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They're off! Sam is the best race-car driver in history-he is number one at every race!

But when his best friend, Maggie, shows that she has racing talent of her own, Sam doesn't know how to handle coming in second place. Will he learn what it truly means to be a winner?

Number One Sam Details

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From Reader Review Number One Sam for online ebook

Rebecca Honeycutt says

One of the best, least didactic picture books I've read on winning, losing, confidence, and doing the right thing. Pizzoli nails it again.

Roben says

You don't always have to be Number One!

Melki says

Love the funky artwork and the chicks wearing glasses!

Kimberly Sabatini says

I really wish I would have had this book for my boys. <3

Paul says

Sam is used to winning, so it's a surprise when he learns that you don't have to win the race to pick up chicks!

Kristen says

What a great, straight-forward story about wanting to be "number one".

Sam is used to winning. When he comes in second place in the race, he feels crummy. So what happens in the next race? Sam stops to rescue little chicks on the race track, losing his first place spot, but getting cheers for being a good guy.

I love that one of the racers in this book is Crocodile from Pizzoli's award-winner THE WATERMELON SEED and Crocodile's car has a watermelon slice as his symbol.

Richelle Rininger says

This is a good book that shows kids that you don't have to be #1 at things that the most important thing is to be a good friend.

Mary says

Sam, the race car driving dog, is used to being number one. When he loses to his best friend, Sam is shaken and fears losing the next race. But outside forces interfere with the race and Sam has to make a tough decision. Is winning really everything? A heartfelt picture book that captures the anxiety of competition and the joy of making the right decision. Great message! Also observant readers will appreciate the nod to Pizzoli's The Watermelon Seed.

Jasmine (jasmine_reads) says

Sam loves being number one, but when he doesn't come in first place for the first time, it worries him and he can't seem to focus on his racing.

I'm actually glad that Sam didn't become a total jerk when he didn't come in first place. On the inside flap, it shows him mad that he didn't come in first, but throughout the book he isn't as mad at coming in second as he is confused by how he feels. A cute story that reminds young readers that there are other things more important than being in first place all the time.

Sopana T says

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Erin says

Sam is number one at racing and speed and turns. He is also number one in coming in the number one place in a race. That is until his best friend wins a race.

Good for preschool and toddler storytimes.

Maggi Rohde says

A very effective easy reader deals with the experience of losing and making good decisions.

Holly says

You've always been #1 til your not! That's what happens in this book. Sam is always #1 until the day his best friend beats him for the #1 spot. How he handles it is very typical. I like the moral of this story, and my son likes all the cars! Great story.

June says

A dog finds out that there are more important things than winning. Useful, but a bit didactic.

Joan says

This is a new title by this year's winner of the Geisel award. It has a charming message that small kids need to learn: that winning is not the most important goal in the world. Being kind is more important. Sam likes to win races. But then he loses one and is very disappointed. What should he do in the next race when he sees some chickens crossing the road? The joke will be there if adults want to tell kids but I doubt at the preschooler through first grade level that kids will pick up on the joke by themselves. BTW, no answer is given to the joke, it is just there as an extra laugh if a reader should notice it. Please note the characters waiting to start the race for old friends if you've read watermelon seed! Neat aside: I got this title at ALA and met the author and got an autograph. He seems so pleasant and happy to be there. Expect this author to become a perennial if you want my prediction.
