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A gift that will bring cries of delighted recognition from anyone who has ever owned a dog and, dare one say it, charm the pants off even those who strongly prefer cats.

*Hello. My name is Plum and I'm a whoosell – that's whippet mixed with Jack Russell and poodle. I especially like swimming, leaping, catching, and croissants, and my favourite fragrance is fox poo. I live with Emma, an illustrator, and Rupert. My sister, Liffey, lives nearby.*

*Over the last year I've been keeping a diary. Emma has helped with the pictures, but the words are all mine.*

Since 2012 Emma Chichester Clark, one of Britain's best-loved authors and illustrators, has been delighting thousands of followers with her blog *Plumdog*, which records the day to day life of Plum, her dog, in Plum's own words and Emma's drawings.

## **Plumdog Details**

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## From Reader Review Plumdog for online ebook

### Caroline says

A charming book of whoofy anecdotes, comprising a year in the life of Plumdog, Emma Chichester Clark's raggle-taggle and much-loved dog. Her illustrations, accompanied by tenderly observant writings are often superb. Herewith a few examples.

A special treat for me were her full page, more detailed paintings...

But.....

I wish the book had been half or a third of the size that it was. I started off thinking "Wow, I have got to buy this as a birthday present for every dog animal lover I know, but by the end I was a bit bored. Some parts of the book made me roar with laughter, but for a lot of it I was just cruising.

As someone who loves receiving arty cards, I kept thinking what wonderful cards some of the drawings would have made. That is really how I would have liked to see them. As delicious single morsels to be relished individually. Instead the cascade of pix and writing was just a bit too much for me. I felt an editor with a harsher pen would have been an improvement.

That said, Ms Chichester Clark is a funny lady, with a very observant eye. She is also a clever and talented artist, who really captures her beloved Plumdog's foibles. This for me fulfils my idea of the perfect book to borrow from the library. I wouldn't want to have it myself, but I am glad to have read it.

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### Mollyvknize says

Tuhle mini knížečku máte za 5 minut přečtenou a jo ... je to roztomilost! Citáty jsou skvěle dotvářené obrázky a pes Blůma je super vtipné jméno. Co víc by si člověk mohl přát? :)

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### Sara Weather says

The Good

Immediately when I unboxed the graphic novel Plumdog I was amazed by the design of it. Looking at it made me very excited to jump right into reading the story. The art intrigued my curiosity to read it immediately and all I have to say is the best part of this book was the unboxing and looking at the artwork.

## The Bad

Although the artistry of this graphic novel was visually appealing it did not live up to the excitement that I felt when I opened the box and saw it for the first time. The story did not engage me with the execution. Neither did it keep my attention as I read each page. I believe that this novel fell short of making the story cute and fun. Although I was not overly taken by this book I would suggest that as a reader only you can be your own judge of character.

I received this book from Blogging for Books for this review.

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## Vivek Tejuja says

If you haven't had a dog, or had a dog or still have a dog or in general love dogs, then "Plumdog" is the book for you. "Plumdog" happened to me on a Sunday at Wayword and Wise as I was browsing their shelves and chanced upon this little gem.

I wasn't aware then that Emma had a blog about her dog Plum that she updated quite regularly if not daily, neither was I aware that it was about the daily ongoing of life as seen through her dog Plum. And might I add that this book is a graphic novel, which is beautifully illustrated by Emma and that's why it is even more special.

Now you know what "Plumdog" is about. I have said what I had to in the earlier paragraph. Having said that, why should you read this book? I will not even get there, because honestly, I believe that everyone should read it. Animals are way more precious than human beings and more importantly dogs. They love with no conditions. They give selflessly. Their loyalty is fierce and they know how to be there for you. Plum loves playing catching the twig, diving into rivers, treats (but of course) and spending time on her parents' bed and of course also being all snooty when approached by the boys.

"Plumdog" is all of that rolled into one about how dogs are and what they might think, which is a treat (I said that already but I cannot help but gush over it). Plumdog is a gift to be given to all who you know who love dogs and also who love pets in general. It will warm your soul and heart like no other book.

And add to that, it is also a blog on: <http://www.emmachichesterclark.co.uk/...> Read it.

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## Molly says

This is an illustrated diary narrated by Plumdog, Emma's dog. Plum is adorable, as are her adventures. She loves swimming and rolling in awful things, as well as her many canine companions. I ended up giving a copy of this to my mother-in-law because it is so damn cute. I hadn't read any of Emma Clark's *Blue Kangaroo* books previously, but because her art is so cute, I am going to have to do so now!

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## Scarlatine says

Adorable ♥

### **Victoria Wilton says**

I think this is my favourite book of all time.

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### **Juliana says**

Um amorzinho <3

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### **Christine says**

Adorable, witty, funny, and sweet! Plumdog has won my heart. She is a fitting main character for my first completed book of 2018: quirky, uplifting, yet realistic with all of her canine foibles. Five full stars! I look forward to the other books in the series.

More to follow...

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### **Sara-Jayne says**

This book is about a puppy named Plum and her adventures throughout one year. My face the whole time was basically ? and I kept saying aloud, alone in the apartment, "AWWWW!" Plus the illustrations are beautiful. So yeah. Go read it, it's absolutely adorable.

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### **Gwendolyn Kensinger says**

I really enjoy the design of the book, the illustrations & even the story. However there wasn't an overall point to the story other than showing snippets from Plum's life. And I must say that dog leads a pretty fantastic life.

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### **Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says**

[www.melissa413readsalot.blogspot.com](http://www.melissa413readsalot.blogspot.com)

I really loved this book. The cover is so beautiful, I found myself giving it little hugs, as I do all of my books :)

The illustrations are so sweet. I love how the author wrote the book to where it looks like someone is writing in a journal in pencil. But Plum says it's her blog, yes she writes a blog, or so she says in the book :D

Plum's mom is named Emma and she writes books. Plum has all kinds of friends in the book and she always

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spends a lot of time with her sister Liffey.

There are also many family members in the book and it's so funny when Plum refers to them in dog years! For instance they go to see Grandpa and Plum says he is 588 years old in dog years :) I thought that was so cute.

The book also has some things in the book that kids and people could learn about dogs, I thought that was a great addition.

I am a dog lover so this book was wonderful to me and I would recommend it to anyone or their children who loves dogs as well.

\*I would like to thank BLOGGING FOR BOOKS for a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.\*

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### **María says**

ADORABLE ?

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### **Rehan Abd Jamil says**

A dog's diary! loved it. Woof woof!

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### **Devon H says**

When I first saw the cover I was drawn to this book, but I was even more amazed when it arrived in the mail. It is beautifully bound with a headband and signatures, something that is not often found these days. The trim on the inside pages match the cover. This is a beautifully crafted book. Unfortunately this means I probably wouldn't share it with kids, because I think it's too beautiful, but this is a perfectly good read for adults, too.

Clark's illustrations are beautiful. Her writing is fascinating, and I love the perspective of a diary/blog from a dog. I find myself laughing and crying along with little Plum, as she details a year of her life with Emma, her owner. (I believe the book is semi-autobiographical.) It's adorable how Plum converts all of her people's ages into dog years. For example, one grandpa is 633 years old.

Several parts made me really think about how dogs must feel when humans make big decisions without thinking how the dog will feel. Sometimes I wonder how closely related young kids' and dogs' brains actually are, and the emotions present in each of their lives. For example, Plum's entry about the sad story she knows about a dog that died, "One night he found a box of chocolates all wrapped up, under the Christmas tree and he ate them all and he died, because chocolate is poisonous to dogs." I'm not sure if it was the late night that did it, or if it was because I felt connected to this dog as if she were my own dog/best-

friend, but I definitely felt passionately sad for Plum when she talks about stories like this one.

Emma Chichester Clark is an illustrator and the author of several picture books. She also has a Plumdog Blog that's quite adorable. You can find it here: [http://www.emmachichesterclark.co.uk/...](http://www.emmachichesterclark.co.uk/) . In fact, her whole website is beautiful, and you should check it out.

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