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A Perfect Day For Digging



Synopsis

In the spring when trees unfreeze and grass grows green and pansies say, "Please plant me!" Nell and her dog, Rusty, can't wait to dig in dirt just right for digging. But Norman, their neighbor, says "Ewww!" to digging and dirt. Until Nell and Rusty begin to dig up unexpected treasures: a pretty striped marble, the mini stegosaurus that Nell lost last summer, and most intriguing of all part of a tiny china doll. Who played with it? Is there more? Norman wonders. Now, even Norman can't resist. He rolls up his sleeves, picks up the extra trowel, and starts to dig in his own careful way in the process discovering all the simple joys of digging, dirt, and the fun of trying something new. Words and pictures brimming with humor and exuberance capture one of the true rites of spring: Hooray for dirty digging!

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Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 1 Nell and her dog, Rusty, love to dig in the springtime mud, but their friend Norman, dressed in a white shirt and bow tie, prefers to watch from a clean distance. Nell and Rusty tunnel, splash, and make dirt angels, and Norman is slowly drawn into their play. Soon he, too, is digging up treasures to add to their "dirt museum" and he doesn't even mind that his new shoes are all dirty. Best's lyrical text hums along ("In the spring when the trees unfreeze and the grass grows

green and pansies say, 'Please plant me,'"'), and Davenier's ink and pencil illustrations burst with color and movement, with Nell and Rusty always in motion, and Norman's static lines becoming more active as he becomes a muddy participant in the play. — Kathleen Kelly MacMillan, Carroll County Public Library, MD

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— "An exuberant valentine to spring and to gardens in general. — Kirkus Reviews

My grandkids live on 8 acres and love going out and digging for treasures. This book fit right in with their life style. My granddaughter loves getting dirty and muddy, while my grandson likes to stay clean. They both identified with the characters in the book, and the smiles on their face were priceless. They even have two dogs that like to help!

My 3yr old son and 5 yr old daughter love this book. Really cute book that encourages exploration of dirt for our city kids!

I was really wanting more a story about the cool things found while digging, but it was more about getting over a fear of getting dirty. Not the most engaging stories but it has nice illustrations.

This is the first book that I've read from author Cari Best and I'll have to make sure it's not the last.

I love that it has the word "archaeologist" in a kid's book.

This story is fun, but just could backfire if the little one hearing and seeing it takes it to heart and digs wherever and whenever he or she wants.

Great drawings and simple storyline! Will be reading many times

nice kids book. kids like getting dirty anyway!! gets them outside away from tv and video games.

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