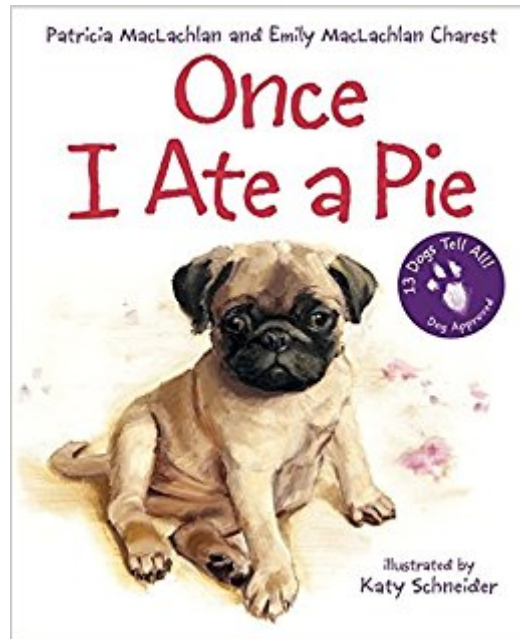




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# Once I Ate A Pie



## Synopsis

A sweet and funny collection of poems by Patricia MacLachlan, the author of the Newbery Medal-winning *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. It's a dog's life! Every dog has a tail to wag . . . and a tale to tell. Patricia MacLachlan and Emily MacLachlan Charest asked a collection of canines to speak up—and so they do, in words, barks, and yips. Captured here are accounts of happy days filled with squeaky toys, good smells, plenty of naps, and the very important jobs they do for the people they love to love.

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 3 Free-verse poems about 14 individual dogs sprawl across oversize spreads accompanied by large oil illustrations. The poems and paintings together delightfully capture each distinct personality in few words and with broad strokes of the brush. The fonts change often and reflect the poet's words rising and falling, sometimes in bold type, growing larger and smaller and dancing over the pages. The format allows for plenty of white space, emphasizing the postures and personalities of the pups and helping the playful fonts to stand out. The overall result is an entertaining visit with some very appealing canines, and a book that perhaps could serve as an inspiration in the classroom for young poets trying to describe their own pets. One wishes that the breeds were listed somewhere, but all in all, this title is still a real treat. Judith Constantinides,

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Gr. 2-4. Dogs of all sizes and shapes take center stage in this picture book by the authors and illustrator whose first collaboration, *Painting the Wind* (2003), also displayed an affinity for the canines among us. Each spread features a dog (or two or three) and a succinct poem written from the canine perspective. Presented in a variety of fonts and type sizes that reinforce the meaning of the words, the poems offer odes to the various pleasures of life--sleeping in the sun and chasing balls--many of which aren't limited to dogs. One animal offers a tribute to his own needle-shaped nose: "If something is closed, I open it. / If it is perfect, I tear it apart. / I love my work. / I love my nose." Dominated by multiple shades of brown and gray, the book's palette is not wildly colorful, but the paintings capture the individuality of each animal, as well as the mischief and movement young dog lovers find so irresistible. Abby Nolan Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I bought this specifically for my Tail Waggin' Tutors program at my public library. I have two-three therapy dogs and their handlers available for school-aged children who need that boost of self-confidence in their reading ability. This book is so special and PERFECT for this group!!

My 4-year old nephew was terrified of dogs, so for his birthday I sent him this book that my kids just loved. It has some nice poetry about several dogs' stories and some lovely pictures of dogs doing cute things. The text is not so saccharine that a parent can't read it. He called me several days after his birthday to thank me for the "dog that steals butter and eats pie." He thinks he's ready to meet some small dogs now. One day I hope he'll be ready to meet my very large dog.

one of my favorite books...gift for the vet.

Absolutely delightful book! We love the personalities of each dog and enjoy the illustrations. This book has been read and reread many times in our home.

Along with Carl & Biscuit the dogs in this book are just too special to ignore. I currently work in the children's Dept. of a bookstore chain(& love dogs). When this title came in I had to look read it and

make my co-workers look at it too. I have also noticed that it gets moved around quite a bit so people must be interested enough by the cover & subject to pick it up and look through it. When it comes out in 'paperback' it will fly off the shelves. It is just beautiful and so accurate for pups personalities. Love the 'poetry' rather than story line. I have told my people friends about what a cool book it is. It should be sold in pet stores & grooming shops and recommended by Veterinarians etc. I'd like to see it sold in the 'pets' section of the store as well. A big THANK YOU to Patricia MacLachlan for this heartwarming collection.

this book will make you laugh

Once I Ate a Pie is a true delight. The illustrations are soft and warm and you just want to reach out and scratch one of the dog's heads. This was on display at my local library and I bought two copies - one for me, a dedicated dog lover, and one as a baby shower gift. I try to build up the book collections of kids in my life and what better way to start than at birth?

Absolutely delightful book! This 70-year old kid couldn't put it down. My nephew will LOVE IT!!

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