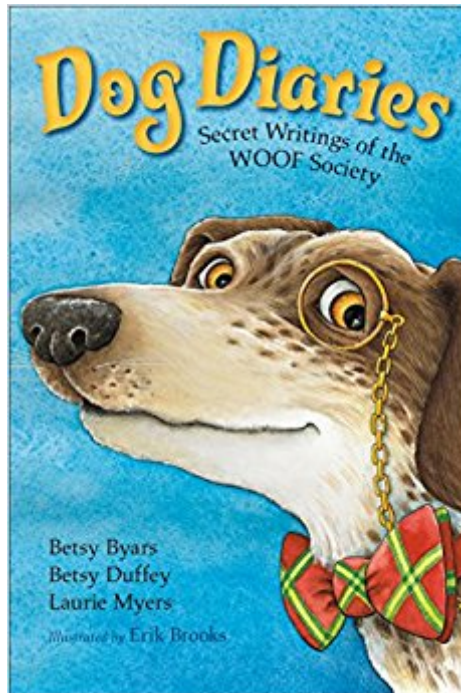




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Dog Diaries: Secret Writings Of The WOOF Society



Synopsis

It is the first annual meeting of the WOOF Society. Dogs of all different backgrounds and breeds have gathered together to listen to the stories of twelve dogs from around the world and throughout history. Abu is the ruler of ancient Egypt, but Miu, the Royal Cat, continues to challenge him, except at night. Tidbit, the runt of his litter, becomes a star singer at the Grand Ole Opry. Jip leads his blinded master back home from the Civil War. Mimi, a dog living in Paris, shares her tips on bathroom protocol and dinnertime etiquette. And eight more! Dog Diaries is a winning companion to Cat Diaries, also by Betsy Byars and her daughters Betsy Duffy and Laurie Myers. Humorous and at times touching, this collection of ultra-short stories is perfect for dog-loving reluctant readers.

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Grade 3
•The canine members of the WOOF (Words of Our Friends) Society gather together to hear stories that have been collected from dogs all over the world throughout history. The goal: to prove that dogs are accomplished storytellers who have larger vocabularies than merely "sit" and "fetch." The 11 tales that follow cover many aspects of the animals' lives and are by turns touching, funny, and sad. In "Abu: The Dog Who Ruled Egypt," Abu is catered to by everyone in the Egyptian court, except for Miu, the Royal Cat. However, at night, when it is cold in the kennel, he welcomes the warm presence of the feline curled against his back. In other stories, a

garbage disposal is pooch's invisible enemy; Tidbit appears at the Grand Ole Opry with Johnny Cash; a dog learns the importance of a moniker; and a mother dog nurses abandoned kittens. At the end of the evening, the members of WOOF disband, satisfied that they are literate, and look forward to next year when they will be joined by the cats of MEOW. The stories average four to five pages, a length that allows readers to cover one or two in a sitting. Black-and-white pencil-and-ink drawings appear on almost every page, revealing the personalities of each animal and illustrating the setting of their stories. Readers will enjoy seeing the world from a canine's perspective.

—Terrie Dorio, Santa Monica Public Library, CA. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

From the trio who gave readers *The SOS File* (2004), this collection of short stories combines the bedrocks of mass appeal: dogs, humor, and short chapters brimming with illustrations. The stories include a mix of contemporary and historical, ranging from the Egyptian pharaohs to the Grand Ole Opry. Most pack a strong dose of laughs, such as "Mimi's Guide to Life," which includes tips on good places to hide after "bathroom indiscretion." Others are poignant, like the one about the dog that serves as a makeshift guide dog after a Civil War battle leaves his owner limping and blind. As a whole, the collection is slightly uneven. Weaker elements, such as an overlong introduction to the book's premise, are balanced by stronger ones, like the thrilling account of a dog that unwittingly captures a bank robber. Expressive, energetic pencil illustrations adorn nearly every page, breaking up the text for struggling or reluctant readers.

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We chose this book as one of the required summer readings for our 8 year old. She read the entire book in one day! To say she loved it would be an understatement. The book is under 90 pages and the chapters are short. The story is endearing for an animal loving child. My daughter had just finished *James and Giant Peach* so this was easier reading for her. From my daughter: "Cool adventures and funny, liked all the different dog stories and when they came together at the end."

Bought this book for my animal loving 9 year old daughter. It's easy reading for her, but she loves the stories and thinks the book is hilarious.

Gave this book after reading in a national sorority magazine about the book. My granddaughter

was a Tri Delta at Clemson and two sorority sisters were the Authors. It was fun to present the book with the article.

Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the Woof Society, a collection of short stories written by "dogs" proved to be the perfect gift for second grade classes at the end of the year. The students were all animal lovers especially dogs, so they were thrilled to listen to and read these unique stories. The beauty of this collection is that each story can be read independently and in any order. They are perfect listening pieces for second or third grade students and can be a quick interesting read for fourth or fifth grade students. Great addition to a primary classroom's read aloud library.

This is a nice book about things dogs know that dogs did it is a great book you have to read it.

Perfect for my Third Grader - We loved the endearing short stories - Highly recommend it

My 7 years old daughter loved it

Cute book. Student loved it

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