

***I Want A Pet***

**Cathy Morrison**

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The author really knows how to grab a child's attention in this book. All children love animals, and this is exceptional for the young child who is ready to take on the responsibility of caring for a pet. The little boy in this story goes to the zoo, dressed in his adventure outfit and net as if he is going to capture his pet. He soon realized the animals at the zoo are not exactly the kind of animals you keep at home. All the time he wondering though the zoo looking at various animals, he looks at the moles they are too low, the giraffes, the turtles, deciding one is too tall or one is too slow. The young lad not paying much attention there is a puppy who is following him. He becomes frightened at the alligators and realizes the animals are not appropriate for home. The author then makes it very interesting that the best pet for the boy is the one that has been following him. The puppy is illustrated in colorful pictures with waggling tail of happiness that the boy has decided that he the pet best for him.

I enjoyed the rhyming of words and the flow of the story. The photos are interesting with bright colors and good illustrations of the animals at the zoo. The book gives great description of various shapes, direction of too tall, too short, and too slow.

The book is excellent for the early reader and is great for reading out loud to a small classroom of young children. The book is most interesting as it relates to boys or girls, as children ask parent to have a pet. The book teaches the young reader about how make decisions by looking at the positives and negatives when deciding on the right pet. The ending is the greatest part when the boy is lying in bed with the puppy by his side preparing to sleep for the night. The ending shows love that we share with our pets to allow them to sleep in our beds.

I am unfamiliar with the author Cathy Morrison but I really enjoyed the descriptive writing of this book and the excitement it brings to life the characters for young readers. I enjoyed reading this book and would highly recommend this to be on one of the best reads for young readers.

**Recommended Titles:**

*Lovabye Dragon*, by Barbara Joosse

*The Fox in the Dark*, by Alison Green

*The Helpful Puppy*, by Kim Zarins

*Max and Ruby's Treasure Hunt*, by Rosemary Wells