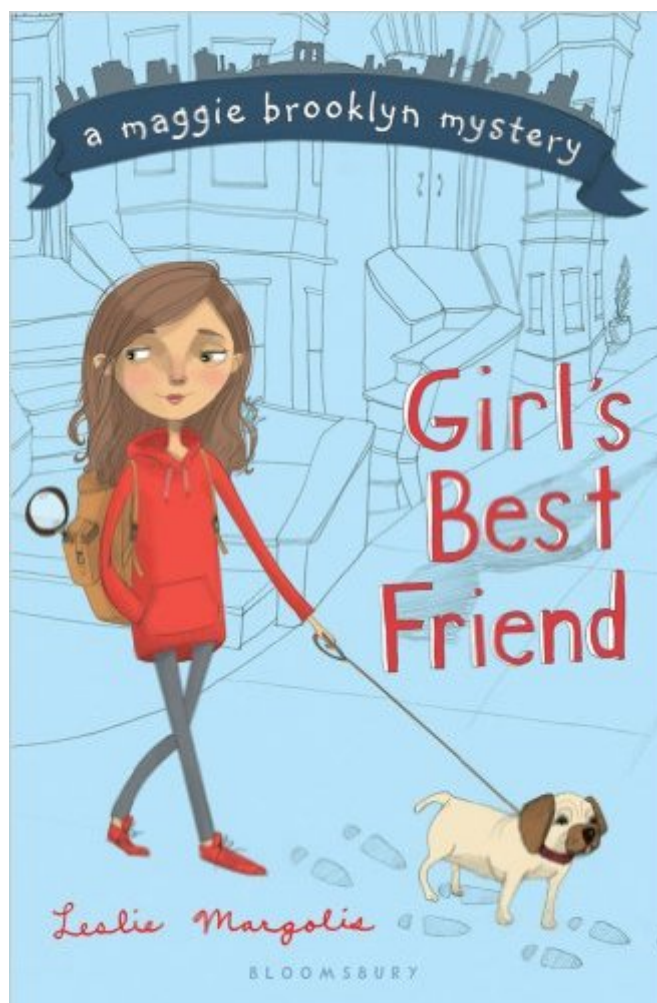


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# Girl's Best Friend (A Maggie Brooklyn Mystery)



## Synopsis

Dogs are disappearing in her neighborhood, and Maggie Brooklyn Sinclair knows all about it. After all, she has a semi-secret after-school gig as a professional (okay, amateur) dog walker. Maggie may have a lot of leads, but she never suspected her crush Milo could be involved. . . . Margolis's fans are flocking to this stylish tween series featuring a clever and lovable new heroine.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 12

## Customer Reviews

I am a dad who enjoys reading along with his kids. I'm always on the lookout for exciting new books for them. "Girls Best Friend" is the first of Leslie Margolis' Maggie Brooklyn Series. Maggie is an eleven-year-old with a keen interest in a boy named Milo, dogs, and unsolved mysteries. [Spoiler alert] Maggie's sleuthing leads her to the capture of a dog-napper as well as the recovery of her landlady's lost fortune. By the close of the book, Maggie has become good friends with Milo, though her relationship with him is left uncertain, a potential bridge to the series' next mystery. Where the book shines is Margolis' portrayal of Maggie's relationship with her twin brother, Finn. Where some of the other characters seem to be cardboard cutouts, the tension and love between the siblings has depth and reality. Whatever narrative arc Margolis takes in future books, I expect the twins' bond will be a frequent and endearing touchstone. The plot and the other characters are not as deftly woven.

For example, Milo is in the habit of temporarily snatching unattended dogs in order to teach pet-owners about the danger of leaving a pet unattended. Meant as a feint, it comes off as a disturbed act arbitrarily contrived for the sake of confusing Maggie. I was hoping for a more intricate and ingenious detective story. That said, I think kids will enjoy the book. It is not a classic, but it is still a worthwhile read, especially for someone looking for a contemporary Nancy Drew.

What a charming book! A smart heroine - Maggie - just barely 12 years old who accidentally starts her own dog-walking business and solves a mystery while negotiating the difficulties of the 7th grade, the beginning of her interest in boys, best friends, and a cast of eccentric characters. I think any girl from 8 to 12 or 13 will love this book. It's written in the first person so it stays immediate and the author does a great job of nailing Maggie's personality. Will pass this on to my 8 y/o granddaughter and look forward to future Maggie Brooklyn books.

Very often kids books have a suggested age range that's way off in my opinion, things that are supposedly for 10 year olds my 6 year old is reading, but this is not the case here, I think it is challenging enough for a 9 year old, with probably enough to keep the 12 year olds interested. It's very girly (obviously) our heroine Maggie is an amateur detective with the usual drama's of a girl her age to keep her occupied, a dog walking job she has kept secret, a crush, a mystery, what's not to like? Nancy Drew it isn't but it's good, and may blossom as the series continues (I assume there are plans to do so) Pretty wholesome throughout, shouldn't be anything in here to upset any one. 4 stars

I would like to request this book to someone who likes mysteries. This book has details it's funny, cute , fascinating, the best book I have ever read, just awesome.

I really like this book because there are several mysteries within the story, and that made me want to keep reading. This book is about a girl who accidentally starts her own dog-walking business, helps her family's landlady find her lost fortune and uncovers a disguised dognapper. This book was very interesting and it seemed realistic. The main character, Maggie, was a lot like me. Both of us want a dog, like to help people and like to solve mysteries. I would recommend this book to girls who like to read mysteries and realistic fiction.

This was a birthday gift for a friend's 8 year old daughter. I ordered the whole series and the little girl was ecstatic to receive a new set of books. Upon a quick glance, the series looks like it's a perfect fit

for the 8 year age range as far as storyline and difficulty of reading.

Finally, a novel written for the 9 to 12 year old age group where the author doesn't write down to her audience. This book is written with a lot of humor. Maggie has a quick wit and isn't afraid to use it, but mostly in her thoughts, the way we all do. The story is tightly spun with a lot of different mysteries surrounding Maggie. Her friend's dog is stolen and held for ransom; her crush has secrets of his own; her landlady appears to be hiding secrets that could affect Maggie and her entire family; the new vet in town and her twin sister are hiding something...Maggie solves all the parts of the puzzle like a true Nancy Drew aficionado. Maggie Brooklyn will become the Nancy Drew of the 21st century. It's that well written. And, I'll be watching for sequels.

Young Maggie is a dog walker. She loves dogs but cannot have any because of her brother being allergic. So naturally she starts a secret dog walking business. Things are going well until Maggie catches her ex-friend Ivy trying to steal her money. Come to find out Ivy's dog is being ransomed. Now Maggie decides to help Ivy solve this mystery of where all the dogs are going. This was well put together and full bodied with lots of twists and turns to keep one guessing. Highly recommend.

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