

## Book Expo America Features Books Encouraging Children

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You always see great graphics at Book Expo America, but *The Good Dog* was 'best in show' for artwork. An 8-year-old boy named Ricky finds a puppy on the side of

the road and decides to adopt him without his parents' permission. Mom and dad agree to let the puppy, Tako, stay under one condition: he must be a good dog and always follow the rules. Tako wants to stay with the family more than anything; but when a competing businessman sets out to secretly sabotage the family's bakery, the only way Tako can protect them is to break the rules. Ultimately, Tako and Ricky's family discover sometimes you have to be a little bit bad to be very good. It's a good story with super graphics.

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