

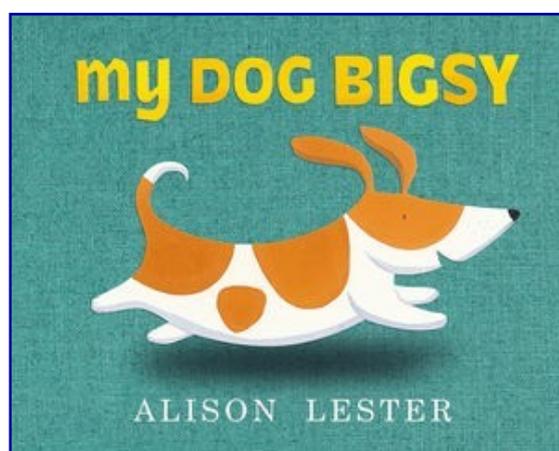
My Dog Bigsy

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Meet my dog Bigsy. He's only small, but everyone knows he's the boss. Each morning he visits the animals on the farm. Squawk, neigh, quack, moo, baa, oink, cluck, purr, ruff ruff ruff! What a lot of noise! And all because of Bigsy! From Australia's favourite picture book creator, comes this energetic story about a little dog who causes a big commotion.



Themes:

- Life on a farm
- Farm animals
- Causing commotion

Discussion Points:

- Before you read the story, can you tell what type of dog Bigsy might be?
- Do you live on or have you ever been to a farm?
- Describe what it is like or what it might be like to live on a farm, including the good things about it and the things that might be difficult.
- Discuss how life for a dog that lives on a farm and life for a pet dog might be different.
- Why do you think Bigsy was quiet inside the house and noisy when he got outside?
- Can you recall in order the animals that Bigsy visited?
- What noise did each of the animals make?
- Bigsy made some of the animals move away, but some of them ignored him. Can you remember which ones were which? Why do you think the animals did this?
- How do the pictures in this book look different to others that you have read? How do you think the illustrator has created this effect?

Activities:

- Draw your own map of the farm, like the one that is included on the endpapers of the book. Display these around your classroom.
- Choose an animal that you like and paint a picture of it. You might even want to paint your own pet. Label all the special features of your animal, just like the little girl has done with Bigsy.