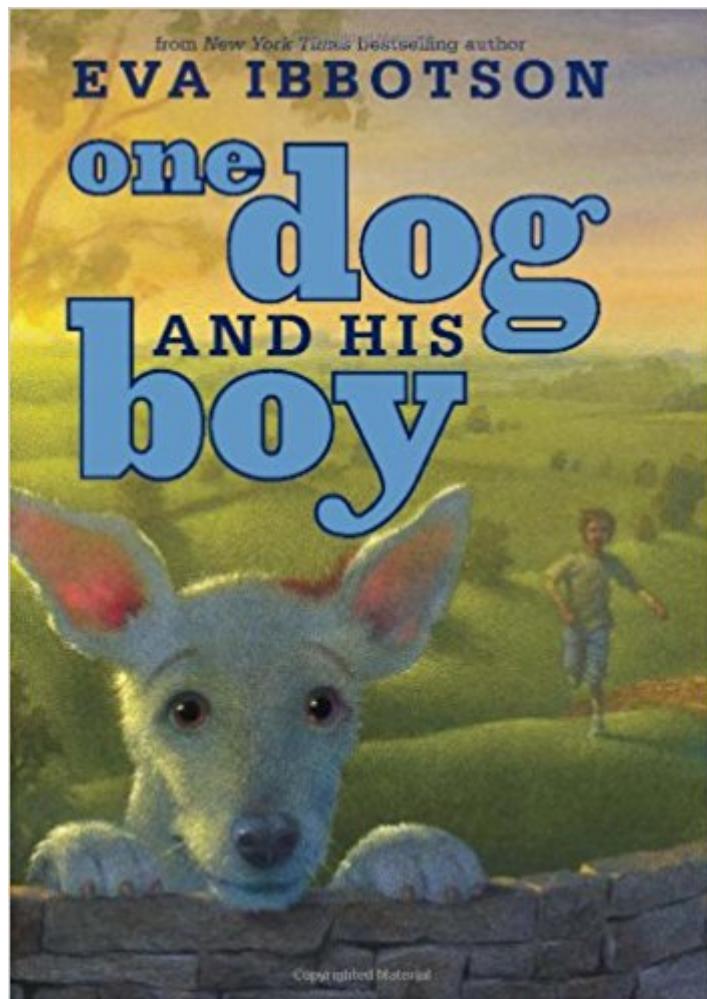


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# One Dog And His Boy



## **Synopsis**

Eva Ibbotson's final masterpiece, a tale of a boy and dog who were meant to be together. All Hal had ever wanted was a dog. "Never!" cries his mother. "Think of the mess, the scratch-marks, the puddles on the floor." But on the morning of Hal's 10th birthday, the unbelievable happens. He's allowed to choose a dog at Easy Pets, a rent-a-pet agency (a fact his parents keep from him). The moment he sees the odd-looking terrier, he knows he's found a friend for life. But no one tells Hal that Fleck must be returned. When Hal wakes up on Monday morning, Fleck is gone. If dog and boy are to stay together they'll have to run away. . . . From the renowned Eva Ibbotson comes a tale laced with humor and brimming over with heart, stunning in its beauty of the love of all things dog.

## **Book Information**

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Praise for One Dog and His Boy "Readers who have grown to love Ibbotson's bighearted heroes and larger-than-life adventure stories will relish this final novel." ª Publishers Weekly "Ibbotson's last novel is a mix of adventure, caricature and child-and-dog love, in which loyal friends, skuduggerous louts and obtuse adults all have a part. The comforting feeling that everything will turn out right is nicely mixed with the spice of humour." ª The Toronto Star "Ibbotson's final book is a story with the heart of Lassie and the satirical bite of Roald Dahl...Themes of loyalty, greed, devotion, and home are woven through a text that is as funny as it is satisfying." ª Booklist "A rousing, slightly surreal tale of rescue and redemption, this effort will appeal to

animal lovers everywhere." *Kirkus* "This satisfying novel combines humor with heart to great effect-a lovely parting gift from the masterful storyteller." *School Library Journal*

Eva was the author of twenty novels for children and adults. Her first was published in 1975, and her last is the joyous **ONE DOG AND HIS BOY**. Eva's books have been shortlisted for every major children's literary prize in the UK, and **JOURNEY TO THE RIVER SEA** won the Gold Smarties Award in 2001.

My oldest grandson wanted a dog in the worst way. For 9 years of his life, he ate his heart out wishing for a dog. On his 10th birthday I couldn't stand it any longer, so I got him a little mixed breed dog that looks just like the one on the front cover of this book... and his pup was named Scamp. It's been 3 years now, and when I saw this book I had to buy it for my grandson. The story is perfect, and the ending is even more so. What a beautiful story. My grandson has read the story twice already. Best book for a boy and a dog.

Eva Ibbotson is my favourite children's book writer. And this, her last book, is brilliant. You care so much about the central character, care so much about the dogs he gathers around him, and the ending is wonderful. I have read just about all of Eva's children's books and this one is very impressive. She was an extremely imaginative writer who was a true craftsman at creating plots and subplots that weave together seamlessly. I was very sad to realise that Eva died several weeks after completing the manuscript but what an inspiration her life is and I think you can be so competent in your eighties crafting a masterpiece. Highly recommend for one and all, adults and children.

This book was so wonderful that I couldn't put it down. I had to stop at times because my eyes were wore out. I finished it in two afternoons. Ibbotson is one of my favorite authors. The story of the dog and boy kept me wanting to read just to see what would happen next and the ending was a happy one except for the bad people!

I got this book for my grandson to read for his reading at home. He has a requirement of 90 minutes per week outside of class reading. I must say that I have enjoyed reading this book personally. Great book!

A great story for anyone who loves dogs/animals. Good paced story for keeping interest.

Fun book

Great story...my seven year old and I both enjoyed.

I read this to my Fourth Grade students this year. They couldn't wait to find out what was going to happen next. A great read!!!

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