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### Editorial Review

#### From School Library Journal

Grade 3-5. Bill Wallace's story (Holiday, 1980) of the bonding between a boy and a dog is not to be missed. This presentation, read by L.J. Ganser, is so softly dramatic that it not only captures the essence of gentle emotion but essentially transports readers to the Oklahoma farm where Ricky exhibits courage beyond belief. Ricky is terrified by dogs because as a toddler he was mercilessly mauled by a rabid dog and left to die. Sixty-three stitches later with no anesthesia, Ricky is scarred with the emotional and physical memories that constantly recall his tragedy. The softness of Ganser's voice reflects the softness of Ricky's heart when a puppy is left to starve because he responds with a litter of kittens for food but is rejected. Hence, the name Kitty. Ricky musters all his courage and feeds the puppy, building a closeness that only friends realize and conquering his all-consuming fear. With Ricky, readers suffer the loss and feel the anguish when Kitty is accidentally killed at an oil rig. Hope, however, still prevails and happiness does come through sorrow. Ganser brings life and emotion to a powerful story with his dramatic rendition. This touching and encouraging story add a further dimension to the significance of boy and dog relationships, and should be high on public and school library priority lists.

*Patricia Mahoney Brown, Franklin Elementary School, Kenmore,*

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#### About the Author

**Bill Wallace** grew up in Oklahoma. Along with riding their horses, he and his friends enjoyed campouts and fishing trips. Toasting marshmallows, telling ghost stories to scare one another, and catching fish was always fun.

One of the most memorable trips took place on the far side of Lake Lawtonka, at the base of Mt. Scott. He and his best friend, Gary, spent the day shooting shad with bow and arrows, cutting bank poles, and getting ready to go when their dads got home from work.

Although there was no "monster" in Lake Lawtonka, one night there was a "sneak attack" by a rather large catfish tail. Checking the bank poles was not nearly as fun or "free" after that point, but it was the inspiration for this story.

Bill Wallace has won nineteen children's state awards and been awarded the Arrell Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award for Children's Literature from the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

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#### **Dave Edwards:**

Spent a free time for you to be fun activity to perform! A lot of people spent their sparetime with their family, or their very own friends. Usually they accomplishing activity like watching television, going to beach, or picnic within the park. They actually doing same every week. Do you feel it? Do you wish to something different to fill your own personal free time/ holiday? May be reading a book might be option to fill your totally free time/ holiday. The first thing that you'll ask may be what kinds of publication that you should read. If you want to test look for book, may be the reserve untitled Dog Called Kitty can be good book to read. May be it could be best activity to you.

#### **Pamela Rhodes:**

Playing with family in the park, coming to see the water world or hanging out with friends is thing that usually you will have done when you have spare time, in that case why you don't try issue that really opposite from that. 1 activity that make you not experience tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you already been ride on and with addition associated with. Even you love Dog Called Kitty, you may enjoy both. It is good combination right, you still would like to miss it? What kind of hang-out type is it? Oh occur its mind hangout guys. What? Still don't obtain it, oh come on its known as reading friends.

#### **Katie Duffy:**

This Dog Called Kitty is great reserve for you because the content that is full of information for you who have always deal with world and still have to make decision every minute. This specific book reveal it information accurately using great manage word or we can point out no rambling sentences included. So if you are read the idea hurriedly you can have whole facts in it. Doesn't mean it only gives you straight forward sentences but difficult core information with beautiful delivering sentences. Having Dog Called Kitty in your hand like getting the world in your arm, facts in it is not ridiculous just one. We can say that no reserve that offer you world inside ten or fifteen minute right but this publication already do that. So , this is good reading book. Hello Mr. and Mrs. hectic do you still doubt which?

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