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Sparky The Fire Dog
**Synopsis**

Meet Sparky. This adorable Dalmatian puppy is an important member of the team at the fire station. But he’s more than just a cute character in a book: Sparky is the official spokesdog for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and what he has to say can actually save lives. This canine hero rescued a little girl and her family, and now he’s helping kids become junior fire inspectors right in their own homes. In colorful, appealing illustrations, Sparky takes a group of young animals through the neighborhood, pointing out hazards, giving basic fire prevention and safety tips, and showing them how to be prepared in case of an emergency. From having a working smoke alarm to being careful with candles and knowing where your exits are, Sparky’s advice may be the most important thing children—and their parents—ever learn.

**Book Information**

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Series: Sparky
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Age Range: 3 - 7 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 2

**Customer Reviews**

This was a recommended book from a fire safety unit I am doing with my 6 and 7 year old boys. This book is a good read aloud and easy for kids to understand. It is about Sparky, a firehouse dog that has a dream where he becomes a superhero who along with his animal friends go door to door in his neighborhood and helps the animals in his neighborhood with fire safety related concerns, situations, and safety tips. Each situation and correlating safety tip is brief and simply put, but
detailed just enough for young children to understand the concept. The situations are of simple but important fire safety concepts; smoke alarms, fireplaces/space heaters, unattended candles, fire escape plan, safety around a stove, two ways out of rooms, lighters and matches, familiarity with 911, grilling outdoors, and house number visibility. This book is well written and illustrated. The text is somewhat small for a beginning reader, but it is a great read aloud. The situations and safety tips are good prompts for discussions and questions. We have read this book together a couple of times and I have referenced the situations and safety tips from this book multiple times throughout our unit. Great book about fire safety that is simple for young children to understand. This product was a personal purchase for myself at the normal retail price. I am reviewing it solely because I want to share my experience with other potential customers. I have received no compensation for my review nor do I have any relationship with the seller or manufacturer of this product.

My son likes the book. He is 2 1/2 yrs old. Since it is based upon the theme he likes: firetrucks and fireman and animals it was a good book. There was a story not just choppy words/fragments here and there. My son tends to like books with stories and the better their written the more he gravitates toward them.

I read this with my 4 year old and it is perfect for his age. It helps to introduce concepts of fire safety and escape plans without being scary. He now tells me if he sees a candle burning and he knows our escape plans and alternate routes. This is a must-have for any family to teach young children about fire safety and emergency plans!

I really liked this easy to read, engaging story about Sparky The Fire Dog but give it five stars because it’s filled with such important information that kiddos will read and remember. It will introduce fire safety to little ones and kiddos up to age eight. Follow Sparky as he travels the neighborhood with his junior inspectors and reminds friends about things like having a three-foot safety zone around the stove, never letting candles or fireplaces burn unattended, changing the batteries in smoke detectors, having a family plan to escape the house if it’s on fire and more. Written in such a way that children will learn and remember what Sparky tells them, this book is a must have for every household. - Biblio Reads Children’s Book Review

This is an important reinforcement for fire safety, but done with wonderful illustrations and without being scary to children. It will keep a child’s attention with it’s bright colors, too.
A great book to teach children about fire safety! Colorful pictures and fun characters make this an enjoyable teaching tool for youngsters!

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