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Rudy, a four-legged friend who loves humans and balls, is taken to the park with his owner. While at the park, Rudy explains about the species of dogs, and then jumps back into time (25,000 BC to be exact). During this time wolves were the closest animal to a dogs, but they weren’t the best human companion because wolves aren’t naturally tame. Through evolution, changes in wolves’ traits resulted in the dog that man loves today. Each dog has many different qualities and characteristics that make that dog unique to specific environments and tasks. Through this journey, one will come to understand how the origins of dogs and a dog’s genetic makeup define their skill set and personality.

Andy Hirsch has made informational reading exciting. This book is unique in format due to its graphic novel layout. The graphic novel helps readers not feel as overwhelmed and brings a narrative element to an informational text. The pictures are clear and they help the reader understand the information being presented. The content could be considered a heavy load of information, but Hirsch covers just enough to feel educated and not overwhelmed. Through the entire journey, Rudy is chasing his ball and lands in different time periods. He will then go on to explain more about dogs in each scene. While Rudy and his story aren’t fully developed, this element is crucial to help keep an easy flow to the book.

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Rating
Dependable
Level
Intermediate