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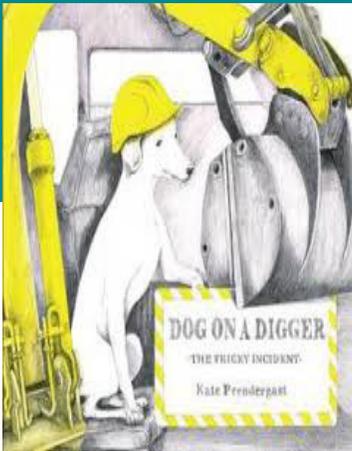
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Book Review

Dog on a Digger: The Tricky Incident

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool, Primary

Lassie has nothing on this little pooch. The story has no words but the reader sees this dog wake himself and then his master and all of the things that this faithful hound does with his human during the day. When they break for lunch, the dog gets to eat with a fluffy friend at the food trailer. The new little dog soon disappears and his loyal friend raises the alarm and begins to look with the people for the missing dog. He hears him barking from a ditch where he is trapped in a tree above rushing water. He alerts the humans and with the digger they rescue his little friend for a happy ending.

Wordless picture books are wonderful because they allow for lots of discussion from page to page about what is being shown. A child too young to read can tell the story in their own words to anyone who will listen. The illustrations are evocative of picture books from the 50s and 60s done as pencil sketches with blue and yellow accent colors. They are soft and crisp at the same time, and invite lingering over the pages to see how much of the story you can catch on each page. A great book to instill a love of books in pre-readers and readers alike.

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32

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