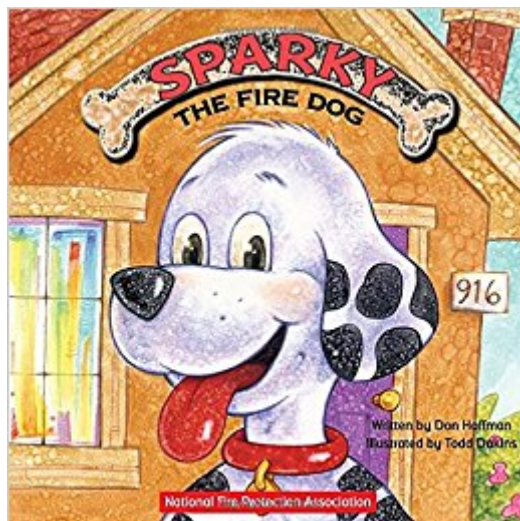


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# Sparky: The Fire Dog



## Synopsis

Meet Sparky. This adorable Dalmation puppy--who's celebrating his SIXTIETH birthday--is an important member of the team at the fire station. But he's more than just a cute character in a book: Sparky is the official spokesdog for the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), and what he has to say can actually save lives. This canine hero rescued a little girl and her family, and now he's helping kids become junior fire inspectors right in their own homes. In colorful, appealing illustrations, Sparky takes a group of young animals through the neighborhood, pointing out hazards, giving basic fire prevention and safety tips, and showing them how to be prepared in case of an emergency. From having a working smoke alarm to being careful with candles and knowing where your exits are, Sparky's advice may be the most important thing children--and their parents--ever learn.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Sparky the Fire Dog is a member of Fire Station Number 5 as a result of his heroics in alerting firefighters to a young girl's burning home. During the day, Sparky sits next to the captain in the fire truck. At night he dreams of being a superhero who alerts others to potential dangers in and around their homes. In his dream, he leads a group of Junior Inspectors in visiting homes in the

neighborhood. They change batteries in Mrs. Sheep's fire alarms. Mrs. Flamingo is alerted to an unattended candle burning in her house. Ellie the Elephant and her mother share the escape plan they have created. Sparky and his friends go from house to house doing good deeds related to fire safety. A fire alarm awakes Sparky and he races to the fire truck remembering how much he loves being a fire dog. Sparky the Fire Dog is an engaging vehicle for discussing fire safety with young children. The narrative of the story weaves in tips which can be used for teaching fire safety in the classroom. This book would be an excellent resource for preparing children who are about to visit a fire station or receive a visit from firefighting personnel. The class could create a list of safety tips contained in the book. You could use these tips to create an illustrated booklet where each child illustrates one page that has a safety tip written on it. Another activity would be to draw a T chart and ask students which safety tips are known and which ones are new knowledge.

--NCTeacherstuff.com (blog) National Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15 this year and I have just the book to help you celebrate!! Sparky the Fire Dog by Don Hoffman is PERFECT to help teach our little ones some fire safety tips while enjoying a fun book! The illustrations are lively and fun - Todd Dakins mastered the feel for this story - the characters are friendly and the book has such a fun "water spot" technique that captures the fire/water theme - LOVED that!! Sparky the Fire Dog was a collaboration with the National Fire Prevention Association - and you know you can trust the content. I love how at the end of the book they go back over all of the tips they have taught you while you were reading - a great recap - and one kids will remember as each tip starts with the first letter of an animal name. This is a great book to add to your fire safety theme - and we are always looking for new books on this theme!! --inthepages.blogspot.com (blog) I really liked this easy to read, engaging story about Sparky The Fire Dog but give it + + + + + because it's filled with such important information that kiddos will read and remember. It will introduce fire safety to little ones and kiddos up to age eight. Follow Sparky as he travels the neighborhood with his junior inspectors and reminds friends about things like having a three-foot safety zone around the stove, never letting candles or fireplaces burn unattended, changing the batteries in smoke detectors, having a family plan to escape the house if it's on fire and more. Written in such a way that children will learn and remember what Sparky tells them, this book is a must have for every household.

--biblioreads.blogspot.com

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communication and public affairs in Milwaukee, WI, for one of the nation's largest urban school districts. He makes his home in New York City, and enjoys presenting exciting, interactive, informative, and whimsical presentations to children in schools, bookstores, and libraries.

This was a recommended book from a fire safety unit I am doing with my 6 and 7 year old boys. This book is a good read aloud and easy for kids to understand. It is about Sparky, a firehouse dog that has a dream where he becomes a superhero who along with his animal friends go door to door in his neighborhood and helps the animals in his neighborhood with fire safety related concerns, situations, and safety tips. Each situation and correlating safety tip is brief and simply put, but detailed just enough for young children to understand the concept. The situations are of simple but important fire safety concepts; smoke alarms, fireplaces/space heaters, unattended candles, fire escape plan, safety around a stove, two ways out of rooms, lighters and matches, familiarity with 911, grilling outdoors, and house number visibility. This book is well written and illustrated. The text is somewhat small for a beginning reader, but it is a great read aloud. The situations and safety tips are good prompts for discussions and questions. We have read this book together a couple of times and I have referenced the situations and safety tips from this book multiple times throughout our unit. Great book about fire safety that is simple for young children to understand. This product was a personal purchase for myself at the normal retail price. I am reviewing it solely because I want to share my experience with other potential customers. I have received no compensation for my review nor do I have any relationship with the seller or manufacturer of this product.

My son likes the book. He is 2 1/2 yrs old. Since it is based upon the theme he likes: firetrucks and fireman and animals it was a good book. There was a story not just choppy words/fragments here and there. My son tends to like books with stories and the better their written the more he gravitates toward them.

really adorable book about Sparky the Fire Dog....gorgeous illustrations and beautifully written. a winner!

My Grandson Loved it

This book is a must-have!!!!

It's a great story with beautiful illustrations. My grandson just love to have it read to him. It's educational as well.

Cute book.

This is an important reinforcement for fire safety, but done with wonderful illustrations and without being scary to children. It will keep a child's attention with it's bright colors, too.

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