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An exciting new series about those adorable pets that just won't behave--it's Marley & Me for middle-grade readers!

Parker hadn't considered getting a dog, but when playful Merlin, the golden retriever, comes into his life, Parker is thrilled. The two are inseparable from day one--because whenever Parker tries to leave, Merlin escapes his fence or cage and follows him! Can anything make this loveable dog sit and STAY?

Runaway Retriever Details


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Margie says

Cute read for the young. But in my opinion, cute read for all ages.

1 Elizabeth says

This is an excellent book. It is about a boy named Parker who gets a dog as a present from his sister since she is going to collage, and she doesn't want Parker to get lonely while she is away. The problem is that the dog, whose name is Merlin, always follows Parker where ever he goes. Merlin makes Parker late for the first day of school, and gets him in trouble. Parker has to figure out a way to keep Merlin contained. This book is extremely funny, and I would recommend this book to people who like dogs, and who are ages maybe 9 and up. Both boys and girls should enjoy this book!!!

Landy Anderson says

This book is very, very, cute. Now, I want to read the rest of the series. This author is VERY creative.
Reviewed by, Jo

Amy cupcake persad says

runaway retriever

Taryn says

These are the best books for 4-5th graders

Edith says

A very nice read about a retriever who can get out of any enclosure to be with his favorite little boy.

Eleane says

I read this because I ran out of books so I borrowed it from my sister I wouldn't especially recommend it but it wasn't bad nor good it was o.k. if you want a short book to read this is it i recommend it from ages 6 to 8

Maggie Marshall says

How do u read the books

Natalia says

I think this is a really good book because it has a lot of details and action. It is about a dog named Merlin which is an escape artist. He is a normal dog for the most part because he has a lot of energy for walks, and playing catch. But no fence is too high, no cage too strong to keep him from following Parker everywhere he goes.

READ THIS BOOK!!!!

Madison says

This was a good book! I liked how this is a realistic story. I also think this is a good series, I enjoyed the book Mud-puddle poodle from the series. I also enjoy this book because the dog is the one who brings the family together. This is a good book for anyone who likes stories about dogs, realistic fiction, or a funny story about a dog.

Katie says

Really good, first one I read. I got hooked onto it and didn't want to stop reading it!

Julia says

This book was very exciting. It is about a kid named Parker and his dog, and how his dog keeps running away. It is amazing, all the different ways the dog escapes. This is a series. And I read one other one, Bulldog Won't Budge. And I am going to read the other two.

Jan says

Parker and his older sister lived with their dad. Since she was leaving for college, his sister thought a dog would be just the thing to keep the guys from getting lonely. It didn't take long for Parker to discover that Merlin was more than a cheerful, energetic golden retriever -- he was an escape artist! The baby gate in the kitchen was easy to conquer -- he just jumped over it. But then he learned how to release the latch on the back yard gate, and even figured out how to escape from doggie day care!

The assistant principal is upset because every time Merlin escapes, he comes running to school to find Parker, and a cheerful, tail-wagging golden dog is just the thing to disrupt all the students. How can Parker teach his dog to stay?

This is the first in a series of delightful dog books for middle-graders. Some are more girly stories than others -- see my reviews. (Loudest Beagle On The Block (Pet Trouble), Mud-Puddle Poodle (Pet Trouble), Bulldog Won't Budge (Pet Trouble))

Kids with or without dogs of their own will love Merlin's escapades. The themes of friendship and family support are also positives. Recommended for boys or girls ages 9-12.

Olivia Amann says

If you love mystery's and you love to figure out stuff you would love this book!!! Find out about Parkers' new dog Merlyn and see if you have any idea's on how to help parker solve how his dog is an escape artist!!! READ THIS BOOK!!!

Marlee says

I read this book with my 10 year old daughter. We both found it engaging. I thought it was a bit much how Merlin was able to escape from everyone and everywhere, but it was interesting and fun.
