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### Review

Praise for ONE DOG AND HIS BOY

"This satisfying novel combines humor with heart to great effect—a lovely parting gift from the masterful storyteller." -- School Library Journal

"Ibbotson's final book is a story with the heart of Lassie and the satirical bite of Roald Dahl . . . as funny as it is satisfying." --Booklist

### About the Author

Eva was the author of twenty novels for children and adults. Her first was published in 1975, and her last is the joyous ONE DOG AND HIS BOY. Eva's books have been shortlisted for every major children's literary prize in the UK, and JOURNEY TO THE RIVER SEA won the Gold Smarties Award in 2001.

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#### **From *One Dog and His Boy***

*That night, lying on the floor with Fleck curled up beside him, Hal was thinking. Often and often when you wanted something and then got it, it was a disappointment. But having a dog was completely different. He'd wanted it and wanted it and when it happened, it was even better than he'd thought it would be. He'd imagined some of it—the companionship and the warmth—but he didn't realize a dog would make you laugh so much, or that he would help you to make so many friends.*

*It was extraordinary too how much a dog made you see. The hollows in the oak tree . . . and the way the acorns sat so neatly in their cups . . . how the earth clagged together, so dark after rain. . . Hal hadn't even noticed that it had rained.*

*And how much he made you think. Fleck had found an iron grating over a drain when they went out in the afternoon. The drain had interested him so much that he'd lain down on his stomach, just looking and smelling and investigating, and Hal realized that he'd never before thought about what might live down there, in the black and evil-looking water.*

*Hal reached up to turn on his night-light, but Fleck was lying across his feet and Hal didn't want to disturb him. Anyway, he didn't need a night-light now; he had a protector and a friend.*

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