

# LORGNETTE

Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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## Book Review: RUFFLES AND THE NEW GREEN THING

Ruffles is a small puppy with a dark patch over his eye. He likes to do all the usual dog things, like jumping and howling and sniffing, but he does not know about the new green thing in his food bowl. He suspiciously walks and creeps and circles around it. One day, Ralph the dalmatian comes over. Ralph is bigger and can do more things, so Ruffles always tries to imitate him. When Ralph takes a bite of the green thing in Ruffles bowl, Ruffles tries it, too. To his surprise, it is good! Now Ruffles adds one more thing to his list of likes--that is, until an orange thing shows up in his bowl!

This is a variation on the Green Eggs and Ham theme. Every child can probably relate to being reluctant to try a new food or anything unknown and will likely recognize the green thing as broccoli. Sometimes it takes encouragement from a friend to take the plunge and give it a try. The artwork features clean lines and uncluttered spreads. Melling perfectly captures the body language of the dogs. We can clearly see every feeling as Ralph explores the object in his bowl before trying it.

This is one of several books about Ruffles the puppy. Like the others, it is sure to please.

