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# Buster the Very Shy Dog in the Great Bone Game

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# Book Review

**Title:** Buster the Very Shy Dog in the Great Bone Game

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**Publisher:** Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company

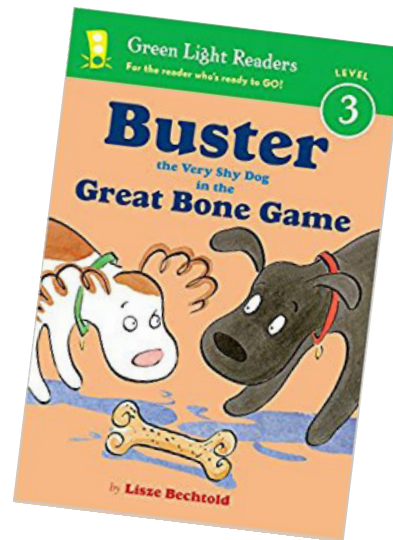
**Publication Year:** 2003

**ISBN:** 9780544668478

**Number of Pages:** 30

**Interest Level:** Primary

**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

Roger brings home a new dog, Buster. Buster is shy and relies on Phoebe, Roger's other dog, in order to figure out how things work. Phoebe tricks Buster into thinking that he needs to train his bones to stay in order for them to stay put. Phoebe really just takes them and adds them to her bone collection. When they meet an enormous neighbor dog, Gregory, with an enormous bone, Phoebe makes Buster go get the bone. Buster doesn't want to steal the bone from his new friend. Phoebe tries to steal Gregory's big bone, but she gets caught with the bone and Buster has made a new friend on the block.

Young readers will learn that it's important to be genuine and friendly, not tricky and greedy like Phoebe in *Buster the Very Shy Dog in the Great Bone Game*. This book has longer sentences and short chapters, which is great for independent readers who need to build confidence in their independent reading abilities. Readers will enjoy figuring out Phoebe's tricky nature through the illustrations. Children in grades first through third will successfully read and enjoy this book. The illustrations portray emotions in the dogs, which will draw animal lovers to this book.