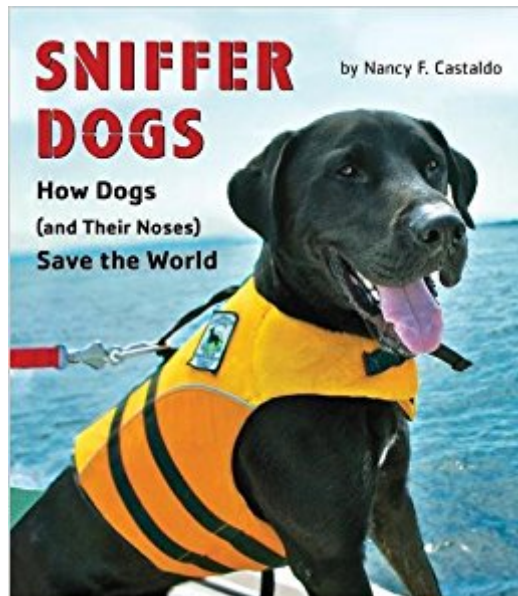




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Sniffer Dogs: How Dogs (and Their Noses) Save The World



Synopsis

Anyone who has ever spent time with a dog knows that dogs love sniffing! They sniff out hidden food, dirty socks, and the visitor who comes to the door. But some dogs work with police officers, soldiers and even scientists to put their "sniffers" to work. Sniffer dogs make use of the amazing biology behind their noses to protect people from bombs, catch criminals smuggling drugs, or help researchers locate a hard to find snail in a forest. A dog's nose is so sensitive that if a human could see as well as a dog could smell, we would be able to see the small letters on an eye chart from four (four!) miles away. Is it any wonder then that dogs can be trained to find missing people in piles of rubble or a certain flower blooming amongst hundreds or thousands of other smells? In *Sniffer Dogs* you will meet many dogs and their handlers and learn all about their jobs. Some of these dogs are raised from birth to detect blood sugar levels in their owners. Others are rescued from animal shelters and their boisterous personalities help make them excellent sniffer dogs. Featuring a balance between science and social science, *Sniffer Dogs* will appeal to dog lovers and science lovers alike.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 4-7 • This winsome book describes the many jobs sniffer dogs do, including detecting drugs and explosives, searching for survivors after disasters, and tracking animals. The

author discusses some amazing and moving stories: Sunny, a Doberman, searched for survivors after September 11; Tucker, a black lab, looks for orcas through the scent of their scat; and Alan, a Labrador, can detect his 14-year-old owner's blood sugar levels and warn him if they slip dangerously low. Castaldo also sheds light on dogs who assist the armed forces, pointing out that the military hasn't always rewarded these animals for their service. This appealing volume provides important information about the dedication and determination of these dogs and the intense training they undergo in order to carry out these difficult tasks and even devotes a chapter to explaining why dogs' noses work so well. The attractive color photos that capture many of these canines in action and the accessible tone of the text make this an appealing read. A well-organized, thoughtfully written title that celebrates the achievements of these great dogs. —Carol Schene, formerly at Taunton Public Schools, MA --This text refers to the Digital edition.

* "An exemplary presentation of information in a lively, engaging way — readers will be left feeling awe for their canine companions and enthusiasm for their abilities." —Kirkus, starred review "Superb coverage of the canine contribution to rescue and safety in both text and illustration." —VOYA "A well-organized, thoughtfully written title that celebrates the achievements of these great dogs." —School Library Journal "This fascinating account will leave young readers feeling wonder and gratitude for the gifts of the canine set." —The Wall Street Journal "The adventurous element of search and rescue and military duty adds an edge to draw readers unenticed by (or unwilling to be caught with) mere cute puppies." —Bulletin

For 4th-7th grade independent reading. Interesting content that may be unfamiliar to many readers - a dog that can smell peanuts and alert a child that has a peanut allergy? Nicely organized into types of expertise - dogs that find live missing persons, dogs that find remains of persons, dogs that sniff out bombs and so forth. Each chapter is tightly focused. The reason I gave this four stars is the text features were not as strong as they might have been - mostly pictures of dogs sitting. I wish the photographs had provided additional or supportive content. The diagram of the dog's nasal cavity on page 21 was weak; more labels like ones for "muscles in the nostrils," "scent particles," and where "deeper back into the nasal cavity" is exactly would have been helpful. There was only one other diagram in the book. Despite the weak features, I'd still book talk this with the students--read aloud the first few pages, share some of the photographs-- and then place it prominently in my classroom library for independent reading. You could prompt for some careful rereading by asking the students to respond in writing, comparing two types of dogs or asking students to think about the

author's central message and how this is developed across the chapters.

Just finished looking through this book. Our grandchildren will be most interested in this. The oldest grandson, a teenager, has a diabetic alert dog (black lab), and the whole family is loving this dog. They will certainly enjoy reading about many other heroic dogs.

Purchased this brand new and the book I got was definitely used. Looks like someone blew their nose and wiped it all over the book.

Really interesting book. I'm not sure who enjoys it more, my six year old or me!

good

A charming book. Great for kids - gives them an incentive to read..

Love the book

Quick enough delivery, excellent condition, good story. I didn't read it, but my niece told me that she had started reading it and was enjoying it.

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