

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of A Dog Called Flow by Pippa Goodhart

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Richie Upchurch, age 8

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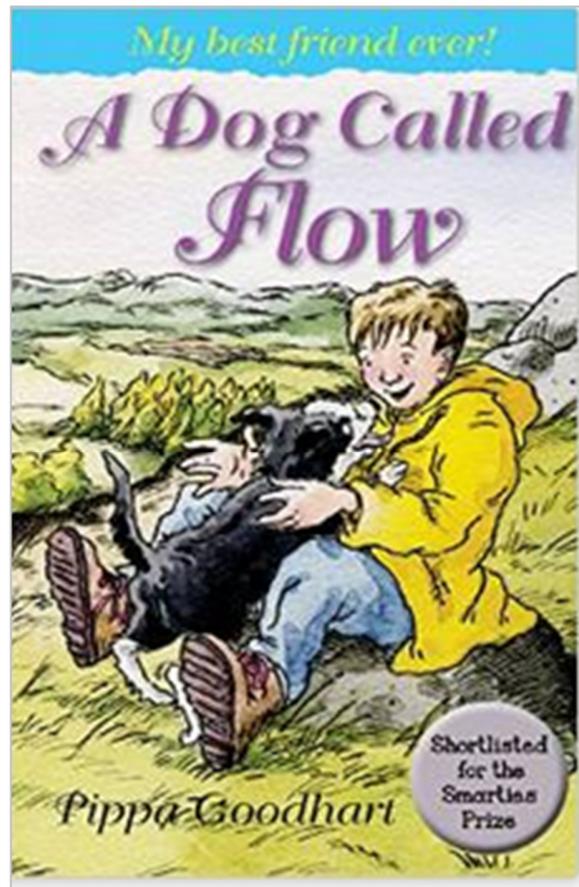
This is a story about a boy called Oliver who wanted a dog but his parents wouldn't let him have one. At school he got laughed at all the time and his teacher called him backwards. But when he heard about the dogs being sold down the road, he went to get one. So he got one and called it Flow.

Oliver was worried that his parents wouldn't let him keep Flow, but he also knew he would have to tell them so they could look after him. Flow and Oliver had a big adventure and saved his friend Craig from a vicious dog on a mountain.

I really liked it. I liked everything: Oliver, the friendships between Oliver, Flow and Craig, and also Oliver realising that he wasn't stupid.

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Georgina Loring, age 10 - Tockington Manor School

'I want a dog. I really want a dog'

Oliver struggles at school, so he really wants a dog to be his friend, but because his parents don't want to get one, he has to secretly get it himself. Will he be able to keep it? Oliver will find out when a disaster strikes on the fell...

Oliver's new dog is called Flow which is an unusual name for a boy dog, but you find out why he is called it at the end. Craig's (Oliver's new friend) dog is called Rex and together they train for the show at the end of the summer holidays but a shocking discovery about Flow is made at the vets.

This is a story of friendship, courage and how someone who is your worst enemy can become your best friend.

I really liked this book because it's heartwarming and shows what you can do if you really try. You'd definitely like this book if you adore dogs. It is brilliantly written (and quite easy to read) with very interesting characters such as Oliver, who has dyslexia, and doesn't quite fit in at school so lots of people (including Craig to begin with). It had a bit of a slow beginning but as I read on it became so good I couldn't put it down! My favourite part was when Oliver was in the dog show and lots of unexpected things happen to him.

Hannah, age 9 - Someries Junior School

An emotional and fun story about the love between a dyslexic boy and Flow, a special puppy who helps him become confident.

'A Dog Called Flow' is a sad and happy story. Struggling at school due to his dyslexia, Oliver is desperate for a friend who listens. One day, school gets too much and he runs off. By accident, he comes across puppies and decides to get one without his parent's knowledge...

I loved this story and saw myself in it a lot. It's an easy to read story with many twists and turns. We now read it as a class in year 4.

Charlotte Cassidy, age 9

A brilliant book that I couldn't put down once I'd started it. I loved every second of it.

'A Dog Called Flow' is about a boy called Oliver. He is not doing well at school and longs for a dog. He eventually gets a dog in secret and hides it from his parents. He trains it up and dreams of entering it in the dog show and winning it. He enters him but loses and thinks that the dog is useless, but can he prove

himself when they come face to face with danger?

I loved 'A Dog Called Flow'. It was really exciting and really shows the bond that pets and owners can have. My favourite part was when Oliver got Flow. My favourite character is Flow because she is jumpy, playful and cute. I would recommend this book to people who like fun, exciting stories.

Grace Phelan, age 7

A great story for puppy lovers.

Oliver is a very lonely boy and he longs for a dog to be his friend. Oliver gets bullied by lots of people at school and he's finding it very hard in Literacy and Maths. One day without his parents knowing, he sneaks out of the house and he goes to Mr. Thompson's farm to get a dog. He calls the little puppy Flow. Flow is a useful puppy and they have adventures.

My favourite character in the book was Flow, because he has a cute personality.

My favourite part is when Oliver and Flow rescues Oliver's friend Craig because it's very exciting. This is a book for girls and boys my age. If you like puppy stories you'll like this book.

Amisha McCrystal, age 13 - St. Colm's High School

A dog is a man's best friend! This quote surely is true for Oliver and his new friend Flow. Flow and Oliver are like peas in a pod, fire and ice, cookies and milk.

Oliver WANTS A DOG! He really wants a dog but his parents says no. But when school gets more stressful he longs for a friend even more so he gets a pup in secret. Will he be allowed to keep it? If his parents find out will he have to give it away?

This was a lovely story of true friendship.

Recommended for ages 8-11

Toby Pickering, age 8

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'A Dog called Flow' is a very exciting and dramatic story. It is about a boy called Oliver who really wants a dog. He wants a dog so much that he begs and begs for one. Surely it must be a better idea than getting Sally an elephant! When he eventually manages to get one, he enters a dog show but it doesn't quite go to plan. Just when he starts to lose belief in Flow, Craig might just need them both. Are they backward like everyone says or is there more to them than people think? Why on earth would Oliver call him Flow? This was a brilliant book that I really, really enjoyed. It was a great message about friendship and believing in yourself. I would give this book 11/10. It was amazing!

Declan Simpson, age 8

I liked reading this book, as I like books about dogs and I wish I could have the adventures that Oliver and Flow have.

I like this book because it is about a boy and his dog and their adventures.

I found this book easy to read, but I would have liked the chapters to be a bit shorter and I think Oliver was a good friend.

I would like to read more books about Flow and Oliver, as they grow up together.