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A boy and his dog, Blue, have been together since birth, until Blue dies one day. Each page of this book is a step in the adventures they shared together growing up. They played in the ocean, Blue slept on the boy's bed, they went camping, played tug of war, and chased balloons. Blue gets old and eventually the boy is alone, and heartbroken. Then one day at the park, he meets a girl and her dog, and as he develops a relationship with her, also gets one with "new" Blue.

Blue is a wonderful book for anyone who loves dogs, and could be particularly helpful for a child who has had a beloved pet die. The writing is very simple—each page is simply an adjective combined with the word blue, but together with the pictures it tells a sweet story. The illustrations are made to look like thick oil paint on a canvas, and the artwork cleverly includes a hole, or a few small holes in each page, strategically placed so that the color that shows through from the page before matches the scene on the current page. Children may be drawn to these holes, and many of them are big enough to stick a finger through. Wisely, given the holes, the pages are thicker than the standard, and much sturdier. Blue is a well-thought-out, simple, and enjoyable book about a boy and his dog.

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Rating

Excellent

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