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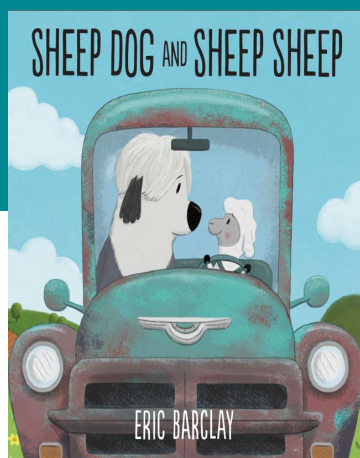
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Preschool, Primary

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If a dog who protects sheep is a sheep dog, then a sheep who protects sheep must be a sheep sheep. The dancing lamb in this story is Sheep Sheep, and when she discovers Sheep Dog (by dancing into him with her eyes closed), she decides that she should use her excellent skills to improve his sheep watching skills. He rescues her from an eagle as she goes to the farmhouse for a bow to hold his shaggy hair up. Once his hair is up, he can see to rescue her from a hungry wolf hiding behind the barn. Once Sheep Dog has binoculars as well, Sheep Sheep decides that he needs a map to make sure that he is in the right place to protect sheep. At about this time she realizes that she is the one and only sheep. How can she be a Sheep Sheep if she has no other sheep to watch? The ever watchful Sheep Dog suggests that she watch him. Thus, she becomes Dog Sheep. It only makes sense!

This is one oblivious but lovable little lamb with a very capable, protective dog watching over her. The similarity between children who are "helping" Mom and Dad and Sheep Sheep offering advice to Sheep Dog is something that will fly completely over little reader's heads and smack their parents right between the eyes. They will likely chuckle and recognize the relationship immediately! Both characters are lovable and kind to each other, making the story a good example of what a friend should be. Kids will also get a laugh from Sheep Sheep's careless dances and cluelessness to danger. It will make them feel smart. The bow in the boy dog's hair will also bring a laugh, reminding dads of times when they play dress up with their little girls (or boys). This is a great book with happy, colorful illustrations. Enjoy it with a little one right away and get a smile or two!