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It all started with a pesky flea that lodged under Ribsy’s collar in a place he couldn’t quite reach. Mercifully, Ribsy’s boy, Henry Huggins, removes the collar, but when Ribsy gets lost in a crowded shopping area, he has no way of being reunited with his family. Ribsy thus embarks on a wild and adventurous journey to find his way home. Along the way, he encounters a violet-scented bubble bath, becomes a school mascot, turns the tide of a high school football game, and, out of necessity, eats more tuna fish than he would prefer. At last, Ribsy’s wild journey leads him back home to the Hugginses.

Though Ribsy is the sixth installment of Cleary’s beloved Henry Huggins series, the novel also works well as a stand-alone book, with no previous character knowledge required. Ribsy is decidedly a “dog book,” but the omission of talking animals is refreshing. Fans of Love that Dog, Because of Winn Dixie, and Shiloh will enjoy Ribsy’s adventurous journey. Ribsy is a home or classroom book collection staple, and is an excellent choice for a read-aloud for children spanning ages seven to twelve.

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