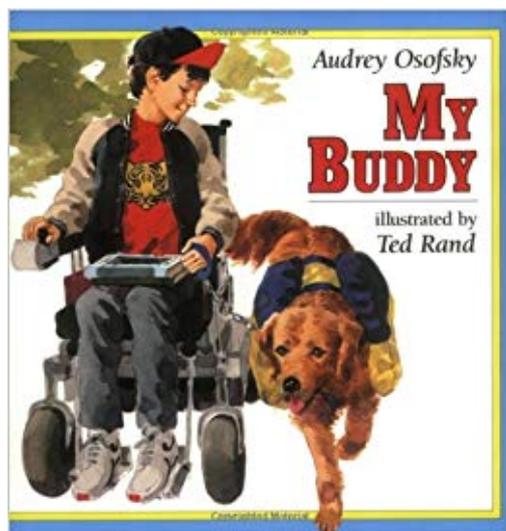


My Buddy (Rise and Shine) by Ted Rand,Audrey Osofsky



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Buddy is the best dog a boy could have. He and his master are always together. They play ball, and go for walks, and take good care of each other. Nothing can separate them. They're a team.



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Kulasius

We enjoyed this book. It's a straightforward, factual style. Describes a young boy in a wheelchair who is paired with an assistance dog through a program. I agree that the page where the boy is yelling at the dog is unfortunate. We fixed that by writing our own caption at the top of the page: "I made mistakes at first." This allows us to discuss how positive dog training should work, and how the dog still has feelings even if it's well trained. Also how the person has to learn the best way to work with the dog. Fortunately that particular incident comes early in the story while the boy is still at the orientation center, and the next page goes right into how he learned to give appropriate cues

to Buddy. So the caption we added was a pretty easy fix.

The book is a bit too optimistic about how easy it is to fit a service dog into a classroom setting, I think, but for this kind of intro book that's OK. I would have preferred it if the other kids in class weren't shown stepping over the sleeping dog, but I understand that this was showing an idealized situation.

All in all, it was a good way to introduce the topic of assistance teams and why the dog can't play and work at the same time. It does cover the 3 important points for young children to know: 1) only the partner should give cues to the dog; 2) only the partner should give food to the dog; and 3) you can't play with a dog who's working because the dog will get distracted, so don't touch an assistance dog without asking.

Also, we appreciated the unembellished nature of the story. Both the boy and the dog have realistic personalities, and the tasks shown are typical assistance tasks. The story is a composite based on several real children, but it would be appropriate for a classic Montessori curriculum or other primary schools that don't introduce fantasy until older ages.

Because the book does make it seem like everything will go perfectly after the first few weeks, I would look for additional books for a family who will be getting an assistance dog themselves. This one is best for teachers and parents who want to introduce diversity topics in a positive way. Also, if you have a neighbor or relative of any age with an assistance dog, this would be a good book for your own kids to start understanding the difference between an assistance dog and a pet.

Kekinos

Great hit with my granddaughter who was waiting to receive her service dog. I think it would be a good book for all children to understand that these aren't only pets, but rather helpers to the children and adults who are fortunate enough to have one.

Nameless

Outstanding children's book which helps to inform and educate young people about persons with disabilities and the Assistance Dogs who accompany them. Being a long-time volunteer, both as a Puppy Raiser and a Breeder Caretaker for Canine Companions for Independence, the oldest and largest Service Dog non-profit, this is a wonderful and enlightening book.

OwerSpeed

great book for all ages about angel helping dog

Drelajurus

My favorite of several service dog books geared toward children. Based on a Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) service dog. It really explained more about service dog training and the hard work that both human and dog had to commit. I liked it a lot.

Arador

I am in a wheelchair and have a service dog. I have started substitute teaching and have read this book to kindergarten and 1st grade students. They absolutely loved it. I would really like to see it in e-book format. With my disability it would be easier for me on my Kindle Fire or iPad.

Fegelv

Great book i love it.

This book gets a little overly wordy at times for younger children, but has a sweet message overall.

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