



# Floss

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## NOTES TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS

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A story about the importance of taking time to play, *Floss* can help launch discussions with children about balancing responsibilities with fun, and about growing up and growing old. It also offers a fascinating glimpse into life on a sheep farm in Scotland and may inspire children to learn more about farming, working dogs, and other animals that are trained to help people.

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Children learn to read — and to love books — when adults share their own pleasure in reading and language. Here are a few suggestions for giving the children in your life a lasting love of reading:

**SURROUND CHILDREN WITH BOOKS AND WRITING.** Visit your library regularly, and make buying new books a frequent treat. Put cloth and board books in the baby's playpen, and keep one or two books in the car for older children. Show children that words are everywhere — not just on the pages of a book, but also on cereal boxes, billboards, and street signs.

**READ ALOUD.** Read to children every day, and have older children read to you. They will associate the pleasure and intimacy of the reading experience with books.

**MAKE READING AN ACTIVE EXPERIENCE.** Use the books you've read as a jumping-off point for other discussions with children.

Encourage children to share their own ideas and experiences through storytelling or artwork.

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**This book can be grouped with others about dogs, farming, and pets.**

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*For John Mitchell  
and Floss*



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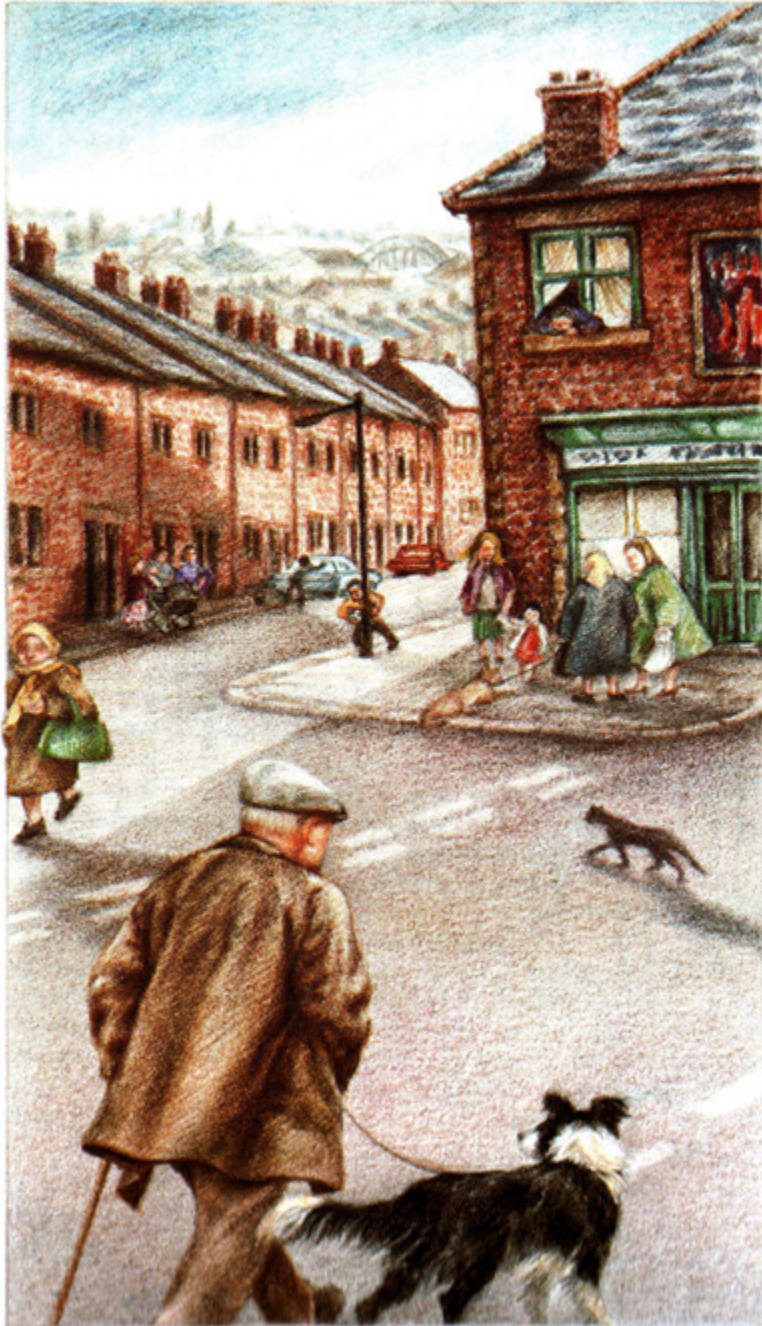
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**F**loss was a young Border collie who belonged to an old man in a town. She walked with the old man in the streets and loved playing ball with children in the park.



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“Dog lovers in particular will be touched by Floss’s plight and Lewis’s tender, true-to-life portrayal of her diverse expressions.” — *Publishers Weekly*

“A veritable armchair tour through the mountainous wilds of northern England and its working sheep farms.” — *School Library Journal*

“The drawings of Floss are particularly lively.” — *Booklist*

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