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An umbrella is missing. A man is distressed. A thief scampers over rooftops. A child is in danger. A harangued salesclerk weeps. A dog save the day.

The intriguing story of *The Sopping Thursday* is unlike any other Edward Gorey book, both because of its unique gray-and-black illustrations and because it has a happy ending (if one is to dismiss any worry about the child featured in the last frame). In just thirty images and thirty short lines of text, Gorey manages to create a complex tableau of characters and a plot worthy of film noir.

The Sopping Thursday Details

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Jessica Murphy says

Not as macabre as some of his other works but each page is its own story.

Erika says

Edward Gorey+Dog = Love it!!

Lizzy says

Cute dog, angry umbrella owner, strange story.

Daniel says

Phew! Umbrella emergency over.

ke-sha says

Sam Quixote says

A city. It starts to rain. Some people stand in the rain with umbrellas. Some don't. A dog talks, a baby wanders away from its mother (and is found without harm pages later), and someone is trying to buy an umbrella. Mundane talk about rain.

That about sums up this book. It's format is one page of illustration, the opposite page has a single sentence. It can be "read" in a minute maybe and the drawings are unmistakably Gorey's but aren't particularly interesting or show his ability.

I don't understand the book - it feels like a Monty Python sketch but one of the lesser ones, long forgotten. I'm amazed this got republished as it's just so... nothing! There isn't anything here. If you're interested in the brilliant Edward Gorey I suggest trying elsewhere like books such as "The Doubtful Guest" or "Amphigorey".

Dan says

Bruno, What a noble beast.

Karen says

Quite entertaining, nice little book to have while waiting in line.

Shane Kelly says

If you fancy dogs, you may fancy this book.

Jessica says

Follows a typical course for an Edward Gorey story, the heroine of an inconsequential matter is not a human. In fact, often the animals, monsters and fictional creatures act better and with more sense than the humans do.

James says

A big Gorey fan, I found this book to be one of my favorites. The awesome gray-scale drawings and the incredible Gorey text make this one a keeper! Of course, Bruno the dog saves the day! This quirky little story puts a Gorey smile on my face!

Jessie says

Gorey's drawings never disappoint! . Understanding that this is a funny matter of chances amongst a group of people during a rainy day, you shouldn't expect a coherent storyline. Just some light hearted fun. :)

Peacegal says

Good, but not as good as his older stuff.

karen says

this book reads like a dare or a challenge: can *you*, edward gorey, write and illustrate a book in which a man loses an umbrella, another man tries to buy an umbrella but is dissatisfied with his options, various people discuss the likelihood of rain in the coming days, etc. and still make people wanna read it?

edward gorey rises to the challenge! it's not my favorite of his books, but considering it's not a narrative so much as "some things that are happening on a rainy day from a variety of perspectives," it's amazing that it is even a teensy bit entertaining. and it's way more than that. who doesn't love a very good dog??

these two pictures sum me up pretty well; i love rain, i hate umbrellas.

why do i hate umbrellas?? because danger.

this "review" is really just a response to how very sad i am that i endured that whole "summer" nonsense, and now we are supposed to be getting five days in a row of driving rain and i *could* be in my little home sitting by my window drinking barry's tea and reading - but nooooooooo - THIS is the weekend i will be out of town and missing it all. nature abhors a karen.

Benja says

The Sopping Thursday is basically a series of jokes about umbrellas malfunctioning or being misplaced in the midst of a raging downpour. It's sparsely written, visually very funny and probably has the closest thing you'll ever get to a happy ending in a Gorey book.
