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Cordsen, Carol Foskett. *The Milkman*. Illustrated by Jones, Douglas B.. Dutton, 2005. ISBN 0525472088. \$15.99. 32 p.

Reviewer: Sarah Wanlass

Reading Level: All

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Picture Books; Poetry;

Subject: Delivery of goods--Juvenile fiction; Milk--Juvenile fiction; Dairy products--Juvenile fiction;

When Caroline cannot find her dog, all seems lost. But for Mr. Plimpton, the friendly neighborhood milkman, finding lost dogs is all part of the routine. As Mr. Plimpton makes his morning rounds, we see Caroline's signs all over town: "Lost my dog. Love, Caroline." Observant young readers will enjoy helping Mr. Plimpton find Caroline's dog--they might even spot him before Mr. Plimpton!

This simple, yet charming tale is told in verse. Cordsen commands a strong rhythmic quality that keeps the story moving. Her writing stays descriptive; no words are wasted. The reader is left with a vivid picture that is well-matched with Jones's inviting illustrations, reminiscent of Norman Rockwell's era. *The Milkman* deserves a strong recommendation for young and old readers.