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Tinka is a sweet dog, a treat dog, a jumping-up-to-greet dog. A fun dog, a sun dog, a run-and-run-and-run dog. Meet Tinka, a dandy, sandy golden retriever, and the boy who loves her as they spend a busy, dizzy day at the beach. Sunny watercolors and a lighthearted rhyming text will make this rhythmic read-aloud a winner with dog lovers of all ages.

Fun Dog, Sun Dog Details

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Jenny says

This fun story told in rhyme is a classic “boy and his dog” tale, complete with the ups (“a ride dog, a slide dog, a stay right by my side dog”) and the downs (“A Hey! Dog, a sprayed do, a skunk got in the way dog”). The big, bright pictures are simple but well convey the simple joys of childhood. The short words and lines and the rhyme makes this books not only fun for story times, but good for beginning readers as well.

Dalia J says

“I love this book, it’s funny.” Jada age 7

Abby Yoder says

It brought back great memories of why I love my dogs at home and why I love reading animal books because so many children love reading them and it was why I want to have a ton of animals when I'm older.

Katherine Cowley says

This is a great picture book about a boy and his dog, Tinka. Three things I love: 1. The poetry. It's a great use of catchy but never corny rhyme for kids. 2. The story is told entirely through adjectives and adjectival phrases -- the "be" verb is the only verb used throughout the book, yet the adjectives imply so much action that are then beautifully illustrated throughout the book. Take this stanza for an example:

Tinka is a dandy dog,
a sandy dog,
a snatching-all-my-candy dog.

3. Great, engaging illustrations which always put the dog front and center (which young kids love). Many pages include hints of what is to come later in the action on the edge of the page or in the distance. The illustrations are what unify the story for me.

Smita says

Rhythmic read to teach rhyming.

Dena (Batch of Books) says

This super cute story about a boy and his dog will keep you smiling through the very last page. Written in simple verse, Fun Dog, Sun Dog is an entertaining look at the relationship between humans and their pets. Dogs are not always perfect, but they offer people companionship and love.

The artwork is warm, bright, and charming. This is an adorable book that any dog-loving child will enjoy.
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Audrey says

fun rhyming book- H liked the line "licky,icky,sticky, dog!" reminded us of our favorite dog, Tanner

Nancy Kotkin says

Text: 3 stars

Illustrations: 3 stars

A rhyming picture book that chronicles an ordinary day in the life of a boy and his dog. Some of the rhymes are positive but others not so much, which makes the story arc seem unclear. Illustrations contain some interesting texture and movement.

JustOneMoreBook.com says

Sunshine, shenanigans and loads of jingly rhyme make this cheery little boardbook a perfect preschool pick.

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Other books mentioned:

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Biscuits in the Cupboard

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My Pup

The Pound from the Hound

Poodlena

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Dirty Dog Boogie

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Shannon says

I loved this one - fun, rhymes, cute story of how loving, lovable, and obnoxious dogs can be!!

Peggy Archer says

Fun rhyming text shows how a boy's pet dog, Tinka, is such a fun--including a few not-so-fun situations.

Erika Tortorice says

This an easy to read rhyming book. I illustrations helps the reader to figure out larger unknown words. The simple rhyming sentences shows the experiences the dog goes through in the story and each illustration perfectly matches. The illustrations spread across two pages allowing for the setting to be understood and stand out. The illustrator uses lines to get across the emotions of the characters. The author uses rhyming words which could be used to add to a word wall in the classroom.

Katy says

Rhyme scheme is better than most of these types of books, but I just don't prefer it.

Alison says

Rhyming book that goes through a day in the life of a boy and his dog.

babyhippoface says

A boy and his dog enjoy a day playing together on the beach in this rhythmic rhyming book. Each two-page spread features a simple, repetitive rhyme chronicling the pair's adventures ("Tinka is a sweet dog, a treat dog, a jumping-up-to-greet dog.") The gesso beneath acrylic adds texture to the playful, margin-to-margin illustrations. Share this with kids and they will wish this "care dog, share dog, when-I-need-her-there dog" was their dog.
