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Children adore Clifford, the red dog, whether he's portrayed as a puppy or as the lovable giant dog that's constantly getting into trouble. These stories highlight his adventurous, cheerful, giving, and tender ways.

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Melissa says

It was an interesting book that allowed my child to see competition of some sort...as well as exposing him to some danger. Since he's so little he didn't pick up on those nuances; he was more interested in looking at the pictures and turning the pages. Once he's older, I can use this book as a tool to introduce some dangers to him.

Little Miss and the Legomeister says

This is one of the better Clifford books.

Murph Eugene says

PB6: I always like clifford books as a child, and I still do today. This was a classic story of two girls competing to be better than the other and Clifford was the shining star.

Courtney says

I love reading novels to my children, especially when they are ones that promote more reading to my kids, because they relate to something that they already know and enjoy- like a popular kid's TV show. However, I have found that the older my son gets, the more he's beginning to realize when they just don't make since.

The ending in each of these Clifford stories were abrupt and sudden, and some of the things that Emily E. and Clifford were doing just didn't make since (like playing with bear cub?). When my five year-old and point out to me that that was dangerous, I know that something just doesn't add up the way I expected it too. I love the show, they are thought out and well done; however, I felt like a few pages had been taken out each of the stories so they were all incomplete.

Liz Diamond says

So, I guess I haven't read any books featuring child endangerment to my daughter, because my 2.5 year old was both fascinated and scared by this book.

The "plot" of the story was a little unexpected. Louie CK jokes that all Clifford books have no plot other than "holy ****, that dog is huge". So, when the book decided to throw a kid off a bridge, it seemed like perhaps this Clifford book was a bit outside of the typical Clifford canon. I don't really know though, this is only our second one.

Clifford crushes a police car by accident - the first fascinating plot development. The wheels in my daughter's head began to turn as she contemplated this. "BAD DOG!" she decided, shaking her finger at the picture of Clifford.

Then, Martha "does a foolish thing" and falls off a bridge. Yep, foolish, pretty much covers it. The picture features the girl falling head-first into the river below.

So, thanks to this book, my daughter has a pretty good understanding of what "dangerous" means. It scared her, but, you can't shelter your kids from fear and danger forever, I suppose.

I would have maybe preferred the story to end with Martha's dad yelling at Martha for tightropeing across the railing of a bridge, and maybe a police officer arresting Martha's parents for forgetting to hire a babysitter, but, in this fictional world, everyone gives their dog a hug and decides that their opinions are the only valid ones. Maybe it's not so unrealistic after all.

Sarah says

Clifford shows off his talents - he can "speak" louder, play dead more dramatically, and so on.

Rosa Cline says

This is an 'original' Clifford book; and probably where the writers of the PBS cartoon got Jetta and her dog from. The little girl in this book thinks her dog is the best and isn't impressed with Clifford at all. So they have a competition of sorts of who's better...Clifford in the end rescues the girl and saves the day.

Jennifer says

This book would be great for a new student in the class. It would also be good book to learn what's right and wrong. This book would serve many, many purposes in the classroom.

Melinda Christensen says

Clifford books are pretty funny. Emily is really proud of him, but he always messes up. Usually, however, he saves himself and somebody else in the end.

Sophie says

Dad and I read this one at RMHC. I laughed when Clifford rolled over the car.

Slayton says

I made a 100 on the AR Test

Dan says

1 copy

X says

The ending got all the kids I work with to engage in debate about whose dog was the best.

Anna says

He done a summersault and crashed the policeman's car. He saved Emily Elizabeth's friend and her puppy.

Russell says

[Considering that they forgive Clifford's owners for the destruction of a police car because Clifford saved a girl and her dog from the nearby river? There's plenty of odd behavior at this precinct. (hide spoiler)]
