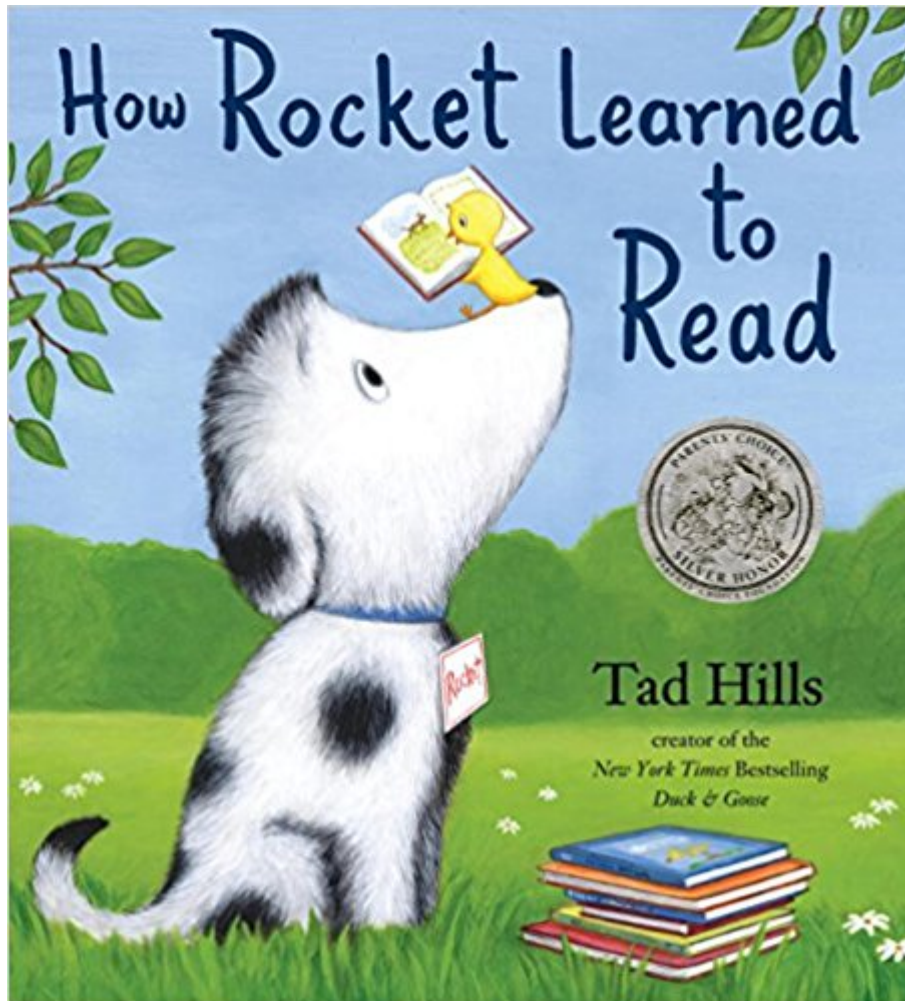




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How Rocket Learned To Read



Synopsis

Learn to read with this New York Times-bestselling picture book, starring an irresistible dog named Rocket and his teacher, a little yellow bird. Follow along as Rocket masters the alphabet, sounds out words, and finally . . . learns to read all on his own! With a story that makes reading fun and will even help listeners learn to read this book is ideal for kindergarten classrooms and story hour or as a gift for that beginning reader. Fresh, charming art by Tad Hills, the New York Times bestselling author/illustrator of *Duck & Goose*, will make this a favorite. And don't miss the instant #1 New York Times Bestseller, *Rocket Writes a Story*.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

We received this book just yesterday, but my son took one look at the illustration on the front and immediately wanted to read it. Often when this happens, the story doesn't hold his interest. This time was different. He stayed interested, laughing at Rocket with his nose covered in mud and showing emotion as we read each page. But even better than that, he was not afraid to try sounding out the words. He has known his letters and their sounds for ages, but seldom shows any interest in sounding out words. Instead, he memorizes the books and pretends to read. With this book, he was very willing to sound out the words. And, he surprised me by obviously knowing several words by

sight that I had no idea he had learned! This book is adorable, enjoyable for both the child and the adult. The illustrations are incredibly sweet and the story is cute. Overall a great book to encourage early reading.

This is the first book that has inspired my daughter to actually try and read for herself so I'm bound to be extremely biased in its favor. BUT after the first go-around she was begging me to read it again (which generally only happens with the infernal Disney Princess books). I had a great time helping her sound out words and watching her delight when she got words right. It's a perfect book to get your feet wet with when prompting a pre-Kindergartner to try out reading for themselves. And on top of that, the illustrations are beautiful and very sweet. I like the Duck and Goose books too, but Rocket definitely takes the biscuit when it comes to cuteness.

My three-year old son loves this book, and so do I. It is a sweet and original story of a little bird who takes it upon herself to teach a dog to read. Though the dog initially resists, but is then lured into reading after being captivated by a book that was read to him by the little bird. This is a clever story that teaches children about friendship, the power of words, the joy of studying, and the power of the "wondrous, mighty, gorgeous alphabet!"

It seems to me that for a kid's general interest picture/story book what you sometimes want is - a friendly looking hero, a story that moves along but makes sense, illustrations that are clear or at least easily explainable, and a cheerful overall vibe. There are other books that are edgier or maybe more audacious, but for a solid appealing read those basic elements seem to describe a successful book. Well, that's what we have here. Rocket has a certain wide-eyed cheerful appeal without being dopey or simple. He is adventurous but alert. He is brave and resourceful. He is sometimes bemused or inattentive, but he is not a foolish character. In this volume he's learning to read with the help of a very determined little bird. Between the drawings, (which are charming and expressive), and the narration, (which is clear but not patronizing), you get a story that is easy enough to follow, maybe with a little help, and very satisfying. There is a lot of extra business scattered throughout the illustrations, so there are things to talk about or to point out to your little reader as you go through the story. "Charm" is a bit of an overused description, so let's just say that this book is a mellow little lark. And sometimes that's just what you want. A nice little find. Definitely worth a look.

The cover and the title grabbed my attention. The doggy on the front is so cute sitting in the grass with a yellow bird on his nose. Who could resist? Plus any book about encouraging reading is always a plus in my world. The inside proved to be as adorable as the front cover - for sure judge this book by it's cover. Rocket is the dog and the yellow bird becomes his teacher. In the story Rocket is hesitant about reading... doesn't want to do it and thinks it seems impossible. With the help of the little yellow bird Rocket masters the alphabet, sounds out words, and finally . . . learns to read all on his own! I imagine this book being read in a Kindergarten and First grade classroom where kids are learning to read. Children will be able to make a text to self connection with the story. Rocket is like a child first learning how to read. It's really hard at first, but gets easier as he learns. His teacher is there to help him and together they can do this!!! Soon Rocket begins to understand that reading opens up a new world for him just as it will for all who learn to read. This book should be on the shelf of every k-2 teachers shelf. Teachers will love it and so will students.

Rocket books are the absolute best! I take my dog with me to visit schools for our Reading Education Assistance Dogs programs, and for new and struggling readers every one of these books has a perfect place! My dog enjoys listening to them over and over again. I don't think you can go wrong with anything in Rocket's series!

This book was titled in the heading as "How Rocket Learned to Read". I read with an elementary school child who reads below grade level (with a group who provides reading therapy) and had this book recommended to me. I was very, very disappointed when I received this book because I can't even use it. It, for some reason, is a British version of the book -- "How Rocket LEARNED to Read" and "behaviour" and "practises" and "favourite" and other british spellings are prominent. I can't even use this book, because the child is learning these words, and "Learnt" is not the same as "Learned", obviously. I guess I'll have to give it to somebody who can read it aloud to their toddlers, and can edit the language. The story and pictures are very cute, but this is a huge disappointment (and a waste of \$\$) for me. I wish this book had been noted as a British version. Sorry I ordered it.

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