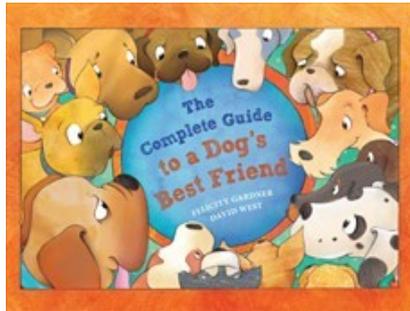


The Complete Guide to a Dog's Best Friend

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**Picture Book of
the Month**

Have you ever wondered what your dog is really thinking? Read this book to find out! An older, wiser dog offers hilarious advice to puppies about how to be a pet, including quickly grabbing any snacks left laying around before your owner changes their mind, helping out by 'sorting' the rubbish and always leading the way on walks. All dog-lovers will laugh with recognition at this very funny story from a talented husband-and-wife duo.



Themes

- Pets
- Friendship
- Role reversal

Discussion Points:

- This is a story about the unconditional love and friendship that comes from owning a pet. It is also an instructional guide about dogs. But who is doing the instructing?
- Would you normally expect a story to be told that way?
- How would it be different if the story was not being told by the dogs?
- Pets can be great friends and companions. Do you own any pets? If so, share with the class the best thing about your pet.
- What is the funniest thing that you have ever heard an animal doing? What is the naughtiest?
- Can you identify some of the dogs in the story? If you could choose one for yourself, which one would it be and why?
- Where would you go if you wanted to get a dog?

Activities:

- There are many different dogs in the story. Create a poster of your favourite one. These can then be displayed in your classroom. How many students chose the same dog?
- As a class, research and make a list of all the things that you need to consider before you buy or adopt a dog.