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Nico and Lola: Kindness Shared Between a Boy and a Dog

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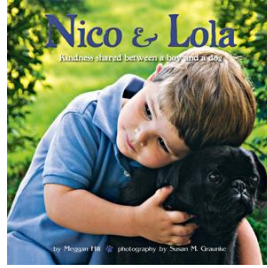
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Hill, Meggan. *Nico and Lola: Kindness Shared Between a Boy and a Dog*. Illustrated by Susan M. Graunke. Harper, 2009. ISBN 9780061990434. \$16.99. 32 p.

Reviewer: Ruth-Anne Brown

Reading Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Informative; Informational books;

Subject: Kindness--Juvenile literature; Dogs--Juvenile literature; Pet-sitting--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

Nico's Aunt Sue calls to ask if he would be so kind as to take care of her little pug Lola. When the day arrives Nico makes sure to take special care of the little dog. Nico runs and plays with Lola, but makes sure she does not get overheated. Nico even lets his neighbors play with Lola and teaches them to treat her kindly as they take her on a walk. Nico tells Lola all about his day and Lola listens. In the end, Aunt Sue comes back from her trip and is so grateful to find Lola happy and well taken care of.

Hill writes a story that dog lovers will enjoy. The color photographs taken by Graunke make the book all the more delightful. The theme of kindness is exemplified throughout the story as Nico cares for Lola. Children and grownups of all ages will enjoy this sweet example of sharing, love, and service.

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