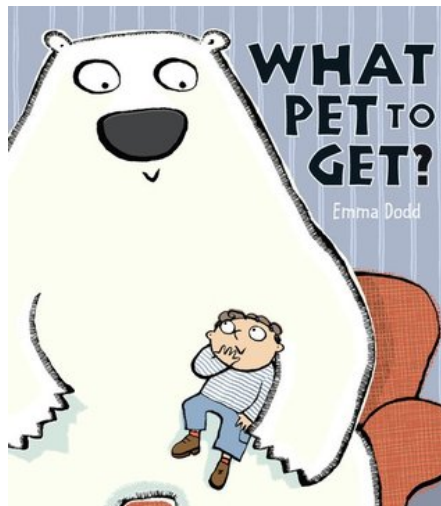




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A common kid question leads to uncommon results in this terrifically charming picture book!

Jack's mother says he can choose a pet . . . but what pet to get? An elephant? (So difficult to take on vacation.) A polar bear? (It wouldn't like the central heating.) What about a Tyrannosaurus Rex? (Unfortunately, it's been extinct for 65 million years.) The gatefold on the last page reveals Jack's final choice, and a big surprise -- literally!

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Becky says

A boy asks his mom if he can get a pet. He chooses all kinds of outlandish pets, and his mother gives reasons why those pets won't work. Finally, the two settle on a dog (of course, the picture of the dog at the end is pretty outlandish itself). Kids will have fun with this humorous story.

Rachel says

Very cute book about picking pets (would be good for a pet storytime)and I like that the illustrations of crazy animals Jack picks are textured like the real rhino, i.e. the rhino's skin looks like a rhino would and the same for the alligator. I love the big black-outlined brightly colored illustrations and the way Jack's mum quietly tells him no. For some reason, lately I seem to gravitate towards English author/illustrators for their big bold illustrations without really realizing it, ie this book and Sam Lloyd's "Mr. Pusskins" as an example.

Dewey says

This book was cute. Too long for a baby lapsit, but it would work well with an older group.

Andrea says

Jack really wants a pet so he starts big by asking his mom for outrageous animals such as a polar bear, bison and giraffe. In the end he has a eureka moment and tells his sleepy mom that he would like a dog. However, I don't think it's the dog his mom imagined.

Nick says

Emma Dodd came up with some delightful reasoning about why not to get certain unusual pets. I especially loved the one about why not to have an elephant for a pet.

The mom doesn't actually forbid her son from thinking outside the box, so the payoff to the story actually isn't that unreasonable. At least their house won't be burgled any time soon.

The best part about this book is that it can be used to start conversations about why some animals make better pets than others, and what you could do about it. It's also a good story about imagination, because both the boy and the mom display lots of it, during their discussion about pets.

Laurie says

Booklist (March 1, 2008 (Vol. 104, No. 13))

Preschool-Grade 2. Jack's mother says he can have a pet, but what to get? Jack has some ideas, but for each

suggestion of exotic wildlife, his mother has a logical reason the animal won't do. Taking an elephant on the family vacation might squash the car; a lion could frighten, perhaps even eat, the mail carrier; a Tyrannosaurus rex is extinct. After Jack works his way through giraffe (too tall), rhino (too wide), and bison (too smelly), he proudly announces, "I've got it! Let's get a dog!" What does he choose? A huge, scraggly, wolfhoundlike canine revealed behind a gatefold. Similar stories of pet requests are plentiful, but Dodd's bold, broad, bug-eyed, in-your-face illustrations take this one over the top. The pictures run off the pages of the large format, which is a stage for comical and hilarious scenes: Jack brushing a crocodile's teeth with a mammoth toothbrush and avoiding a shark in the bathtub. Pair this with Steven Kellogg's *Can I Keep Him?* (1982), and giggles are guaranteed.

Horn Book (Fall 2008)

Jack just can't decide what kind of pet to get. For every outrageous suggestion he makes, his mother has at least one good reason to disagree. Cheery outsize cartoon illustrations with strong black lines and muted colors give personality to Jack's imaginary menagerie. By the end, a dog seems perfect.

Kirkus Reviews (February 15, 2008)

Surprising fact: There still aren't as many children's books about wanting pets as there are children who desperately want a pet. What distinguishes Dodd's "What pet can I get?" story, a previously published British import, are her comical, cartoonish double-page spreads whose borders simply can't contain the colossal elephant, lion, Tyrannosaurus rex, giraffe, bison, rhino, crocodile and shark that inhabit young Jack's wildest pet dreams. Funny foreshadowing and clever visual details abound, such as in the first spread where the boy's shark and elephant drawings are taped to the refrigerator. Jack and his patient mother work through the pet options rationally: " 'A polar bear would be lovely, dear,' replied his mother. 'But I don't think it would like the central heating.' / 'Hmm, I suppose not,' agreed Jack." When Jack wakes up wanting a regular dog, the punch line unfolds in a gateway spread; Mom is imagining "a lovely little puppy" while Jack envisions the proud ownership of an enormous spiky beast named Fang. Familiar but fun. (Picture book. 3-5)

Publishers Weekly (February 11, 2008)

Young Jack wants a pet and proposes a host of possibilities, from an elephant ("I could ride it to school") to a T. rex (I could take it for walks"). Mom, unseen, gently but firmly squelches each candidate; she effectively counters Jack's suggestion of a polar bear by conjuring up an image of it having a hot flash in the living room ("I don't suppose it would like the central heating," she says mildly). The premise is shopworn, as is the wrap-up (Jack ends up with a "lovely little puppy" so huge that it occupies a horizontal gatefold), but both get a big boost from the computer-assisted cartooning on these exuberantly oversize pages. Filling in her thick black outlines with a mixture of digitally manipulated textures and densely saturated colors, Dodd (Just Like You; No Matter What, reviewed above) creates a daffy, winning cast of googly-eyed creatures whose ills run rampant. The T. rex's hide seems to be made of netting and camouflage, while an ungainly rhino appears to be upholstered in gray Naugahyde. Lots of fun. Ages 3-5. (Mar.) Copyright 2008 Reed Business Information.

School Library Journal (March 1, 2008)

K-Gr 2-What little boy doesn't want a pet? Jack is no exception, and he begins to come up with some rather impractical choices to run by his mother. She never rises to the bait but instead tells him logically why each one might not be right for them. Mom explains how an elephant might be hard to take on vacation, how a lion might frighten the mail carrier, and how T. Rex has been extinct for some time now. As the long list dwindles, Jack has a brainstorm. "Let's get a dog!" Mom agrees and they head off to pick out a "lovely little puppy." Jack is winking at readers as they open the gatefold to see a huge, unkempt, somewhat wild-looking dog named Fang riding in the car. Everything about this book works. Its large trim size fits Jack's oversize

imagination perfectly. The animals spill over the spreads, convincing readers that perhaps Mom was right after all. And who can say whether Fang is a puppy or not? Pair this story with Lynne Jonell's *I Need A Snake* (Putnam, 1998) to explore the idea of convincing someone of your idea.-Joan Kindig, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA Copyright 2008 Reed Business Information.

Luanne Hatcher says

I liked this story about a boy named Jack who wanted a pet. His mom was okay with that, but when Jack thought about the pet he would get, his mom had a reason why that pet wouldn't work for them. Finally, Jack chose a pet that he could get.

Julia says

The polar bear illustration on the dust jacket lets the prospective reader know right away that this is not the typical "dog or cat?" family discussion. Children love animals, but dogs and cats can be seen everywhere. Jack proposes wild beasts one after the other. His mother calmly explains why that particular animal would not be a good choice for a pet. When Jack announces that a polar bear would be fun to play with, his mother suggests that "it would not like the central heating."

This fun book has oversize illustrations which explode from the page. And it's delightful that his mom lets Jack dream big. This is sure to be a fun title for any elementary school library.

Amy says

Jack's mother said he could get a pet... but what pet should he get? An elephant would be too hard to take on vacation. A polar bear won't like central heat, T-Rex - well they are extinct and the last page shows the pet Jack decides to get. Kindergartners and first grade could discuss basic survival needs of animals and what you need to do to take care of a pet. In science you could discuss the various habitats of animals and math you could estimate and compare the weights of the animals.

Mansour says

A lovely funny short picture book. It talks about young boy planing to get a pet than, he stated talk to his mother about that. I really loved the graphics in that book, they painted in a funny way that make the kids enjoy reading it or listen to it.

I liked the author's imagination for the story, whenever the young boy asks his mother about some kind of

pet for example, an elephant then the mother tells him that the elephant can't fit the car, then you will see at the book a big funny elephant at the top of a small car. Also, I loved the funny way that the author ending the story that in the end the boy choose the right pet and it was a dog you will see in the end of the book picture of a boy with the leash, then you will think it normal dog but, when turn the page you will see a big wild dog.

I'm really glad to have that book. I really enjoyed reading it and I'm happily recommend it for everyone to read it to your kids, they definitely will love it and enjoy reading it.

Ruhama says

Jack asked his mom for a pet and she countered with her own question: what do you want? Jack works his way through a list of wild (but fun) animals that would make super pets and his mom doesn't bat an eye. Instead, she has him see reason about each of them--and not always with the usual size, food or cleanliness issues. Eventually, Jack narrows the list down to a dog, though there is a lovely twist at the end of the story, even with the less exotic pet choice. The pictures are fun and colorful and not too busy. Jack is cute and I love the way his mom treats each suggestion: acceptance, but a dose of realism, too. This book reminds me of Steven Kellogg's Can I Keep Him? and would work well for a pet storytime, surprise ending storytime or an imagination storytime.

Michele says

Definitely a must read for those finally caving in on the pet question. This is such a cute book, but I think it would also be a great way to get your kids thinking about what different pets need and which would fit best with your family.

Vicki says

Such a dilemma-what pet to bring home! The child in the story has some grandiose ideas, but mom brings him back to reality.

My favorite part are the large animals in the illustrations, very easy to see when reading to a crowd.

Rowen Wagner says

I liked that Jack was coming up with crazy ideas about what he should get for a pet. I didn't like that there were problems for all but one of the animals and the one was a dog. All the other ones Jack's mom said there was something wrong with it.

Sara says

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