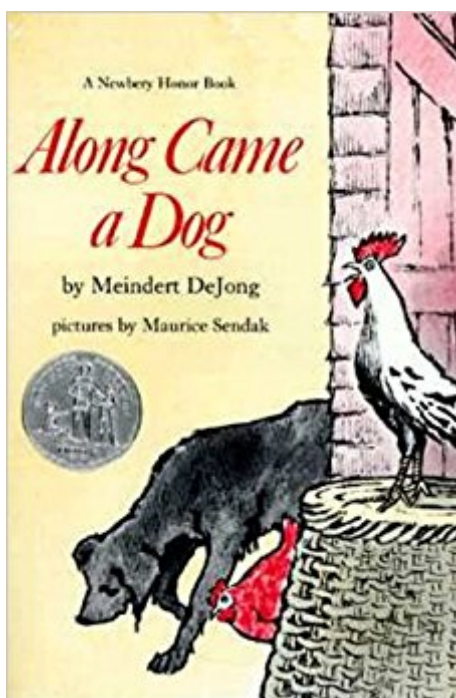


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# Along Came A Dog (Harper Trophy Books (Paperback))



## Synopsis

The friendship of a little red hen and a homeless dog who appoints himself her protector is treated by the author with delicacy and strength in lovely and lucid prose. "A moving story, full of suspense."

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## Customer Reviews

"A moving story, full of suspense."-- The Horn Book  
"(The story) is treated by the author with delicacy and strength in lovely and lucid prose."-- Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books"

Meindert DeJong is the award-winning author of many classic books for children, including the Newbery Medal-winning *The Wheel On The School* and the Newbery Honor-winning *Along Came A Dog*, *Shadrach*, and *The House Of Sixty Fathers*, all available in Harper Trophy editions and illustrated by Maurice Sendak. Among Mr. Sendak's other popular books is his Caldecott Medal-winning *Where The Wild Things Are*. Maurice Sendak's children's books have sold over 30 million copies and have been translated into more than 40 languages. He received the 1964 Caldecott Medal for *Where the Wild Things Are* and is the creator of such

classics as *In the Night Kitchen*, *Outside Over There*, *Higglety Pigglety Pop!* and *Nutshell Library*. In 1970 he received the international Hans Christian Andersen Medal for Illustration, in 1983 he received the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award from the American Library Association, and in 1996 he received a National Medal of Arts in recognition of his contribution to the arts in America. In 2003, Sendak received the first Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, an annual international prize for children's literature established by the Swedish government.

Dear Mr DuJong, I find your writing delightful. You enchanted my family and I with your "Journey from Peppermint Street", and now I am searching out all your books. We have been reading your stories in the evening, aloud, and your word usage is so perfect for read-alouds - your style helps the little ones stay focused, while your ability to render complex emotions - from a dog, a man of few words, and a chicken - has us older ones spellbound. The story is a quiet one, but lovely. A lone man. His favorite hen. A dog looking for a home... themes of friendship, honesty, integrity, hard work, hunger, home, injustice, and kindness... It all takes place in the 40's? 50's? A glimpse into a simpler time perhaps, but also reads as a timeless story... a man trying to do his best in a complicated world... There's adventure and disaster, and crisis and resolution. There's terrible misunderstandings, and wonderful moments of truth. And then there's the amazing dogginess and chickeness. (My family has flirted with the idea of raising chickens, and your book has helped us realize what an enormous endeavor that would be... worthwhile maybe, but enormous, somehow I never realized how chickeny it would be to have chickens running around acting all, well, chicken all the time.) I think you're wonderful Mr DuJong. Glad you took the time to write what you did, wish you were still around to write some more. Yours is a strong and lovely voice in this wild world of ours. Sincerely, Autumn

a favorite book of my younger daughter when she was four; read so much to her it fell apart and we had to buy it again. I offer it to all friends with children in kindergarten. An endearing dog, a terrific first or second chapter book to read aloud, and later read by children on their own. The author wrote many books for children, one of which - *the Wheel on the School* -- my mother read to me about sixty years ago.

I purchased this book for my six year old granddaughter, and I first read it to myself. I then read most of it to her, my voice cracking in parts. It's a powerful tale (tail?) of a homeless dog's stubborn loyalty to a small red hen.

What a sweet story. We, too, have a little red hen who is the last of her flock that had some toes freeze so this book was especially touching for our family! I have read it to my little and older children and they all loved it! It has wonderful charm and teaches such a great message of loyalty and love and forgiveness without preaching those themes. Those themes just naturally come through in the characters! Everyone should read this in my opinion!!!! They don't make books like this anymore!!! I can't recommend it enough!!

My son initially thought this book was slow, but he enjoyed it in the end. Great theme of friendship between unlikely characters.

What a wonderful and inspiring story. Whether you're a child or a parent, this should be required reading and a story to be shared with your children.

I first saw this story on PBS. A cartoonist was drawing pictures as he read the book. I happened to catch a portion of it before I had to go to work. I had forgotten all about it until one day I remembered to share a portion of it with my granddaughter. I decided to purchase it, and now my granddaughter, who is ten, is reading it for herself. A wonderful story of friendship, courage, and determination.

Charming. Heartwarming story, very sad in places, sophisticated.

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