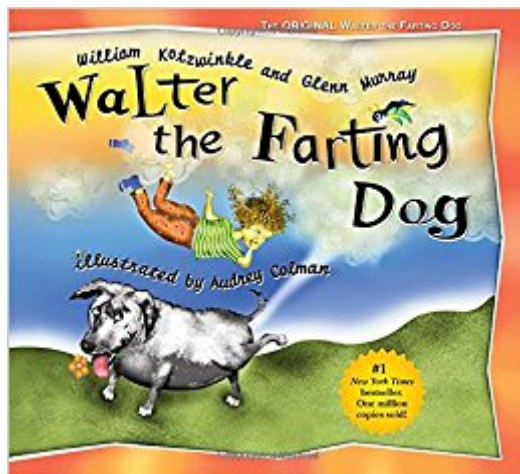


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Walter The Farting Dog



Synopsis

Warning: This book may cause flatulence. Walter is a fine dog, except for one small problem: he has gas. He can't help it; it's just the way he is. Fortunately, the kids Billy and Betty love him regardless, but Father says he's got to go! Poor Walter, he's going to the dog pound tomorrow. And then, in the night, burglars strike. Walter has his chance to be a hero. A children's beloved classic, this story will have kids rolling on the floor with laughter. Adults are permitted to laugh too.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

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Customer Reviews

We hold this truth to be self-evident: farting makes kids laugh. Walter, an apologetic-looking dog adopted from the pound, passes gas morning, noon, and night, no matter what he eats, whether it's a 25-pound bag of low-fart dog biscuits, cat food, or fried chicken. On the bright side, "If Uncle Irv let one slip, he just went and stood near Walter." When Father reaches the limit of his patience with Walter's flatulence, he decides the pooch is once again pound-bound, despite Betty and Billy's pleading. Poor Walter knows his days are numbered and "He resolved to hold in his farts forever." That very night, two burglars break into Walter's family's house, and (you can see where this is going) Walter gasses the burglars with a "hideous cloud" that forces them to drop their loot and run

into the clutches of the police officers, "choking and gasping for air." The next morning Father and Mother discover Walter has saved the day--or at least their silverware and VCR. "And so the family learned to live with Walter, the hero dog. And that is the end of our tail." (Or is it? Fans will be pleased to discover the next book *Walter the Farting Dog: Trouble at the Yard Sale*.) Audrey Colman's highly stylized illustrations, imbued with a surreal, Monty Pythonesque collage look, are as absurdly comical as this silly story that is purely powered by natural gas. (Ages 5 to 8) --Karin Snelson

A Q&A with Illustrator Audrey Colman

Q: How did you become interested in children's book illustration? Why did you decide to illustrate this particular book? A: I didn't plan to do children's book illustration. As a freelance artist, I regularly sent out art samples to various businesses. I sent art to North Atlantic Books in hopes of doing book jackets, and approximately a year later they approached me with *Walter the Farting Dog* by William Kotzwinkle. I was very excited because I was a big fan of Kotzwinkle's (not-for-children) book, *Dr. Rat*, about the wretched reality of the lives of laboratory animals. I'd recommended this book to many over the years and I would never have passed up an opportunity to work on a project with Kotzwinkle. Of course, it wasn't exactly an animal rights-themed picture book, but I expected that we'd agree on how animals would be depicted.

Q: Many people think "potty humor" is inappropriate in literature. Do you think there's a benefit? A: If it encourages reading and laughing, it's beneficial.

Q: Everyone is asking about the spider that shows up throughout the book. Is there a particular story you'd like to share about the spider? A: I'm often asked where the spider is on the *Fart-Free Biskwee* page in *Walter the Farting Dog*. Sometimes I say that he's hiding in the cupboard on that page, but the truth is that I just forgot that one. I tried to be careful not to leave out the spider in subsequent books so I wouldn't have to apologize again. (Who knew that so many people would notice my goof?) In any case, sorry for my mistakes and any ensuing confusion!

Q: *Walter the Farting Dog* spent an incredible 75 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list after it was first released in 2001, and there is even a *Walter* plush toy--that farts when you squeeze it. Are you surprised with how well this book has been received by parents and kids alike? A: Of course! It's been ten years and five *Walter* books in the series later, and I'm still not always sure which ingredients are responsible for a book's success or failure!

Here's a companion to Taro Gomi's *Everyone Poops*, albeit with less educational value. *Walter*, a fat gray dog with an apologetic look on his face, comes home from the pound with two children. He has incurable gas, and his family decides to take him back. The night before he is to go, *Walter* sadly devours "the 25-pound bag of low-fart dog biscuits the vet had prescribed for him, which had

made him fart more.... A gigantic gas bubble began to build inside him." Wouldn't you know, two burglars break in, and Walter's liability becomes his asset. Predictable stuff, but Kotzwinkle (Trouble in Bugland) and education writer Murray know their audience. Their simple strategy just keep saying "fart" should have children rolling in the aisles during read-aloud. Newcomer Colman likewise fixates on one visual gag, Walter with steam blasting out his backside. Unlike Babette Cole, whose Dr. Dog takes a mock-scientific approach to digestion, Colman specializes in reaction shots; in her surreal collages of photos and patterns, people hold their noses and a cat glances at the culprit. Yes, this lowbrow endeavor could be a crowd-pleaser but, like its topic, its disruptive effects will tend to linger. Ages 4-8. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

I couldn't resist this for a little 7 yr old boy who hasn't yet discovered the joy of reading. He plays chess, loves math and science but I want him to be well-rounded so I thought I'd approach it with some humor. I bought all of the books and the dog. It was the hit of the party on Christmas morning and had everyone laughing. After hearing it for the upteenth time his mother may think of me with dismay but as for the little boy and I, we are still smiling!

I loved the book, it was good, but it was also very disgusting. I gag a lot threw the book, from imagining what Walters farts smelt like, or maybe I was smelling my own farts. Anyways great book and loved it!!!

I thought this book was very funny, in fact, hilarious. Perhaps it is meant for people who have a somewhat warped sense of humor like myself. I sent it to my cousin who shares my humor.. I would not give it a five, altho I thought about it, asit is somewhat vulgar but in a hilarious way and a very human way. I guess it is meant for people who are earthy but not immoral in any way. I hope my cousin will read it to his grandchildren who are 7 and 5 and are always laughingwhen someone crepitates. Did you hear about the ninety cows who caused a fire in a barn because of their methane gas?I was sorry to hear one cow was burned, but thankfully not seriously injured. (This happened in Germany).Someone gave this book to my hairdresser who had it on exhibit in her shop. That is how I heard about it.So I guess others share my humor. Better than using the "f" word which is indeed shameful

Bought it for my nephew who hates to read. He loved it!He received it at our family Christmas party and rolled on the floor reading it out loud to the gang. Unfortunately, his teacher did not allow him to

include it on his list of books read - although I believe any book that makes a child want to read more SHOULD be encouraged! Bought him every book in the series as well as a Tee Shirt that read, "It wasn't me, it was the dog" He became an avid reader moving on to Tom Sawyer, Old Yeller, and the like.

I absolutely LOVE this book. This was a gift for me when I was a young child and now I have purchased 3 copies for my nephew and my two nieces. It certainly warms your heart and makes you laugh..my dad and I were cracking up & now it's a tradition...thank you Walter the farting dog, you gave me the best gift of them all...memories

This is the greatest kid book. It is about a lovable dog that farts all the time. His farts often end up being heroic. All 4 of my kids love it, my oldest is in 5th grader and my youngest just turned 4.

Hilarious!! This book about Walter's farting, brought one of my patients who felt he had very little to look forward to after a near fatal accident, left us both in hysterical laughter as I attempted to read the book to him. So naturally I had to buy this funny book for my grandsons who are completely into bodily sounds at 8 and 10. I thought it my grandmotherly duty and all, and I tucked in a fart whistle to torment their parents with for a while.

Given as a gag gift to my adult son along w/the farting Walter stuffed dog! It was a hit though! He had the "Book of Farts" when he was little that explained all about them that he thought was hysterical. I thought he'd get a kick out of this one then. Too bad it wasn't around when he was little. Would have made a great companion gift with that more scientific book. You're never too old to have fun with funny books! We LOVE books in our household!

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