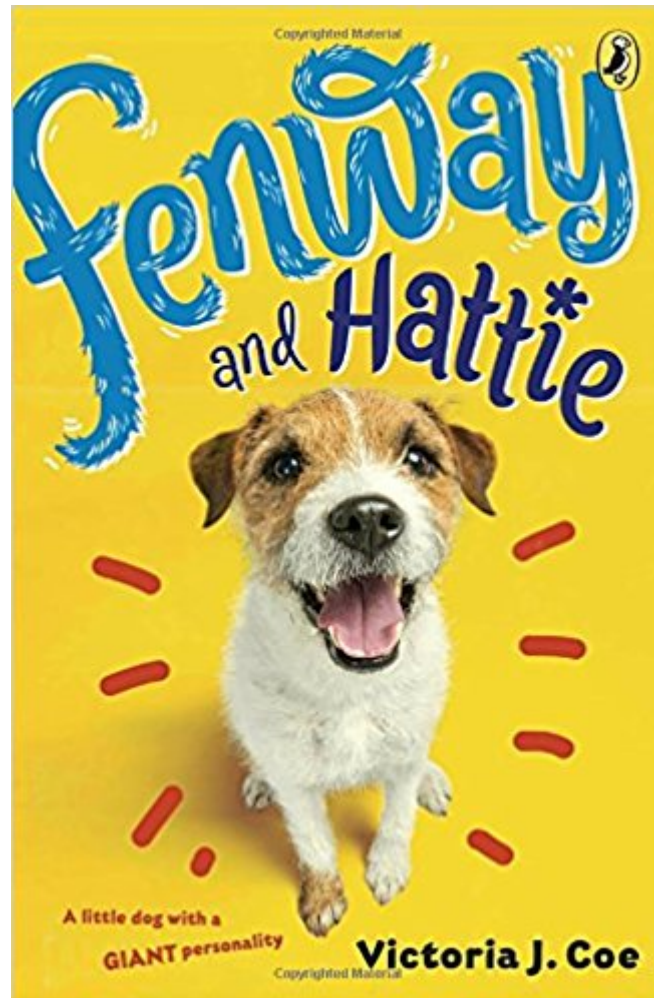




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Fenway And Hattie



Synopsis

This lovable new series introduces a little dog with a GIANT personality! Fenway is an excitable and endlessly energetic Jack Russell terrier. He lives in the city with Food Lady, Fetch Man, and of course his beloved short human and best-friend-in-the-world, Hattie. But when his family moves to the suburbs, Fenway faces a world of changes. He's pretty pleased with the huge Dog Park behind his new home, but he's not so happy about the Evil Squirrels that taunt him from the trees, the super-slippery Wicked Floor in the Eating Room, and the changes that have come over Hattie lately. Rather than playing with Fenway, she seems more interested in her new short human friend and learning to play baseball. His friends in the Dog Park next door say Hattie is outgrowing him, but that can't be right. And he's going to prove it! Get a dog's-eye view of the world in this heartwarming, enthusiastic "tail" about two best friends. "A fun, fresh frolic that animal-loving kids are sure to enjoy." Publishers Weekly "Readers will relate to Fenway's impulsivity and delight in descriptions from his dog's-eye view. Teachers and adults will appreciate generous sprinklings of rich vocabulary." School Library Journal

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Customer Reviews

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“This perky, pet-centered tale takes readers inside the head of Fenway, an energetic and perpetually hopeful Jack Russell terrier with a deep love for food, intense hatred of squirrels, and undying adoration of his “small human, Hattie. . . A fun, fresh frolic that animal-loving kids are sure to enjoy.”
“Publishers Weekly” Readers will relate to Fenway’s impulsivity and delight in descriptions from his dog’s-eye view. Teachers and adults will appreciate generous sprinklings of rich vocabulary.”
“School Library Journal” “Fenway may not understand Hattie’s behavior, but readers looking through his uncomprehending eyes will follow her ups and downs easily as she adjusts to the move. They’ll also wince in sympathy as she tries, with mixed success, to train, or even restrain, her barky, hyper, emotional pet.”
Booklist

Fenway and his beloved short human, Hattie, are the perfect pair. She loves romping in the Dog Park, playing fetch, and eating delicious snacks as much as he does. But when they move from the city to the suburbs, there’s bad news. While Fenway’s hard at work deterring intruders and battling a slippery floor, Hattie starts changing. She hangs out in a squirrely treehouse. She plays ball without him. What could be happening? Crushed and confused, Fenway sets out on a mission. He’s going to get his Hattie back and nothing will stop him--not the Wicked Floor, not the dreaded Gate, not even a giant squirrel! Get a dog’s-eye view of the world in this hilarious and heartfelt story about two best friends who learn that big changes aren’t always easy, but sometimes trying new things can get you everything you want. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

What a fun story FENWAY AND HATTIE is! I knew right away it would be the perfect book for my 9-year-old daughter who absolutely LOVES dogs. She ended up reading the book in four days, then insisted I read the book so we could talk about it. Since the story is written through the dog, Fenway’s, perspective, it brings to life the imagination of the reader. Now, my daughter cannot help but stop and wonder how her dog, Charles, views the world. Fenway called Hattie’s mother Food Lady. My daughter said our dog, Charles, calls me Lap Lady. This is a great book for any child and elementary classroom.

From looking at the cover, I thought FENWAY AND HATTIE would be clever, I thought it would be

cute, I thought it would be funny...and it's all of those things...but it's more. Much more. It's a closely observed commentary (observed by a hilarious Jack Russell terrier, mind you) on human relationships and the struggles of a girl to grow and change, while staying grounded within her child self. No, seriously! I mean it! I cannot fathom how Victoria Coe pulls this off. The deep POV of our narrator, the dog Fenway, is insightful and utterly seamless from beginning to end. And what an earnest, bright (though often clueless), and likeable dog Fenway is! He's on the job 100% of the time, protecting his humans and doing what's right...or what he thinks is right, which unfortunately is not the same thing most of the time. His owner, Hattie, is not the only one who needs to grow and change in this story. Fenway does, too. The complex voice of Fenway as narrator is extraordinary. I alternated between laughing out loud, paragraph after paragraph, and suddenly feeling a little stab in my heart as the well-meaning terrier's feelings are hurt again and again by things he simply is not equipped to understand. Take this bit, for example, when he thinks he's been rejected by Hattie: "I drop down into the grass and lick my paw, like that's the part of me that hurts." There is much rich emotional and perspective-taking material here to mine for parents and teachers who read this with children. The kids themselves won't even notice the themes they are absorbing as they tear through this delicious doggy treat of a book on their own. But I'm taking the time here and now to notice, and to bow deeply to Victoria Coe. Well done.

This book could not be more adorable or engaging. We get to see the world through the eyes of Fenway, the super excitable Jack Russell Terrier, and he focuses on the important things: avoiding the Wicked Floor that is too slippery for him to walk on, making sure Food Lady and Fetch Man know he's got everything under control, and, most of all, keeping Hattie, his beloved short human, safe from marauding squirrels. Readers will be so ready to join Fenway for another adventure as soon as possible.

My 10 year old is a slow reader, a little behind grade level, and she's crazy about dogs. This story is adorable -- written from the perspective of the dog, Fenway. Really cute story. She loved it!

This is one of my children's favorites!

What an adorable book. It was great light reading on a cross country flight. If you love dogs, buy this book, the author so gets dog behavior.

My niece has been separated from her jack russell for a little while and we got her this book to cheer her up. She loved it.

As a pet owner (or parent to a fur child, if you will), there's a small amount of time each day that I spend pondering my cat. I wonder what goes on in her little head • what that internal narrative as I pet her or put down her food dish. When she suddenly decides she wants to be petted or curls up next to me, what's she thinking? I know I'm not alone in wishing I could get inside her mind. If only I could peek in on her furry little thoughts. Okay, okay, my musing is actually leading somewhere! Victoria J. Coe's debut middle grade novel, *Fenway and Hattie*, does exactly what I wish I could do, except for a spirited Jack Russell terrier named Fenway (instead of my cat). Fenway is facing some big changes in his furry little life, all of which Coe captures through Fenway's distinct POV. Yep, all of this book is written as if we are in Fenway's mind. An impressive feat, mind you • Jack Russell terriers are quite excitable! Along with his family • ahem, the Food Lady, Fetch Man, and his short human, Hattie • Fenway makes a move from the big city to the suburbs. Of course, Fenway never explicitly states that he moves. The reader will intuit the real actions of the story through the lens of Fenway. For many young readers, this may be one of the first times they're reading a book where they have to do some of the legwork. The thing is, they'll have a leg up on Fenway most of the time, and this advantage only adds to the fun of reading this book. At times, it's heartbreaking experiencing the gap between how Fenway understands what's going on, and we readers, as humans, can comprehend of the situation. Whether it's the impending move that takes Fenway by surprise, Hattie's friendship with the girl next door, or the discovery of a game humans play with a baseball that is not (oh the horrors!) fetch, we're limited to Fenway's perspective. Fenway fears he's losing Hattie • as the dogs in the Dog Park next door (i.e. his neighbors) have warned will happen • and my heart ached for him as he dealt with this prospect. From my experience as a children's librarian, I see this book really connecting with a lot of kids. It sure connected with me. And hey, my cat even sort of liked it. It's hard to tell. If only I could peek into her brain . . .

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