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# The Stray



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## Synopsis

Now in Knopf Paperback, from the author of *Babe: The Gallant Pig*, comes the touching story of a "stray" old woman's amusing antics and the large, loving family that adopts her.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This cozy, old-fashioned novel from the author of *Babe: The Gallant Pig* is the literary equivalent of milk and cookies. Henny Hickathrift, age 75, wakes up one morning and decides to run away from home, or, "to be more accurate... from the Home?the old age home where she lived." Spending all her savings on a first-class train ticket and an unwholesome breakfast, she arrives at an English seaside village, where no sooner does she pronounce herself a "stray" than the five Good siblings (who might have wandered in from an E. Nesbit novel) take her under their collective wing. Henny quickly joins their household, becoming a cherished member of the aptly named family. Similar wordplay laces the narrative, which also includes Henny's rescue of another stray (a dog) and a lottery (which Henny wins). While not for kids who insist on action-heavy plots, the book will endear itself to readers in search of low-key but big-hearted diversion. Ages 7-11. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 3-5-The Stray by Dick King-Smith (Crown, 1996) is a delightfully wholesome story about families of pets and children. It's about the relationship between a family and an elderly woman who has run away from a nursing home on a quest for independence and adventure. The healthy family life portrayed is welcome listening material. Jane Whitfield, an English actress with radio and TV experience, gives authentic English speech and dialect to the characters as she relates the story that is set in Saltmouth, England. Used with a class of fourth graders, it inspired research on foreign coins and word origins as well as discussions of generation gaps, family life, and the ethics of lotteries. A fine purchase for group or individual listening. Katherine A. Galloway, Ladd Elementary School, Waynesboro, VA Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Henrietta is a woman who lives with seven old people. They do what most old people do-talk about the past. One day she gets REALLY bored of those people, and so she decides to go to a warm place, and live there. She meets some children on the beach one day. When the children heard that Henrietta was homeless, they took her home. They found a stray dog on the beach and decided to take him home too. The children's parents debate about keeping Henrietta and the dog. Will she get to stay? What I like about this book: The dog. And I also like the name Henrietta. What I dislike about this book: That the dog was a poor stray one.

I happen to run across this book while looking for something to read, something lite and could be read in one sitting, this book is delightful the characters are warm, bright and endearing. The main character the old lady is someone you would like to take home. The drawings are done in black and white. The setting is located on a beach and the scene is so well describe, you just want to take off your shoes and run into the book. It's a wonderful book to share with your kids.

My book is called The Stray, It takes place on the beach and at a nursing home and a house that a old lady runs away from the nursing home because she was bored at the nursing home. This book has lots of action. This is sad too because the old lady thought this boy at the beach was drowning and she thought it was a boy that she knew and she went out to the water and picked the boy up and carried him to the beach. The boy was saying let me go and this boy's dad said to this old lady let go of my son so the old lady let go of the boy and saw the boy that the old lady

was looking for then she had a heart attack. Then she fell over on the beach. Then the boy's dad came to the beach and saw the old lady that he lived with on the sand of the beach. I think everybody that likes to read should like this book because it has lots of action. I think all ages would like this book because it has kids in it that little kids would like and it has hard words in it for older people. The author's main idea is a old lady running away and living with 4 kids and a mom and a dad. In the morning the kids and the old lady goes to the beach. and at night they go home and sleep. I would give this book 15 stars if it was a scale from 0-15 and i would also give it two thumbs up.

The Stray by Dick King Smith is a good story. This story mainly takes place at Salt mouth and Seaside. This little old lady named Hennerita, her friends call her Henny, takes a train to a hot and sunny place. She gets really really bored of the same old boring people and the same boring food every day. So she decided to leave and a family of seven people invites Henny into their home to stay. I think that some parts of the book funny but most of the novel just a normal book. I would recommend this great fictitious novel to anybody who wants to have a good laugh. I think that Henny is a really independent and courageous person, and if you want to know why, read this novel. By James.s

The Stray is about an elderly woman named Henny. On her birthday she decides to move to a worm place and out of her senior citizen home. When she gets there she meets the Good family. Since at the time she only has one pound left. The Goods give her shelter and food for her watching / playing with their five kids. Soon, Henny gets very sick and can't do much. Once she has gotten over her sickness a burgerler comes. Henny gets Mr. Goods attention. The burgerler is the antagonist. After that, Mr. and Mrs. Good go on vacation. Durring their vacation Henny finds a stray dog and names it Sweep. Mr. and Mrs. Good come home. You will have to read the book to know the ending.

this book was a nice, pleasant, funny, book. though it is short, it has great characters like henny, rowley, and sweep. sweep is so cool.

We thought Rowley was funny. We liked it when he used the bathroom in the cave. While meanwhile Henny was trying to save another boy's life. Our whole group laughed when Henny asked Rowley what kind of music they played at the dentist and Rowley answered, "The Beatles!" We thought Henny was weird. We thought the book was great.

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