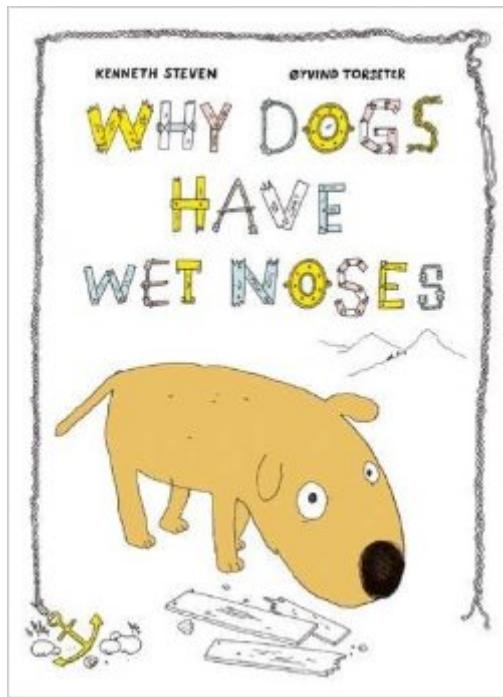


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Why Dogs Have Wet Noses



Synopsis

Comprised of fun and playfully surprising contemporary illustrations and a satisfying tall tale, Why Dogs Have Wet Noses is a refreshing and memorable take on an old story. Told with dry humor, this is a secular story of how, not long after the world began, it started to rain, and it was the kind of rain that pounds down and never stops. Wise as he was, a man named Noah decided to build a lifeboat, and he set about gathering as many kinds of creatures as he could think of. And he had the good sense to invite slugs, spiders, and the other slimy, creepy-crawly creatures that most people try to get rid of by spraying or stepping on. He also let a funny looking dog with a big soft nose trudge on board all by himself. Had he not done so, the Ark, as you may not know, would definitely have sunk. A lively tale of man and dog, Why Dogs Have Wet Noses, with its quirky, highly witty illustrations, is sure to delight! Born in 1972, Åyvind Torseter is an artist, cartoonist, and one of Norway's most acclaimed illustrators. He uses both traditional and digital picture techniques to create his illustrations and has created many picture books on his own, as well as several with different authors. As a cartoonist, he creates books for both adults and children. He has received numerous prizes and awards for his books. Kenneth Steven was born in Glasgow in 1968 but moved to Highland Perthshire during his schooldays. He is a widely published poet, novelist, and children's author. He has also studied and taught in Norway and translates from both Norwegian and Sami.

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Well, I liked this. The illustration is wild and fanciful, unconventional and a bit odd. As a Christian, I'm a bit at odds with the story but it's not offensive and all in good fun. This is a re-imagining (*not* a retelling) of the Noah's Ark story. Really it's a combination of Noah's Ark and The Little Dutch Boy (the one who puts his finger in the dyke). Combine those and mix in an indigenous "why" or "how" legend and you've got "Why Dogs Have Wet Noses"! It's a cute story, the dog plugs up a leak with his nose, we have to imagine he can breathe under water but hey! it's a tall tale and the illustrator even throws in a rainbow at the end to acknowledge where the story comes from. Cute. I like that Noah and his wife look like Bohemian Beatniks.

I love this book, as does my 2.5 year old. The story is fun but the drawings make it. It's creative and irreverent - love Noah's tattoo and his wife's partially shaved head. Sweet for kiddos but also just a nice break from the norm.

The poor little pooch has to plug the leak. Ridiculous. Really far-fetched. Not even a "cute" story.

5-year-old granddaughter LOVES this book!! Great pictures.

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