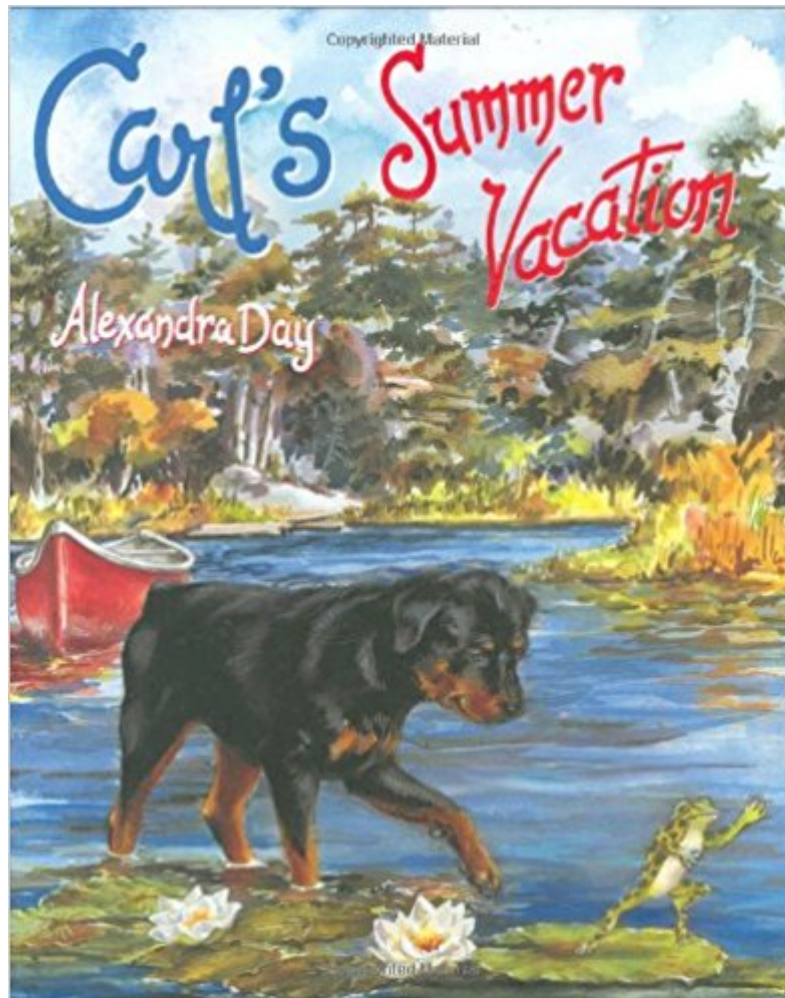




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Carl's Summer Vacation



Synopsis

Carl and Madeleine are supposed to be napping while Mom and Dad get the summer cabin ready for company, but this lovable canine and his charge have better things to do. They escape from the hammock to do some canoeing, pick blackberries, and enjoy a picnic. Carl even plays a little baseball! That night, Mom and Dad wonder why the two are so tired – a little do they know that Carl and Madeleine have been busy exploring all that a summer vacation on the lake has to offer. Told mainly through Alexandra Day's gorgeous oil paintings, this summertime romp will make readers long to bring Carl along on their own vacations!

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2 • Young Madeleine and her loyal pup, Carl, are up to their same tricks in this charming addition to a whimsical series. Mom and Dad are busy preparing the summer cabin for company later in the evening, and they leave the pair in a hammock on the back porch. Immediately upon hearing Mom say, "You two have a good nap so you'll be ready to go see the fireworks tonight," Carl and his devoted sidekick decide to go exploring. It is here that the text stops, for the most part. Richly detailed and beautifully hued illustrations depict the duo's adventures: a canoe ride that includes a stop by a flowering lily pad; a romp through wild blackberry bushes where they come upon a highly protective mama skunk; a stop at the playground where Carl joins a

baseball game, and more. They return to the hammock just in time to be "awakened" by Mom. Madeleine falls asleep in her father's arms during the vibrantly depicted fireworks show, leaving her parents to wonder why she was so tired after having had such a long nap. A strong, solid addition.

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Carl the rottweiler and his family are at their cottage by the lake. Mom tells her young daughter and Carl to take a nap, but the two have other plans. They ride in a canoe, get sprayed by a skunk, and find a playground, a baseball game, and a boat race before heading home. Mom is surprised they are so tired after their nap. Although some may find it disconcerting to see such a young child on her own (capable Carl notwithstanding), the attraction, as always, is the evocative watercolor art, coupled here with the fantasy of having secret fun.

Preschool-Kindergarten. --Ilene Cooper

A book you can read even if you didn't learn how yet. Carl has more sense than most people

Love the books on Carl

Lovely book with wonderful pictures for my grandson and daughter-in-law to use as part of the home schooling reading program.

I have a friend with a grandson of age 4. I "adopted" her grandson and I give him books. My daughters adored all of the CARL books and he loves them just as much. We started with the first book in the series as a board book when he was 2 and 1/2 and now he is 4 and we are into hardcover books. There are not many words in the book and he is learning to read because of his love of Carl.

The Carl books are the best. As a speech/language pathologist working with young children, I use these books for carry-over of articulation and language goals. ex. use of subjective and objective pronouns can be observed. The stories are creative and the children are delighted that they can "read."

When my daughter was growing up Carl was her favorite. The beautiful and stimulating art

encourages the storytelling or all the series which include written word for only the opening and closing of each book. Teresa became the name of the baby girl as we told their story by picture. With every telling the story changed a bit. This is especially reminiscent as Carl's Summer Vacation looks much like our life as Teresa was growing up.

Excellent book. These books are the best for little kids that love dogs. Rottweilers always get a bad wrap and Carl shows kids that simply isn't true. These are really amazing books.

Great illustration. We tell the story and talk about what is happening in the illustration. Little ones love it and ask questions. It is fun.

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