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The Detective Dog
by Julia Donaldson and Sara Ogilvie

“There once was a dog with a keen sense of smell. She was known far and wide as Detective Dog Nell.

Peter’s dog Nell has an amazing sense of smell. Whether it’s finding a lost shoe or discovering who did a poo on the new gravel path, her ever-sniffing nose is always hard at work. But Nell has other talents too. Every Monday she goes to school with Peter and listens to children read. So who better to have on hand when they arrive one morning to discover that the school’s books have all disappeared! Who could have taken them? And why? There’s only one dog for the job ... and Detective Dog Nell is ready to sniff out the culprit!

Written by the brilliant Julia Donaldson and stunningly illustrated by the multi-talented illustrator and printmaker Sara Ogilvie, Detective Dog is a fast-paced celebration of books, reading, libraries, and the relationship between a little boy and his rather special dog.”

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This is a delightful story celebrating the love of books and reading and Libraries and it would be a great stimulus for story sharing! Nell follows the trail through a variety of fun locations before she finds the book thief.

Use this book as a starting point for story telling –

Ask the children what is their most favourite kind of book.

What do books smell of?

Where do they like to read?

Detective Dog Nell loves to listen to the children reading – who would you like to read a story to? Perhaps your own pet, or a famous person, your best friend, the postman or your brother or sister?

Send us photographs or drawings of reading stories in unusual places and we will be delighted to share them on the NSSM page of our website.

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