

# LORGNETTE

Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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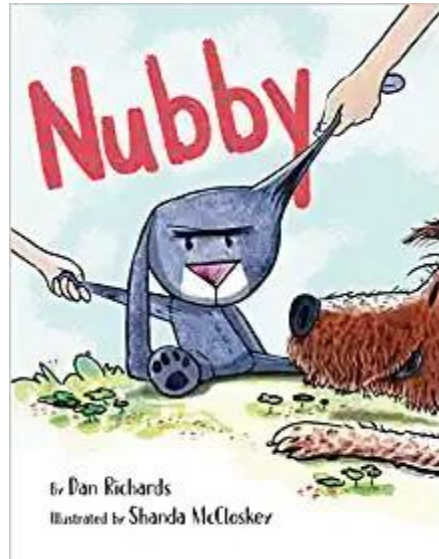
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## Classification

Fiction

## Grade Level

K-2



## Book Review: NUBBY

Nubby the stuffed toy rabbit is done with his current situation. He's been sat on, tugged, pulled, jounced, and used a nose wipe. Repeatedly. He decides to see the greater world (as the family dog carries him down the block) and meets a family of real rabbits, but they ignore him. A girl finds Nubby and uses him as the star in her magic show, so Nubby is sure that fame will bring him the recognition he craves. But the magic show has a short run, and Nubby finds himself at a loss. He decides he will become rich when he discovers buried treasure (as the family dog finds Nubby and starts digging in the dirt), but the dig only unearths a bone of no interest to Nubby. As one thing after another fails to produce joy, Nubby starts thinking of his boy at home. Could home actually be better than Nubby thought?

This is a cleverly told tale on two levels. One is the story inside Nubby's head and that is explained with the text. The other is what is actually happening, which is explained with the illustrations. Nubby might dream that he is setting out across continents in search of buried treasure, but the illustrations show that the dog is carrying Nubby all around the neighborhood to the sandbox in the park, where the dog eagerly digs in the sand. Gradually we see Nubby come around to think of home and to realize



that he didn't have it quite so bad after all.

Nubby eventually is found and returned to his boy. He is washed and stitched and squished as always, but he is also held and loved and utterly adored. Repeatedly. This is a wonderful story to practice point-of-view, to appreciate the gifts of home and family, and simply to enjoy any time. For a similarly-themed book, see [Peanut Gets Fed Up](#) by Dana Wilfekotte (Lorgnette v. 35, no. 2).

