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# Sterling, Best Dog Ever

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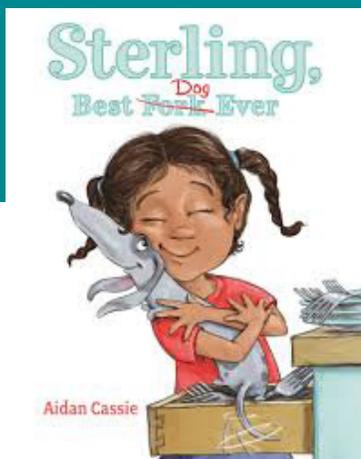
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## Book Review

### Sterling, Best Dog Ever

Sterling has received a lot of rejection and needs a home and people to belong to. He wants love so much that he is willing to do anything or be anything to live with these new people. He tries to be what just what they want--even if that means being a fork. "Sterling," silverware, fork, get it? Sterling won't do anything he doesn't believe a fork would do, which is unfortunate since all this family wants is a dog! Sterling comes to understand that they will love him just the way he is if he is his true self.

This is a charming story with a very mixed up dog who just wants to be accepted. That makes this a wonderful book for children who have the same desire. Being yourself is always the best way to make friends. Trying to impress others in ways that are not true to oneself is a sure path to misadventure, as Sterling comes to realize. The illustrations are cartoonish with lots of color around this darling little gray dog and help to tell the story with emotion-packed faces and comical scenes.

#### Author

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#### Illustrator

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#### Rating

Outstanding

#### Level

Toddler, Preschool,  
Primary

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40

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