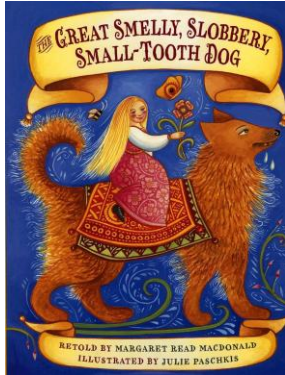


## Read Aloud Guide for Families



### The Great Smelly, Slobbery, Small-Tooth Dog

*Author: Margaret Read MacDonald*

*Illustrator: Julie Paschkis*

**Themes:** Compassion, Perceptions of Beauty

### READ ALOUD

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#### Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Have you ever made a judgment about someone just by how they looked?”

#### While Reading: Make Connections

- What treasures did the rich man offer the dog who saved him?
- Why do you think the dog didn’t want those gifts but rather the man’s daughter?
- Why do you think the daughter was so kind to the dog?

#### After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What did you learn from the story about being kind and compassionate even when it might be hard?”

### RELATED ACTIVITIES

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If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, read [The Magic Apple](#) (by Rob Cleveland). This Middle Eastern folktale tells of three kind brothers who rescue a princess. The youngest brother gives his special treasure to the princess to cure her, and in doing so, wins her heart.
- Compare and contrast the themes of kindness and benevolence to that of *The Great Smelly, Slobbery, Small-Tooth Dog*.