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# **Ginger Pye**





## Synopsis

Meet Ginger Pye, the smartest dog you'll ever know. Jerry Pye and his sister, Rachel, feel pretty smart themselves for buying Ginger. It was the best dollar they ever spent. Ginger steals everybody's heart . . . until someone steals "him"! --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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### **Customer Reviews**

This is a very sweet story that details the happenings as two siblings who get along strangely well go about earning money to purchase a puppy, get and keep the puppy, and then have the puppy stolen from them. The main characters, Jerry and Rachel Pye get along better than any brother and sister pair that I've ever known. In addition, they are quite avid readers and seem to think deeper than most children of their age. My favorite character was Rachel Pye who tended to be on the fairy tale side of most situations and whose "reasonableness" sometimes wasn't so reasonable. Ginger, the puppy that gets bought and then stolen is a very remarkable dog and is considered highly intelligent by most of the family and small town in which they reside. The author does a great job in portraying the dog's thoughts but during the description of the "pencil incident" I felt she was untrue to the story's previous voice. Before and after this point in the book she had used Ginger's actions to describe what he was thinking or feeling, but during this incident only, the puppy takes on qualities of personification that don't ring true for the rest of the book. One slightly irritating part of the book was another main character, Sam Doody. Sam Doody seems to always come by with a miracle in his pocket. I wish that Estes had spent a little bit more time developing his character rather than have him come swooping in out of nowhere to save the day on several occasions. Uncle

Bennie, the siblings three-year-old uncle, was a favorite character of mine. I loved that he was a hero in Cranbury and that he was allowed to do certain things because he was an uncle and even took on certain personality traits because of his young age at having a niece and a nephew. Mr.

One boy named Jerry Pye has always wanted a dog. He finds his sister, Rachel, at his house one day, and he says he is going to buy a puppy from Mr. and Mrs. Speedy, who have a litter of them. All Jerry needs is just one dollar, but he doesn't know how to earn the money. Jerry and Rachel just happened to be in luck, because along visited their friend Sam Doody who told them that he would give them a dollar if they would dust the pews at the town church. Uncle Bennie, considered a hero in the town, Cranbury, for being an uncle at the age of three, helped too. Rachel thinks she sees someone at the entrance of the church, but she soon forgets it. After they finish, they finally get their dollar and they race to the Speedy's barn. But, someone else had wanted the puppy, as they soon find out. Jerry buys the puppy and soon names him Ginger when he gets home. After he had bought the dog, he had thought that he saw a man running with a yellow hat on. Then, he and Rachel hear footsteps behind them. They dismiss this until Uncle Bennie sees a yellow hat sticking through the fence outside, and Rachel finds the yellow hat while Jerry and his friend was swimming. When Ginger stumbles into Jerry's classroom, a boy named Wally Bullwinkle gives him the eye. On Thanksgiving Day, Ginger is stolen. For months Rachel and Jerry search for Ginger. One day, they knock on Wally Bullwinkle's house, and he strangely replies in an angry and agressive manner. Meanwhile, they hear a whine coming from the area that Wally lives in. While visiting a train station, Jerry and Rachel see Wally standing on the end of a speeding train with a yellow hat on. Soon after that, Uncle Bennie comes along with Ginger, and the story ends with Jerry, Ginger, and the Pyes being one big family.

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