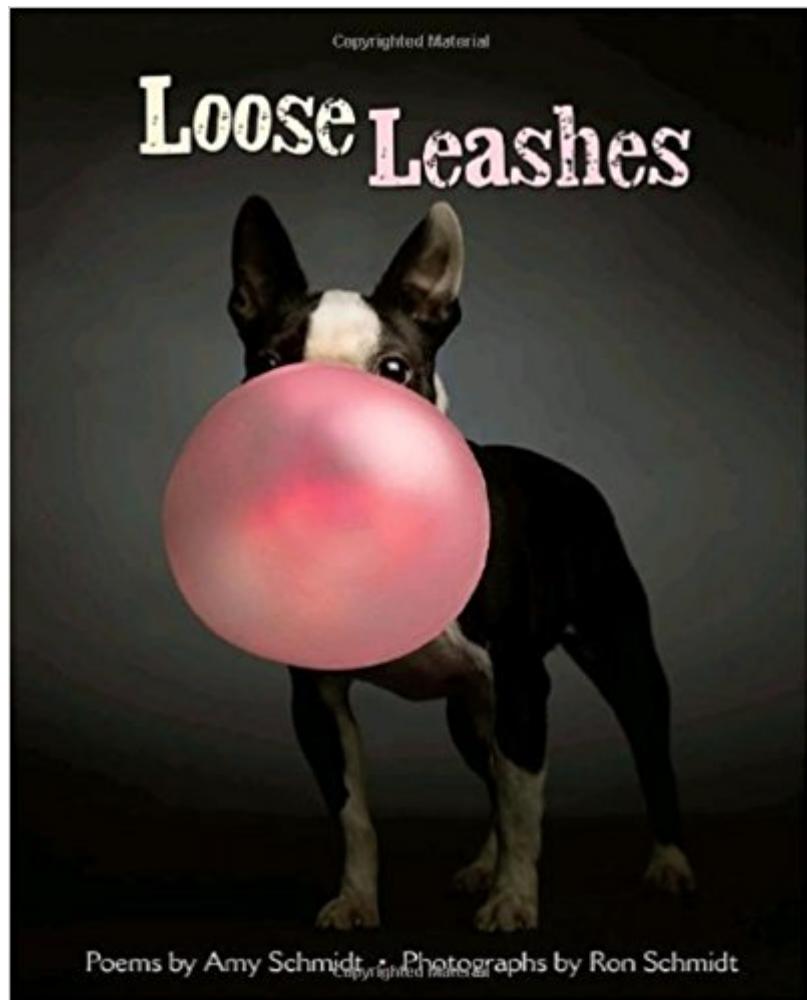


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Loose Leashes



Synopsis

Sixteen kid-friendly rhymes accompany funny photographic portraits of dogs in this delightful picture book. A salty dog's lament of traveling the world is perfectly captured in ballad form; a finicky Yorkie expresses her bathing preferences in common meter; while a Paul Bunyan-esque golden lab celebrates the outdoors in haiku form. This collection of canine poems and photos will enchant dog lovers of all ages.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

A perfect marriage of poetry and photography. The detailed setting for each of the full color, bleed-off-the-pages couldn't have been more appropriate for each poem. The subjects for the poetry captured activities dogs experience from loose leashes to trips to the groomer to arguments over a bone and to nap time. If I counted correctly, fifteen nifty dogs are portrayed in this fun book. Readers are treated to a two-page tongue-in-cheek presentation giving the dogs' names, their favorite songs, pet peeves, what makes their tails wag, and a secret fact about them. Hope Irvin Marston, author of EYE ON THE IDITAROD: AISLING'S QUEST

Loved this book. The photos are hysterical! I had seen the sailor dog on another web site but could not justify paying that much money for a 5 x 6 photo. This was much cheaper and I have lots of other photos to boot.

I'm a HUGE fan of this photographer, as seen on facebook. So, when I decided to order his book, I

was rather disappointed. 'Not because of the quality or photographs, but because there are way too FEW of them! Really, this book should be much larger with many more photos than it has. 'Especially considering you can see his work for free online!!

This is a book that no dog lover should be without! A collection of sixteen delightful poems are accompanied by some of the sweetest, funniest and most adorable dog photos ever. Truly a great collection that will tickle your funny bone. Our group of kids were convulsed in laughter on the floor at the photos, let alone the poems. Several different breeds and all different sizes of dogs are featured doing all types of activities. We find dogs wearing glasses, towel turbans and skates. These dogs are bathing, sledding and boating. All this means the readers are left pointing, smiling and exclaiming. Sharing this type of poetry with kids is a great way to get them laughing and having fun. They discover that it's possible to have fun with poetry, which leads to realizing it can also be fun to write poems. As far as kids are concerned, there is no learning here, but rather a group of personable dogs and silly stories. As far as the photos are concerned - this is a top-notch collection of great variety - from sweet Chihuahuas sharing a bone to a lumberjack Labrador Retriever with a pine tree strapped across his back. The dogs' personalities come across in their expression and stature, with each name noted in the lower left corner. Accordingly, each poem is custom fit to the dog - some short and sweet, other longer and flowing. All wonderful! The book is thoroughly enjoyable and provides a great introduction to poetic verse. Children will be drawn in by the photos and fall in love with the poetry. Truly this would be the jewel in the collection of any dog lover.

"Loose Leashes", by Amy and Ron Schmidt is the perfect family book - there is something for everyone. You will all delight in Ron's pictures of some of the most interesting characters you could ever hope to meet - his doggie friends! Amy's poetry will introduce you to each dog and make you want to get to know them better..... and you can if you look at the back of the book and read the "furry facts" which include what they like and their pet peeves. All in all one of the best family books we have ever purchased. We are all hoping for more from the Schmidts!

I absolutely love both the pictures and the poetry related to the pictures. I have shared this book with my class and they love it. Seeing dogs doing human things has always been a favorite of mine and many people. I purchased this book for a few friends as gifts and they are enjoying it very much. Can't wait for the next book by Ron and Amy!!!!

I bought this book to give to my grandchildren who immediately fell in love with it. It's become a family favorite. Each grandchild has their own best-loved dog photo and poem...and I have mine too. In fact, I bought a copy of Loose Leashes for myself!

The photos are so much fun to look at and the poems are funny. I enjoyed this book and will be giving this book to all the kids in my family this Christmas.

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