

Biscuit Wins a Prize

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Recommended for ages 2-4

This book is part of the Biscuit picture books of the I Can Read Series.

Biscuit is a lovable puppy with a adventurous personality and he has a variety of encounters as he is exposed to more of the world.

In this book, Biscuit is taken to a pet show by his owner, but trouble ensues from the get go as Biscuit is distracted by everything that he sees. He rolls around when the girl is trying to put on his ribbon and is generally badly behaved. The owner makes an effort to keep Biscuit in line, going from the trip to the show to while they are in the show but Biscuit consistently runs away. He is attracted by all the other animals, like to cuddle close with other animals. He encounters everything ranging from cats, birds, fish, other dogs and even bunnies. In the end, with the owner being very upset at Biscuit, the judge comes over and gives him a ribbon, the ribbon describes him as a number one friend.

This book is very cute and nice for kids to begin experiencing the way that jumpy dogs behave. The series as a whole does a good job of developing different stories to expose the readers to new situations. Here, the jumpy dog can make the kids laugh and the young ones that have the same type of mischievous attitude can feel connected with the dog. The fact that he is given a prize is heartwarming and shows how the prize does not have to be for the typical good things, which I think is a good lesson for young readers.

One issue that I had was the woof, woof lines that show Biscuit making a sound, they are not distinguished from the human's words, and could be confused as the human saying woof to the dog.

Recommended Readings:

Poor Puppy by Nick Bruel

Pete the Cat by James Dean

Ribsy by Beverly Cleary