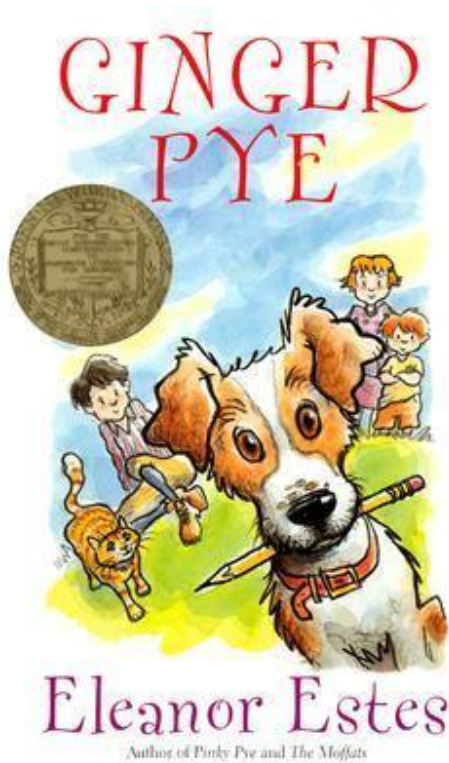


Book Review



Eleanor Estes – *Ginger Pye*



Age Appropriateness



Reading Level



Genre Fiction

Historical Timeframe/Setting Circa. 1920 – The date is not really important to the story but it is interesting to note some of the “historical” things i.e. jalopies, gas lights, milking cows by hand, pier-glass mirrors, horsehair parlors, women and girls in skirts and covering their heads when they go into church, etc.

Language (Col 3:8; Eph 4:29; Matt 5:37; Titus 2:8)



Mature Themes



False Teaching (Titus 1:10-11)



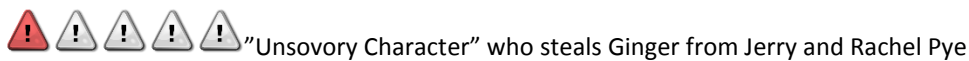
Violence (1 Tim 3:3; Prov 16 29)



Impurity (Eph 5:5; Isa 64:6; 1 Thes 4:7-8)



Bad Characters (1 Cor 15:33)



Foolishness (Prov 15:2; Prov 15:14; Ecc 10:13)



“Would Gracie-the-cat be jealous if the Pyes got another pet – a dog? That was what Jerry Pye wanted to know and what he was dreaming about as he sat with Rachel, his sister, on their little upstairs veranda. Gracie had belonged to the family for eleven years. This was longer than Rachel, aged nine, or even Jerry, aged ten, had. She had been a wedding present to Mama, and she was known in the neighborhood as ‘the New York Cat.’ Jerry was trying to imagine what Gracie’s feelings would be if the Pyes did get another pet – a dog.”

Ginger Pye is the smartest dog in the town of Cranbury. Bought with a hard-earned dollar by Jerry Pye and his sister, Rachel, his coming also marks the arrival of a mysterious stranger who wears a mustard-yellow hat. Why does the hat so often appear whenever Ginger is about? Suddenly Ginger vanishes, and Jerry and Rachel’s quest to rescue their brilliant dog is an engaging story about the truly remarkable Ginger Pye and the people who love him.¹

Ginger Pye was a great book with a good dry sense of humour as in Rachel’s “unreasonable reasonableness” and Jerry’s statement “Yes. He’s purebred, part fox terrier and part collie. There may also be a little bull in him too,”. Although originally published in the 1950’s, this book is an engaging book that children of all ages will enjoy.

Major Book Themes

Family, Siblings, Pets, Love, Respect

¹ Back cover of Odyssey Classic’s *Ginger Pye*