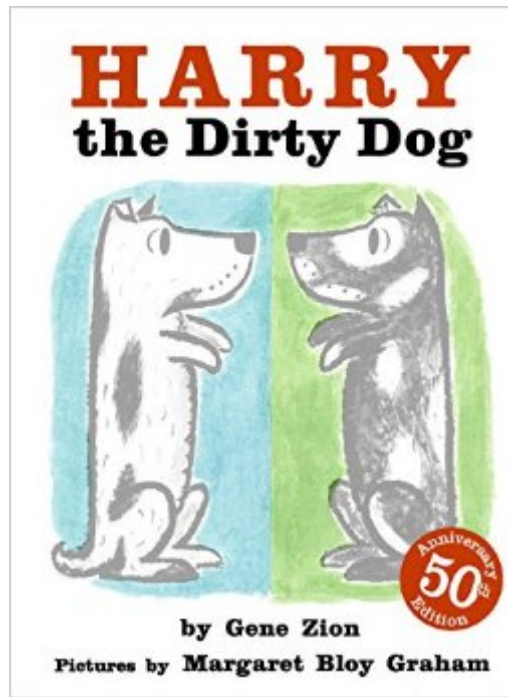


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# Harry The Dirty Dog



## Synopsis

Harry is a white dog with black spots who loves everything . . . except baths. So one day before bath time, Harry runs away. He plays outside all day long, digging and sliding in everything from garden soil to pavement tar. By the time he returns home, Harry is so dirty he looks like a black dog with white spots. His family doesn't even recognize him!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The book being reviewed there is the original Harry the Dirty Dog which was published in 1956. There is a newer edition available, one that was published in 2006 where the illustrations have been enhanced with more color than the 1956 edition. I personally like this older edition, but I suppose that is a simple matter of taste. Gene Zion wrote the book and his first wife Margaret Bloy Graham, a Caldecott Honor winner, did the illustrations. This was a wonderful collaboration and one of many these two talented individuals turned out over the years. It should also be noted that this book spawned several others featuring Harry the Dog and these books have been the favorites of many over the years. (See below) "Harry was a white dog with black spots who liked everything...except baths." Now Harry is a rather bright dog, as most dogs are, and one day, when he was getting a bit dirty, and realizes that his owners are preparing the dreaded bath! Oh no! Harry will do just about anything to get out of a bath so he steals the scrub brush, buries it in the backyard and takes off. All

day, Harry has an adventure followed by more adventures; dog tag with other dogs, playing in the street and at the railroad yard, and eventually even takes a slide down a coal chute. The key here is that as the day progresses Harry get dirtier and dirtier! As a matter of fact, rather than being a white dog with black spots, he is now a rather black dog with white spots...sort of. Harry is filthy. Upon his return home he finds that his little escapade has changed his appearance so much that his own beloved family does not even recognize him. What to do, what to do? He performs all of his very clever flip-flop tricks to no avail.

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