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One-Dog Canoe



Synopsis

I set off one morning in my little red canoe. My dog wagged his tail. "Can I come, too?" "You bet," I said. "A trip for two—just me and you." When a girl and her dog set out on a canoe trip together, they're expecting a quiet afternoon for two. Then a beaver decides to join them, even when the girl protests that "It's a one-dog canoe." And when a loon, and a wolf, and a bear, and a moose all ask for a ride, it's almost too much. But they all manage to fit in this one-dog canoe—until a frog comes along. . . .

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Customer Reviews

"I set off one morning in my little red canoe. My dog wagged his tail. "Can I come, too?" "You bet," I said. "A trip for two—just me and you..." Down the river paddles our young narrator and furry friend. Soon they come upon Beaver building his dam. He stops chewing just long enough to ask if he can join the trip. "There's not much room. It's a one-dog canoe." But that doesn't deter Beaver, and he jumps right in. And as the trip continues down the river, so do Loon, Wolf, Bear, and Moose. But when Frog insists on joining the fun and hopping in... Author, Mary Casanova's playful and engaging text is filled with rhyme, rhythm, energy and marvelous onomatopoeic sound effects that begs to be read aloud. Illustrator, Ard Hoyt's captivating pencil and watercolor artwork tickles the funny bone with endearing characters, hilarious facial expressions, and clever, eye-catching details.

Perfect for youngsters 3-7, One-Dog Canoe is an entertaining, chain-of-events treasure. So grab a paddle and hop aboard. It's time for a fun-filled ride.

This is one of the all time favorites at our house. My boys love to spot the frog hiding in each picture & they like the silliness involved in getting all the animals in the canoe. The illustrations are wonderful! Both of my kids started enjoying this book at about a year old & continue to at almost age 4. Highly recommend!

We entered this book into our library system today, and I laughed like crazy when I read it. The pictures are adorable, just watch that dog's face. A delightful book I will buy for my grandchildren.

This sweet rhyming story is one of our favorites. And we adore that the little girl remembers to wear her lifejacket. So important. I'm a librarian who has read this to a lot of groups of kids. And also to my own little one.

Fun, excellent book. Great for a preschool classroom....especially in Minnesota! this will be the foundation of my study of MN with my preschoolers! This book introduces animals in a fun and inviting way. Great pictures too!

Bought this book for my little girl for her birthday. I LOVE that it's an outdoor adventure with a girl. My daughter loved all the animals she comes to meet. The illustrations are beautiful and fun. This is one of my daughter's favorite books!

If you asked my 6-month old son, and if he could talk, he'd probably say that this is the best book ever. My son can't contain his excitement when he sees me getting it off the book shelf. Gripping storyline and beautifully illustrated. Although the paperback doesn't hold up to his gnawing (our fault-there is a hardcover version).

I suppose I made a special connection with this work when I read it to a group of little ones recently as it reminded me of my wife and the sort of thing she would do when she was the age of the little Tomboyish girl featured. The story begins with a small girl, her dog and their nice red canoe. Our little snippet decides to take a canoe trip and her dog asks if he might to along. "You bet," I said. A trip for two - just me and you." This is when the story starts getting very, very good. First came a

rather chubby Beaver who stopped his chewing and asks if he might come to. Despite the protest of the girl and her dog, "There's not much room. It's a one-dog canoe," the beaver hops aboard. This is one of those progressive works and the trio is shortly joined by a loon, a wolf, a bear, a moose and finally, the straw that broke the camels back...a FROG! The result is pretty predictable and absolutely hilarious. The authors rhyming meter coupled with some of the best and funniest illustrations I have ever seen in this type of book make the entire work a complete winner. Their facial expressions of the little girl and the animals will bring a grin to the adults face and giggles from the little ones. Look closely when reading the one and note the little things like the wolf and loon raiding the food basket. After the disaster of the overloaded canoe, we have a wonderful ending..."I set off that evening as the Northern Lights grew....just me and my pal in a one-dog canoe." This book was first published in 2003 and it one that I do hope is not lost. This book makes a great group read along with a one on one. It is certainly a work that needs to be added to your child's library...or at the very least checked from the library. I do highly recommend this one.

Don Blankenship
The Ozarks

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