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Derrick didn't always treat his dog very well... until the day he got to see himself through his dog's eyes.

Derrick the Dog tells the story of Derrick, a kid who likes to have fun and doesn't like to work. If he could spend all day eating his favorite foods and playing with his toys, he would be so much happier. But when he gets to see what life is like as his dog, Max, he learns a few things about how good he has it... and about how he treats his dog.

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From Reader Review Derrick the Dog (A Derrick and Max Story, #1) for online ebook

Sharlene says

I received this book as the result of a Goodreads Firstreads giveaway.

I have so much to comment on here that for once I am not sure where to start!

The illustrations were very basic and yet kept drawing my eye to them. While I appreciated the night time photos, they were a bit dark...my only complaint really.

Fantastic editing with no complaints.

I love the light feel of the book and yet it has depth to it. Derrick does make a huge epiphany that does change who he is.

I appreciated that Derrick is able to send up a quick prayer for help. I love a book that teaches kids there is always hope and to empower themselves to ask for help. If you are uncomfortable with references to God, be aware, this is not an in your face, over the top religious moment and it is easily skipped if it makes you uncomfortable; Personally, I loved it. It is tastefully done and I too can get turned off by feeling like a book is preachy. This one is not one of those books.

I did laugh out loud, as well, at the, "Shut up" comment to the dog. Even I had an aha moment there...pretty sure we have said that to our fur babies more than once.

Great plot and fantastic lessons for any young child. (And maybe a reminder for us older kids.) My youngest has already read it herself and told me it was better than she expected.

This three chaptered book is great for young readers who are just taking off with reading or for snuggling up with before bed. I would recommend this book to friends with young children or as a gift for a young child you know.

Miranda Crowell says

I very much enjoy reading this with my boys.

B.D. Crowell says

Goodreads makes the suggestion to authors to write a brief essay about our book's inspiration in the review space. I like that idea, so here goes.

The character of Derrick was inspired by some of the antics of our two boys (who thankfully are nowhere near that bad to our dog), especially the younger one. He's our picky eater and has issues with writing his 4's backwards. The part about skipping cleanup time was at one time a common phrase heard in our household nearly every evening. To my knowledge, though, neither of them ever turned into the dog. Speaking of the dog, the working name was Chloe. My oldest son suggested changing it to Max, and that's who he became.

For the illustrations, I started with a more realistic-looking Derrick and Max, but I didn't care for them. They didn't seem to me to fit with the feel of the story. So, I took a step back and rethought the approach. A more cartoonish Derrick and Max seemed to be in order. I hadn't done any cartooning since I was a kid and I rarely do color illustrations, so this was a fun new challenge. Ultimately, I turned to two of my childhood favorites for inspiration: Peanuts & Calvin and Hobbes.

My kids love the book. I hope yours will, too.
