Farmer's Dog Goes to the Forest

Children's Literature - Jean Boreen, Ph.D.
The farmer's dog, first introduced in The Farmer's Garden, goes into the forest for a new adventure. Once there, he talks in poetic verse with a number of woodland animals as well as the trail on which he walks, the grass in which he rolls, and the brook in which he swims. The two-voice poems remind me vividly of Paul Fleischman's Newbery winning Joyful Noise. Young readers will enjoy the book because they will be able to read it easily.

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The author has the farmer's dog back in another adventure to the forest. In his first adventure, Farmer's Garden, the ever-curious dog interviews everything from worms to carrots to cows. Now he's off to the forest to meet new friends and ask more questions like: "Woodpecker, Woodpecker, what do you see?" "Squirrel, Squirrel, what's the matter?" "Brook, Brook, where do you flow?" The interview is a charming rhyme for two voices. Reviewed by Cherry Shults.

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This is a great book! Could be used for choral reading. Could also be used for creative writing – the first sentence of each page could be the writing starter and students could write their answers – could even make their own books. Curriculum Connection: Language Arts: Creative Writing: Story Starters, Poetry for Two Voices. Rating: Excellent. Reviewed by K. Scribner