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Would you believe that Ralph the dog can talk? *Yip, yip, yip*--it's true!

With bestselling author Lois Ehlert's simple, funny, call-and-response text and bold, playful collage illustrations, this fresh, young book is sure to get little ones laughing (and talking to their dogs!)

## Rrralph Details

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## **From Reader Review Rrralph for online ebook**

### **mary dewley says**

I love the use of recycled materials for the pictures. It would be a cute craft/story-time program to read the story and then have the kids create their own Rrralph. Fun, vibrant and playful wordplay is sure to keep a younger audience entertained!

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### **Lexie says**

Excellent word play and laugh-out-loud fun for kids and grown-ups alike. :)

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### **Milton Moon Louie says**

Does Ralph really talk? B

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### **Kelly says**

I was hoping this book would be cuter than it was. Ralph is a dog who can talk...kind of. It felt like an old joke being put into a child's book. But then again, maybe that's the appeal for a child.

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### **Elisabeth says**

Bringing this home to my boys (8 and 3). The older one will like all the jokes and the little one will like the pictures (I want to see Lois Ehlert's studio someday - I have visions of piles of all sorts of fun stuff).

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### **Dewey says**

I love the book but am not as big a fan of the illustrations. They're unique...but not my thing.

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### **Molly says**

Cute story about a dog that can talk , depending on what you ask him, with the type of bark he replies. I enjoyed the multi-media approach to the illustrations.

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## **The Library Lady says**

Listen up you hallowed members of the Caldecott Committee. Lois Ehlert deserves your medal. She has deserved your medal for years, while you have repeatedly passed her by for everything from a biography illustrated with woodcut prints to a frickin' pseudo graphic novel.

Take a look at this one. It embodies everything Ehlert can do. Look at her use of various media to create her collages. Look at her bold, clear designs that have appeal for even a toddler.

Combine that with a simple, clear text that has jokes a kindergartener will roar at, yet still be enjoyed by the kids too small to get the joke.

AND it's a dog book. How can you resist a DOG book?

*Well, I can, but that's another story....*

Take a look at this one, Caldecott folks. And then read the rest of Ehlert's stuff.

Because if she isn't doing award worthy picture books, no one else out there is!

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## **Melissa says**

Would you like to meet a talking dog? Rrralph named himself when he came home with his boy and has been talking since. He can tell you there is bark on a tree, and that the gravel is rough rough on his paws. Lois Ehlert books are always interesting to read because she uses various methods to create her art such as drawing, cut up paper, bottle caps, pieces of fabric, a zipper for a mouth, etc.

This book would be good for a child who loves I Spy books where you have to find the hidden object because Ehlert uses such diverse methods in her art.

This would be a good book for an art unit to show children that art isn't just coloring on paper.

This is also a good book for an imagination unit as the dog "talks" by the owner asking questions that a dog can respond to with normal dog sounds. Woof woof can sound like roof roof for example.

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## **Tasha says**

Ehlert returns with another cleverly illustrated book, this time featuring a dynamic dog. Ralph is a dog who is able to talk. No, really! When they brought him home and asked him his name, he replied with "RRRalph Ralph." He can tell you where he is when he climbs up on his doghouse: "Roof roof." Just ask him what is on the outside of a tree, and he knows that it's BARK. The book continues with more questions for Ralph and him answering them with a variety of barks, until at the end, he only replies with a snore since he's fallen asleep.

The book has a great sense of humor and after the first couple of examples of how Ralph replies to questions, children will be trying to guess the next answers that Ralph will give. The dynamic color combinations of the backgrounds with the pop of black-and-white dog on them add to the fun. Ehlert excels at her illustrations done using collage and found objects. The can tab nose gives Ralph a jaunty friendly feel, as does the colorful collar and heart-shaped tag.

A dog book that is barking up just the right tree for young children, this book belong on every library's

shelves and adds to the incredible body of Ehler's work. Appropriate for ages 3-5.

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**Kelly says**

The librarian suggested this one. Z loved it from the get-go. We read it multiple times. Funny, unusual illustrations, and great for a beginning reader.

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**Megan says**

Dog puns! Example... "what's on that tree Ralph?" "Bark bark bark!"

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**Hannah says**

A really funny book for an older child who would understand word play!

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**Elizabeth Chang says**

I loved the play on words!  
Surprised me how many dog sounds can be made to sound like human words!

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**Brittany says**

Cute story, funny pictures. Baby likes when doing voices for the dog.

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