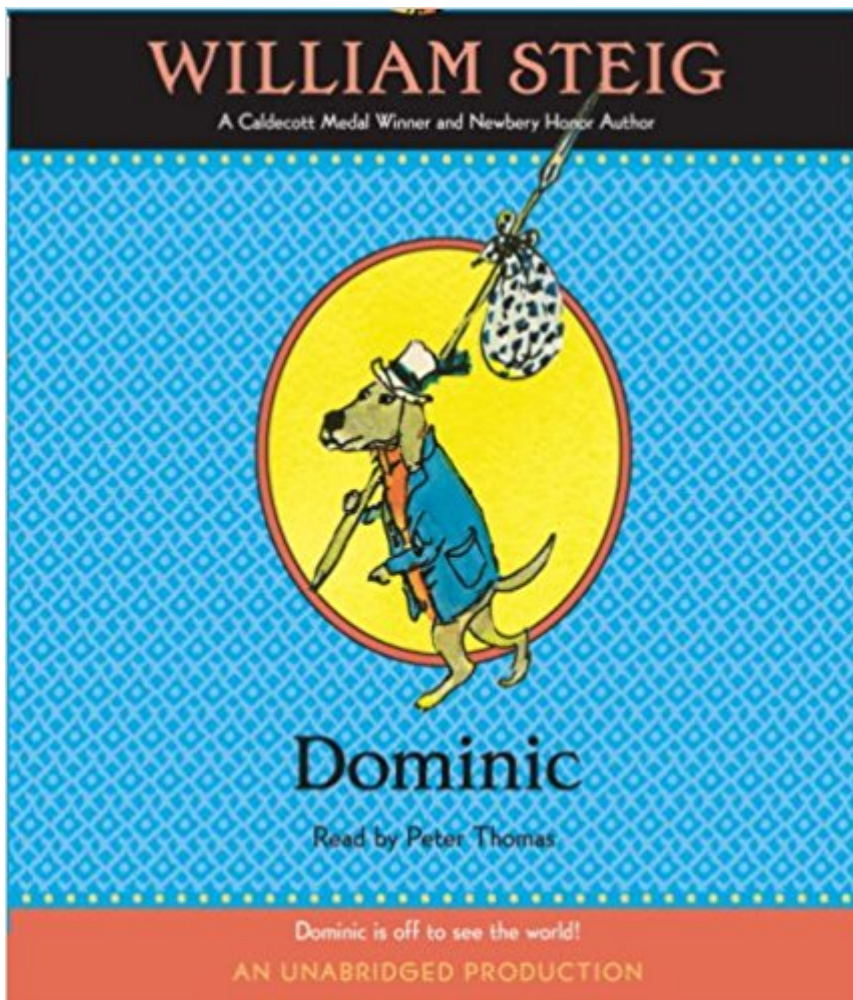




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Synopsis

Dear Friends, I am leaving in rather a hurry to see more of the world, so I have no time to say goodbye to you individually. I embrace you all and sniff you with love. I don't know when I'll be back. But back I will be. --Dominic

It's time for a change, so Dominic packs a few things and heads out, letting the world take him where it may. When Dominic encounters members of the Doomsday Gang, he easily foils their attempt to rob him. Legend of his victory quickly spreads, and each new friend Dominic meets tells him a story of their own less-fortunate meeting with the villains, and asks for help from the heroic dog. But can one lone dog bring down an entire band of hooligans?

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Customer Reviews

Dominic is a one-of-a-kind dog. One day this exuberant, restless, freedom-loving fellow decides there isn't enough going on in his neighborhood to satisfy his need for adventure. And off he goes, with an assortment of hats (rakish, dashing, solemn, and martial), his precious piccolo, and a few other things, leaving a note on his door: Dear Friends, I am leaving rather in a hurry to see more of the world, so I have no time to say goodbye to you individually. I embrace you all and sniff you with love. I don't know when I'll be back. But back I will be. Dominic. On the road, this curious canine is lighthearted, open to every option, all senses aquiver. It's not long before he encounters a prophetic witch-alligator, (who had "many more teeth than necessary for any ordinary dental purpose"); a

catfish who gives him a long, sharp spear that will make him invincible in serious combat; and even the infamous Doomsday Gang, "who robbed, ravaged, cheated, attacked innocent creatures at large and travelers especially, and did all sorts of damaging mischief." Dominic remains undaunted throughout, for "challenges were his delight. Whatever life offered was, this way or that, a test of one's skills, one's faculties; and he enjoyed proving equal to these tests." As he continues his journey, we find Dominic to be considerate, compassionate, generous, and philosophical. As he ponders the nature of death, the nature of wealth, the role of art in our lives, the nature of good and evil, and the yearning for true love, readers are left with a feeling that life is basically good, and even splendid: "What a wonderful world!" thought Dominic. "How perfect!" Had it been up to him when things were first made, he wouldn't have made them a whit different. Every leaf was in its proper place. Pebbles, stones, flowers, all were just as they ought to be. Water ran where it should run. The sky was properly blue. All sounds were in tune. Everything had its appropriate smell. Kids will adore the magical, comical, action-packed adventures of this remarkable dog, and readers of any age will come away from William Steig's *Dominic* somehow changed. An ALA Notable Book. (Ages 8 and older, and a wonderful read-aloud for younger children) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

"William Steig has created an engaging hero, a dog with a heart of gold, nerves of steel, and the varied talents of Renaissance Man. Dominic sallies forth to see the world and to earn gratitude and acclaim for his generosity, his courage, and his prowess at absolutely everything to which he turns his paw--including the foiling of a dastardly troop of villains who have been preying on the community . . . A good story for reading aloud."--"The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books" "A likely candidate for classic status."--Selma G. Lanes, "Harper's" --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I bought this book to read to my six and eight year old boys. I have tried many different books to keep the boys entertained but most books were either too boring or too scary for before bed (they seem to have lots of nightmares). I bought this book based on the reviews and I am so happy that I did. This was an awesome book. It has great adventures and is exciting to read without too much scary stuff. Each chapter has a new adventure and Dominic meets new friends. The chapters are a perfect length and it has pictures included. Every night my kids would say, "Dominic, we need to read Dominic!" Although we have been reading at night for (eight) years this is the first book that they begged me to read. This was an absolutely perfect book for us and I loved it as much as they

did. This is one of my favorite books of all time.

Dominic was my favorite book as a child and it remains one of my favorite books of all time. I have read it to all three of my children and they love it as well. In an age in which so many children books have a dystopian edge, Dominic shines with its extremely positive view of humanity and how the actions of one person (or rather one dog) can have a large impact on so many people.

I liked this story very much. A simple adventure with lots of fun animal characters. A great children's book! Dominic is definitely a courageous dog.

This is an awesome read! I read it when I was a pre-teen. I originally bought Dominic by William Steig and the Phantom Toolbooth by Norton Juster from the Scholastic Book Club book fair when we were stationed overseas (Norway). Have shared it with my own teens for the last 28 years. I will share with my grands and great-grands too! Oh the joys of reading and the adventures shared through the journey!!

I read this to my 6 year old son. We loved the adventures of Dominic, and I loved the use of language - lots of new, big words to explain! Highly recommend.

Written in rich language that activates a child's brain cells.

I liked Dominic because he was very strong when he battled with the Doomsday gang. My favorite part happened when he met the ugly crocodile witch. I was surprised when he found gold in someone's backyard. I recommend this book for children who are 5 to 13 years old. William Steig is a very funny author. Ethan and dad

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