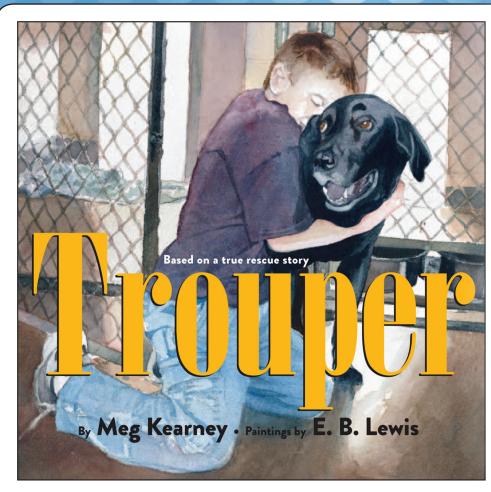


## Books We Love This Month



## Trouper

By Meg Kearney Paintings By E.B. Lewis

Three-legged Trouper runs with a pack of street dogs until they are all picked up and taken to a shelter to await adoption. Trouper watches as one by one, his four-legged pals find new homes, but no one comes for him. "His heart was a cold, starless night," the author tells us. That is, until the day that Billy walks into the shelter and knows right away that Trouper is the dog for him. What follows is pure, unadulterated, dog-andboy joy, and a subtle look at why appearances don't matter. *Trouper* is based on a true story.

Ages 7-10

"I love this book because I can't resist this kind of story: tenderhearted, joyful, and exuberant. The illustrations are gorgeous."

— Janet



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