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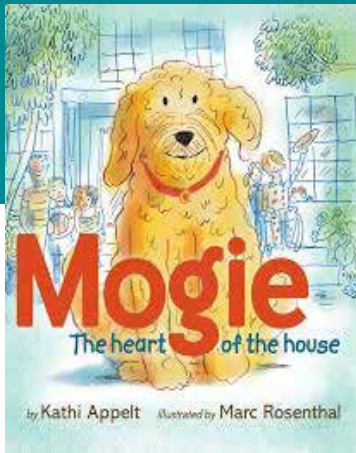
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Book Review

Mogie: The Heart of the House

Mogie is a ball-chasing, tail-wagging, moon-howling pup with a heart as true as true can be. Mogie comforts young Gage who used to be a ball throwing, race, running back-flipping boy, but has fallen sick and lost his mojo. Knowing just the right ways to comfort Gage in this difficult time, she sticks with him until he finds his mojo and is able to return home. Mogie's story continues at the Ronald McDonald House where she stays to help the next child who comes sick and in need of a friend.

Through its pastel watercolor pictures and storyline, this children's book conveys the message of hope and friendship. The author uses specific childlike language which gives a tender feel and makes it relatable to all ages. The undertone of sadness is overcome by the message of hope and success as Gage overcomes his sickness and is able to return home. An author's note in the back of the book gives a glimpse into how the author met and was touched by the real Mogie. Readers of all ages will fall in love with Mogie and the work she is doing in for sick kids in the Ronald McDonald House.

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Rating

Outstanding

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