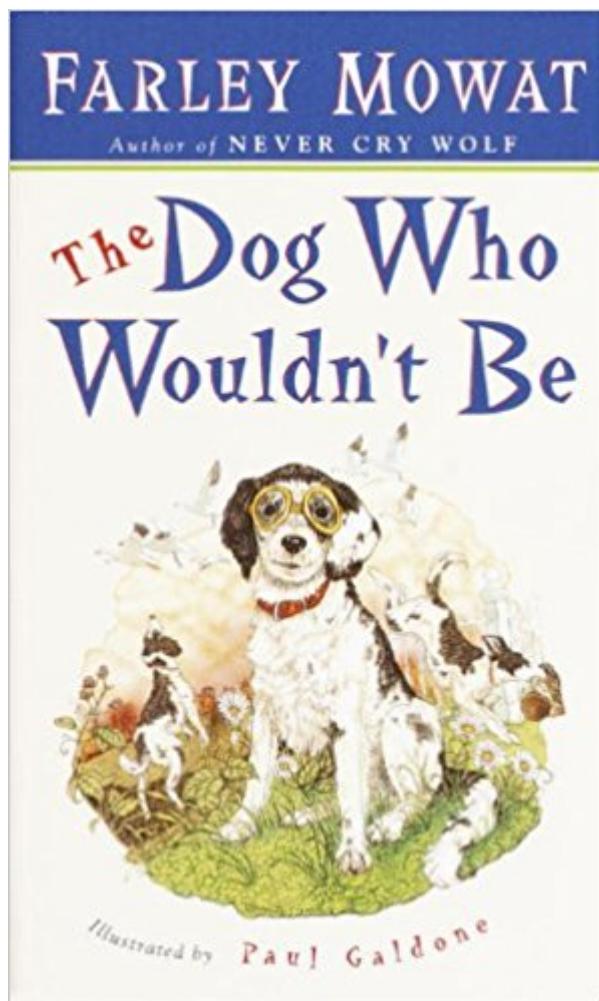


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I just love this book! My sister introduced it to me when I was visiting. It is so well written and funny at times I was laughing out loud. I haven't read anything I enjoyed this much in a very long time. I am going to read it again and again and recommend it to others.

Bear with me.. this is my first review. I turned 60 in October, and a friend recommended this book.. I laughed out loud, nearly every other page, and thoroughly loved Mowat's writing style.. Didn't hurt that I'm a dog lover. So - if you haven't read this, buy it. Read it. Cherish it. And pass it on to someone you love. Good Stuff!

THIS IS ONE OF MY VERY FAVORITE BOOKS I HAVE TWO OR THREE COPIES OF IT. AND I HAVE READ IT SO MANY TIMES AND I LOVE THE BOOK AS MUCH AS I DID WHEN I FIRST READ IT. ITS MR MOWAT'S BEST BOOK. I LOVE THIS BOOK.

Anyone who loves dogs should read this book. Hands down, this is the funniest dog book ever written. I've read *The Dog Who Wouldn't Be* at least a dozen times over the years and it still makes me laugh. Farley Mowat really knows how to tell a story and you'll come to wish Mutt had been your dog. He was one of a kind and the episodic tales will have you in stitches while shaking your head in amazement. One of my high school teachers commented about the title, "It should have been called *The Dog That Wouldn't Be* because 'Who' only applies to a person." I had to disagree and so will you: Mutt deserved to be called a Who. I was happy to find a hard cover edition because I have already gone through 3 paperback copies -- although one reason is that some were loaned out and never came back. Sorry, friends, but this copy is now part of my permanent library. Get your own. This edition is missing the illustrations (one per chapter heading) but still deserves five stars. The seller shipped promptly.

Farley Mowat is a fine story teller. He presents an excellent story with an enjoyable insight into his relationship with various animals in addition to his dog, Mutt. His honest affection for all living things is apparent in all his writing. There are some folks that may have different opinions about the interaction of the critters he chooses to portray, but no one can deny the reality of those encounters. Mutt is an amazing dog, possessing almost human traits. That is something all of us see in our pets or other animals we observe. Farley Mowat has the ability to capture and portray those traits.

Whether we agree or disagree, he presents reality honestly and skillfully. The author gets five stars, but the hard cover on low quality paper takes away from his masterpiece. I would highly recommend this book to anyone that has ever observed animals, or had a pet.

Farley Mowat is an excellent writer and his books are very different from each other. I consider this one as light and fun reading. It is suitable for anyone able to read, ten years old to a hundred.

I read "The Dog Who Wouldn't Be" back when it was published in the late 1950s and am enjoying it again. Written as contemporary non-fiction, it is now a period piece. Farley Mowat, best known for his book "Never Cry Wolf", is an artful writer. He lends a humorous touch to this story about his dog Mutt, duck hunting, and his family's small-town life in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Farley and his remarkable Mutt lived on the northern plains during the Great Dust Bowl years before dog-leash laws were even a concept.

Excellent book. Well written by a prominent Canadian naturalist. It really is a book for all ages, reading it or having it read to you as a youngster. This story became known to me as a serialization in the Saturday Evening Post. My folks were reading it in bed together and laughing and of course we kids wanted to know "what's up". The "Dog Who Wouldn't Be" was just one of F. Mowat's terrific stories about the animals he rescued off the Canadian plains. For me one of the endearing things about this story is that my mother lived in Saskatoon for 10 years before coming to the USA.

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