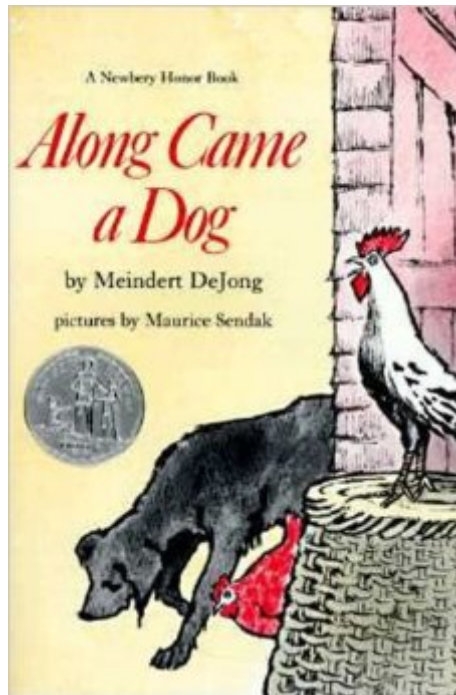


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# Along Came A Dog (Harper Trophy Books (Paperback))



## Synopsis

The friendship of a little red hen and a homeless dog who appoints himself her protector is treated by the author with delicacy and strength in lovely and lucid prose. "A moving story, full of suspense."

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is a lovely, sensitive story about a lonely dog searching for a home and the friendless little red hen he loves and protects. The author tells the story from the dog's and the hen's points of view, displaying a keen understanding of animal behavior. Sensitive children will identify with the protagonists, and it is impossible to avoid caring deeply about the fate of the two friends as the reader is drawn into their world. The story is suspenseful without being too scary for young children, and also includes a valuable message about accepting those who are "different." I loved this story as a youngster, and borrowed it dozens of times from my elementary school library. I just re-discovered it now at 36 years of age (I had assumed that it was out of print). It has not lost any of its charm in the 25 years since I last read it.

I just finished reading this book to my almost 7 year old who is homeschooled. It is very well written,

great literature, lots of information about chickens and their behavior, good social studies and would be a great read aloud for someone studying chickens and eggs and all that good stuff. I really wanted to post a review for the book and give a little warning to parents who might have sensitive children, that there are some graphic parts to the book which I was not expecting. I had to do some serious editing and skipping of paragraphs so as not to upset my daughter. Mauling, thrashings, toes falling off, chickens hanging themselves etc. It has a very sweet heart but it may not be for animal loving sensitive children.

Meindert De Jong is a master of simple yet powerful stories. Ordinary settings, with ordinary people, tell extraordinary tales of love, fear, friendship and survival. You cannot read a De Jong book without tears flowing and Happiness triumphing in the end. I recommend this book for all ages, as well as any other Meindert De Jong books.

This year will be my 10th year reading this book outloud at the dining room table! It should be mandatory reading for every 6 grade girl (they can be kind of mean at times!) My children beg for this yearly tradition! It is a great reminder about the acceptance of difference and always sparks many conversations around the table! I hope you'll take the time to enjoy this classic! His other books are favorites as well.

I loved the story! Anyone who has lived with a dog and knows the behavior and emotions a dog is capable of can relate to this book. It is a tender story of compassion and acceptance.

I first saw this story on PBS. A cartoonist was drawing pictures as he read the book. I happened to catch a portion of it before I had to go to work. I had forgotten all about it until one day I remembered to share a portion of it with my granddaughter. I decided to purchase it, and now my granddaughter, who is ten, is reading it for herself. A wonderful story of friendship, courage, and determination.

Dear Mr DuJong, I find your writing delightful. You enchanted my family and I with your "Journey from Peppermint Street", and now I am searching out all your books. We have been reading your stories in the evening, aloud, and your word usage is so perfect for read-alouds - your style helps the little ones stay focused, while your ability to render complex emotions - from a dog, a man of few words, and a chicken - has us older ones spellbound. The story is a quiet one, but lovely. A lone

man. His favorite hen. A dog looking for a home...themes of friendship, honesty, integrity, hard work, hunger, home, injustice, and kindness...It all takes place in the 40's? 50's? A glimpse into a simpler time perhaps, but also reads as a timeless story...a man trying to do his best in a complicated world...There's adventure and disaster, and crisis and resolution. There's terrible misunderstandings, and wonderful moments of truth. And then there's the amazing dogginess and chickeness. (My family has flirted with the idea of raising chickens, and your book has helped us realize what an enormous endeavor that would be...worthwhile maybe, but enormous, somehow I never realized how chickeny it would be to have chickens running around acting all, well, chicken all the time.) I think you're wonderful Mr DuJong. Glad you took the time to write what you did, wish you were still around to write some more. Yours is a strong and lovely voice in this wild world of ours. Sincerely, Autumn

a favorite book of my younger daughter when she was four; read so much to her it fell apart and we had to buy it again. I offer it to all friends with children in kindergarten. An endearing dog, a terrific first or second chapter book to read aloud, and later read by children on their own. The author wrote many books for children, one of which - the Wheel on the School -- my mother read to me about sixty years ago.

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