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I don't want a handbag dog.

A tail-not-meant-to-wag dog.

I just want a silly dog.

A sweet willy nilly dog.

A dog I can call MY DOG!

While posh puppies may be all the rage, there's nothing better than a silly, sweet dog that you can call your very own. In this charming picture book, one little girl sets off in search of her perfect pup. Along the way she meets dogs of every shape and size, but ultimately, she knows when she's found the one that's just right for her. This heartwarming story celebrates in a playful and humorous way the special bond we share with our beloved canine companions.

I Don't Want a Posh Dog Details

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Liza Gilbert says

The story is light, but the sentiment is sweet. Plus, the art totally rocks. A nice book about attitude and figuring out just what you want.

Kelly says

Nice rhyming book about dogs.

Ann says

The illustrations in this book are loads of fun! As are the rhymes which - aside from the last few pages - flowed incredibly well and would probably be super fun to read aloud!

I liked the intent of the ending, and the sweetness that came along with it. But, I couldn't help but feel a little... not five-star-ish... about the 'stereotyping' of the various dog breeds. Maybe this is far too picky of me, and I know it's all in fun, but I love dogs and I had a hard time accepting that various breeds were 'posh' or 'snappy' 'snooty' or 'never-happy...'

I think the final - very important - message could have been conveyed in a different way.

Sarah says

Much like me, this little girl knows more what she doesn't want than what she wants. Unfortunately, she doesn't want pretty much every type of dog, or at least things that characterize every type of dog at some point. It would be hard to find a dog that has never jumped on a person, drooled, needed a bath, or ran around. Frankly, she doesn't want a posh dog, she wants a pound puppy toy. I was disappointed, considering how much I have enjoyed Emma Dodd's other works.

Anna - Kids says

The rhyme was cute but I didn't like that all dogs were shitty for various reasons except the one mutt. All well and good to have a loveable mutt but there's nothing wrong with a poodle.

Sarah's Storytime says

probably wouldn't read in storytime

Linda B says

Describe what you don't want and find what you do want, a good concept for kids to learn!

Caroline (Cary) says

The little girl in this story is enumerating her criteria for the perfect dog. She definitely doesn't want a snooty, high-maintenance pup, just a "sweet, willy-nilly dog." The rhyming, rhythmic text makes this book fun to read aloud, and the rough, playful cartoon illustrations filled with color and texture will definitely give children something to talk about. Ages 2-5. Recommended for additional purchase.

Dee-Ann says

Clever rhyming book about the types of dogs (which were amazingly described) the main character did not want a s a pet. Fun pictures.

Pam ?Because Someone Must Be a Thorn? Tee says

Adorable.

Sweet.

Good Read-aloud too!

I don't want a posh dog! is a charming, kid-friendly book that is all about a little girl's criteria for the perfect dog.

You might think the author, Emma Dodd, would start the book off with a list of attributes the little girl wants for her pet, but in fact she takes the opposite approach. Thus we find out that *snappy, growly, never-happy dogs* need not apply. And that the little girl definitely doesn't want "an itchy dog. A scritch, scratchy, twitchy dog."

Ms. Dodd does this on purpose, of course, for by the time she turns this theme around, you find yourself waiting in anticipation for exactly what it is that she does want. And that's when Dodd zings you, hitting with a barrage of sweet messages -- ones that left us going Ahhhh.

Wrap Up:::

I Don't Want a Posh Dog! is a lovely book. The pages are thick and glossy and the artwork is adorable. On the whole, the book seems very substantial, although I must admit that nothing can stand up to a rowdy

toddler on a rampage.

The lyrics and artwork (the principal charm of this book) are delightful. My kids, currently 7 and 9, chuckled throughout. I especially liked the breath of vocabularly words that were introduced.

The resource I referenced gave the Accelerated Reading level as a generic "1". Given the fact that the vocabulary includes words like "snooty", "bouncy" and "attitudey" I can only assume that it must be towards the high side of the 1 range-- perhaps 1.9.

The interest range for this book is fairly broad. Boys and girls as young as toddlers and as old as 8 or 9 could find it appealing. I'd consider it as a gift for dog-lovin' children under 6 years of age.

Very Good Read-a-Loud.

Pam T~
mom and reviewer for BooksforKids-reviews

Gwen the Librarian says

Eh. I can't decide about this one. I love Emma Dodd. I love the illustrations and how they pair with the text. But it seems like too much text for the very young audience for whom it is intended. I don't mean the book is wordy, because it's not, it's just not short enough for the concept. This is starting to be my problem with really simple books and maybe I'm just taking it out on this poor, innocent book. I mean, to me, this is a toddler book but they get bored about half-way through. Anyway, it's really cute, so try it for yourself.

Sarah - All The Book Blog Names Are Taken says

Despite me being a dog person, I actually preferred the author's cat book to this one. The rhymes just weren't quite as solid - and this might seem too advanced but my little one noticed too! She prefers the other one every time when given the choice. This one isn't terrible by any means, but it's not our favorite.

Heather says

LOVED IT!

Alexandra says

Here's my non-"posh" poodle:

I'll be the first to admit poodle-cuts are goofy and silly looking. I dislike them. Alot. I have news - when you

own a poodle you don't have to give them the goofy do! There are no Poodle Police who will come after you!

However, poodles are awesome dogs! They are SMART, #2 on AKC's breed intelligence chart. Number TWO.

<http://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/smarteres...>

They have a strong desire to please their owner which, coupled with their intelligence, makes them one of the easiest breeds to train.

They don't shed. Because they lack the dander other breeds have some people who are allergic to dogs can tolerate poodles.

They are silly and fun. They have a high play drive and lots of energy, love attention and are very loyal. They love to run and play. They're great dogs for kids, as long as the kid isn't too young to understand not to pull their ears or pound on them.

Poodles also, when raised well, are very friendly and social and enjoy people. They also, when raised well, are not yippy or snappy. Their hair is soft, perfect for petting.

Also great for young girls who actually *like* to brush and blowdry their dog's hair. Or shoot, even give them a home haircut, like I used to do when I was a kid. But I'd suggest not putting them in a doll dress,

This dog used to pull me down the block while I was on my roller-skates. Slept on my bed, saving me from my fear of the dark, comforted me all the times I cried my kid heart out. We had the best times. Not at all "posh", this dog was not simply my best friend but my hero.

"A tail-not-meant-to-wag dog."

Happy poodles wag, a lot. And "happy" is their default mode.

"I just want a silly dog."

Poodles are not only silly, they are clowns who enjoy making their people laugh. Laugh at their antics and their eyes sparkle, and their tails wag like crazy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2JvH...>

So sure, hate on the goofy poodle DO, but blame people for that, not the dog. Don't want a "posh" dog? Don't turn your dog into one.

Look beyond the goofy hairdo some are prone to give them, and you'll find a wonderful, fun, loyal, smart dog who would walk through fire just to be your best pal.

Allison says

I have to say that this would be great for storytime and also, I agree with her. I wouldn't want a posh dog either.
