I thought that the rhythmic writing and plot were somewhat unimaginative. The concept seemed like a set up for a funny offbeat story but I didn't get the humor and was a little bored.

Gerry says

I love the idea of this book. What could beat having a book for a pet? Yes, we like cats and dogs but a book, that's so much more adorable. However the telling of the tale, in rhyme, doesn't quite cut the mustard for me. It left me slightly disappointed because the relationship between the boy and his book wasn't as strong as I thought it should have been ... he should have been much more passionate!

The little boy lived in Smartytown and when he decided that he wanted a book he visited the local bookstore and he spotted a 'frisky red hardcover' and that was the one he liked most so he bought the book and adopted it as his pet.

The beauty of the book was that it had no fleas, it never needed bathing and 'it didn't even poop!' He felt that a better pet he could never have and it never even made a sound. And when he read it he imagined that he was in every story. Then suddenly he returned home and the book was gone. He cried but when the maid told him what had happened he dashed round town looking for it.

After some disappointments he found the book in a most unusual place and he went to bed to dream all night as he cuddled his 'lost - and found - pet book'.

Bob Staake presents his usual brilliant illustrations that do enliven the tale and that would help make it more appealing to today's younger generation.

Mischenko says

Cute rhyming story about a boy and his pet book. Yes, his pet is a book!

Super colorful and easy to read.

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Sara Grochowski says

Bob Staake once again delights readers with his newest read aloud, MY PET BOOK. What kind of pet do you get when you don't care for puppy dogs and kittens make you sneezy? Why, a pet book of course! After all, pet books don't run away, they have no fleas, and they don't have to be fed. Inside, there are all sorts of tales sure to keep every owner occupied for hours. And, as our young book owner quickly learns, no matter how big or small, new or old, every book is a friend.

Read Ribbet says

Bob Staake's geometric style that was so memorable in the wordless picture book Bluebird returns to tell the

story of a young boy who opts for a book as a pet. Cleverly told, the tale becomes a cautionary tale when the book is missing and then we see how important it is to match a book and its owner. It would be a good title to integrate into lessons on urgency and choice.
