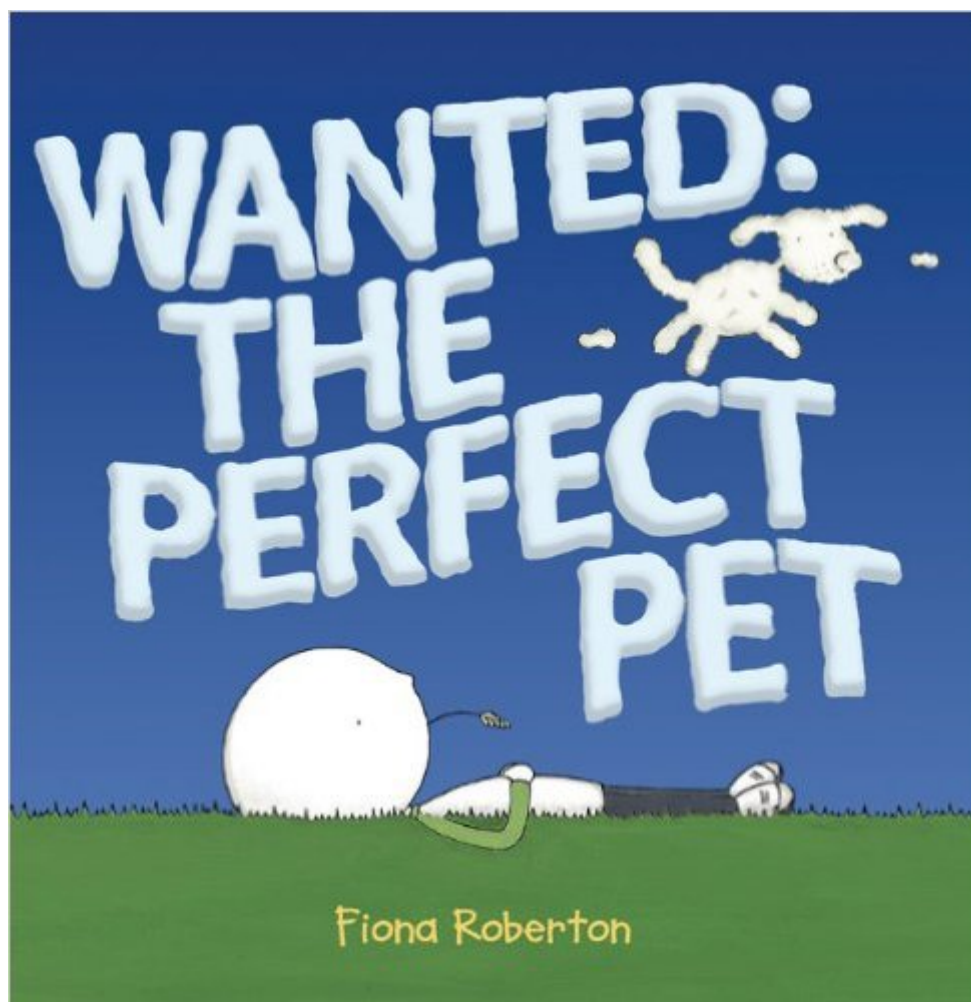


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# Wanted: The Perfect Pet



## Synopsis

Henry wants a dog more than anything in the world?more than a cowboy costume, even more than an all-expenses-paid trip to the moon. So he puts an ad in the newspaper to find the perfect pet. Far away, a lonely duck who desperately wants a friend reads the ad. He has the clever idea to disguise himself as a dog and apply for the job of Henry?s best friend. But his cover is quickly blown when he isn?t very good at catching balls and his floppy ears and tail fall off. Henry is disappointed for a moment, until he thinks of all the amazing things this duck CAN do, and realizes he?s found the perfect pet after all. Fiona Robertson?s irresistible illustrations and utterly charming characters will win the hearts of readers of all ages.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My daughter and I like this book. She's six. Here sixth grade brother got a few good laughs when he saw the page with the newspaper classified ads. One castle for rent: one thousand bedrooms, one bathroom, air of fiendish ghoul...The book has a nice balance between pictures and story. Good re-read value. And it's not likely that your kid has come across this one at school or in the bookstore.

This is an adorable book. The story opens with a little boy who talks about how very badly he wants a pet, and of all the pets, a dog is the best pet of all. It is fun, cuddly and it plays with you. So the

boy outs an ad in the paper for a dog to be his pet. Far away a duck who lives on a hill-top is very lonely. He reads the ad in the news paper and decides he will try to be the perfect pet for this boy. He disguises himself as a dog and goes to meet his new owner. When he gets there the boy is overjoyed to finally have a dog all his own and takes it out to play immediately. He notices however that his dog isn't really good at doing regular doggy things such as play fetch or run around and soon the duck is revealed for who he truly is. The boy is somewhat dismayed to learn that his dog was in fact a duck and goes inside. The duck is of course heart-broken and dejectedly goes in to find the boy reading a book, the encyclopedia. The boy looked up what ducks can do and made a list of all of the good things about ducks and tells the duck that he is the perfect pet for him. And they're both happy. This story is adorable. The illustrations are so cute and they compliment the story line so well. The story is about seeing the good in what you have and what comes your way, even if it's not exactly as you expected it, and it's told in a way that makes it a touching read for both young and old.

What I love about this book: 1. The "big" story is excellent, with lots of amusing little embellishments along the way. Don't miss the super-funny want ads. 2. The way it's divided into two stories, which converge at the end. 3. The voice. It's a bit irreverent, and sweet without being sappy. My favorite line: "'Quack,' said Spot." My only criticism is that I wish the cover were more interesting and hand-crafted, but this is more than made up for by the rest of the book and the wonderful last illustration.

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