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From Reader Review Ivan the Terrier for online ebook

Kim says

Ivan interrupts several fairy tales. He gets tired of getting yelled at so he goes to bed.

Candice says

Ivan keeps on interrupting stories. On the first page of "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" he jumps into the story and chases away the goats. The same with "The Three Bears" and "The Three Little Pigs." I think my dog might do the same, given the chance. The illustrations are what make the book. The Ivan on the cover looks like such a sweet dog with those gorgeous brown eyes. But you can see all the trouble he is capable of causing by the startled looks on the faces of the book characters he surprises and chases. A fun book.

Polly says

Anything where you can spend half the book going "arf arf arf arf arf arf arf" at the top of your voice is a good story time book at my library!

David says

Ivan the Terrier by Peter Catalanotto follows Ivan as he enters and interrupts one classic fairy tale after another during storytime.

Catalanotto's illustrations are rendered in watercolor and gouache. Touches such as a cat who see Ivan coming, and a disgruntled wolf, add to the humor. My favorite images are scared goats, spilled porridge, dropped bricks, kicked can, frightened couple, and drop it.

I enjoyed the title pun evoking the reputation of Ivan the Terrible to this overly energetic Jack Russell Terrier. I loved the precise nine arf's one each page! This reminds me of David Wiesner's The Three Pigs and of the classic interruptions in The Stinky cheese Man. Audience participation in the arfs should make this a storytime hit. This may work best with children who are familiar with the fairy or folk tales in the story. Recommended for school and public library collections. 4.5 stars.

For ages 4 to 8, dogs, humor, fairy tales, folk tales, interruptions, and fans of Peter Catalanotto.

Shelby Johnson says

The book follows Ivan through multiple different stories as they try to create a story just for Ivan. Ivan runs through stories like The Three Little Pigs and a story of three bears. Ivan continues through multiple stories until they finally start his own. Ivan stories end with him falling asleep.

This book contains many different elements of literature. This book recognizes that it is a book and the narrator knows he is telling the story. The plot in the stories is constantly interrupted by another plot. Ivan the Terrier is a book contains multiple plots, the plot of the story changes with every different story Ivan decides to go through. It is also unique because it tells stories of stories that have already been published. The book experiments with how the words are on the page. Some of the text is larger than others. Some of the text is also to show that Ivan is barking. It could also be said that the illustrations are in an unusual layout. Some pictures take up the whole page while some other pictures only take up half the page.

Clare Santos-Gacad says

This is a fun story about a terrier named Ivan who enters and interrupts classic fairy tales during their story time session.

This story reminds me of how David Wiesner writes about the Three Pigs. The interruptions and puns of this story make it a great read. Teachers would have a kick out of this book if they are trying to teach their students all about predictions and word play.

The illustrations have been done with watercolor and gouache. The art goes along with the words of each page.

Overall, an awesome book for story time and kids will definitely recognize familiar characters and stories as well!

Vanessa Olivares says

This book has a simple story. The narrator attempts to tell simple traditional fairy tails but Ivan deliberately interrupts demanding his own story. Ivan stops the stories before they can even be told and creates a humor for the reader. After getting at Ivan for interrupting the narrator attempts to tell another story...but once again Ivan has other plans . Finally after his many attempts of trying to make the story about him, the narrator begins to try and tell a story of Ivan. Ivan then walks off the narrator asks whats is he doing. Ivan then goes to his bed and lays down. Ivan was tired after all his work so the narrator ends the story there and says goodnight.

This a great book for young children, it has them laughing out loud at Ivan. The bright illustrations are beautiful and simple. It shows Ivan up close and he comes walking through each story attempted to be told.

It is a easy read for kids. The pictures are what mostly tells the story, there are only a couple words to a page. This has children on there feet looking for clues in the illustration for when and where Ivan will reappear.

Ariel Cummins says

Super cute and funny picture book about a dog who just can't stop interrupting the stories that are being told. Lots of recognizable characters and stories in this one, from three billy goats to three little bears.

The art is okay, but not outstanding, with watercolors depicting the action faithfully. The star of this book is the concept, and the writing.

Awesome for a story time, especially with kids who will recognize the characters and understand that Ivan is interrupting.

Trang says

The title of this book is a pun intended and it has great connections to the historical figure of Ivan the Terrible. As the reader tries to listen to different stories, Ivan the terrier keeps interrupting! I would use this book to show my students that interruptions can be very frustrating to others and allow them to think again before they interrupt someone. I would also use this book to highlight the use of puns.

I really enjoyed this book when I first read it and I would recommend it to teachers to use for predictions, puns, and word play.

Gnweiss says

Ivan the Terrier by Peter Catalanotto is a charming book about a feisty terrier it follows Post-Modern format as the narrator includes the reader and in a sequential format but it does have a plot, however each time Ivan interrupts a new story begins. Throughout the book there is a playfulness with text and illustrations. This book is perfect for K-2nd grade, because it is an interactive book with Ivan the Terrier.

Kalynn says

In this story the author tries to tell a story about a goat but then the dog interrupts the narrator. So he goes on to tell another story after telling Ivan no. And Ivan continues to interrupt. This happens a couple times until the narrator starts to tell the story about Ivan and then Ivan goes to sleep.

This book recognizes it is a book and that the narrator knows he's telling a story. Ivan the dog disrupts the narrator every time he tries to tell another story. It has different plots the narrator tries to tell multiple stories in the book. The stories he tries to tell are all well known stories which is called intertextuality. The playfulness of the words are shown by making some words larger and bolder. When Ivan is barking the "arf's" could be text or image. It's not really clear which one that is supposed to be. The words are not straight across they are all around the page. Especially when Ivan is getting yelled at, showing chaos and uncertainty.

Brandi Goeth says

Ivan the Terrier by Peter Catalanotto is about a narrator trying to tell a well known fairy tale and Ivan the dog keeps interrupting! The characters keep getting mad because the story doesn't involve him. Finally they decide to just tell the story about Ivan because he keeps interrupting, and Ivan walks away to go to bed.

I thought the book was cute, and that young children would love this story. The book was well written and

the illustrations were really good as well.

TW Mystery Reader says

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Also, the illustrations are very good for reading aloud, with lots of close-ups of Ivan and of him running off in the distance. First-graders will enjoy it because they know well the classic tales Ivan interrupts... and will get the humor.

Julia says

The cover is great, and the title, 'Ivan the Terrier' makes the deep down pun-loving part of myself giggle. (I think his name is up there with my favorite literary dog name - Nate the Great's pancake guzzling counterpart - 'Sludge'.) I think the art in 'Ivan' is a little wavery - some pages are better than others, but I think the idea's a lot of fun.

The narrator sets out to tell a familiar story, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', but Ivan can't sit still and bounds into the frame to disrupt the scene, yapping furiously. The narrator pleads with Ivan to behave but ultimately gives up and begins to tell 'The Three Bears', - to the same end. Ivan ruins story after by frightening the gingerbread man off his pan, and the three pigs out of their homes. Finally the narrator gives up and begins to tell a story about Ivan, who promptly wanders off. We then discover that, as dogs are wont to do, Ivan has lost interest and has passed out.

It's fun, and the familiarity of the stories disrupted by terrier anarchy seems like it would make for a good storytime read - and my goodness, who doesn't like seeing the three bears chased away by a tiny yapping dog?

Megan says

Ivan gets so excited about fairy tales that he jumps right in to the story. Unfortunately, he ends up ruining each story by chasing off the characters. The narrator is never able to get past the introduction of each story before Ivan interrupts, so this is best read to children who are already familiar with the folk tales. I love books like this where the author alters the expected narrative structure.
