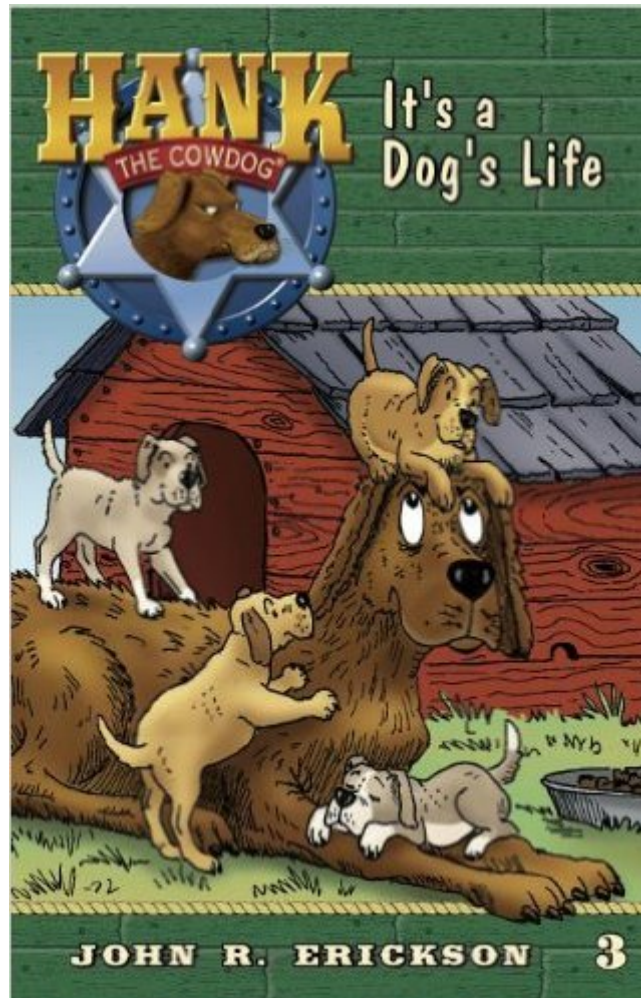


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# It's A Dog's Life (Hank The Cowdog)



## Synopsis

Hank's third adventure opens with Hank in trouble again, so he decides to make a visit to town to see his sister. Sounds innocent enough, but then Hank takes his nieces and nephews on a garbage patrol and gets captured by the dog catcher. Will he find a way out?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 11 years

Grade Level: 3 - 6

## Customer Reviews

Much to his sister's chagrin, Hank decides to pay her a visit to catch up on old times. While there he decides that her four pups need to be educated in the way of a cowdog. I fear to tell you that Hank's sister is not happy (although the pups love him) and per usual, Hank finds himself in a world of trouble, "through no fault of his own." We have plenty of conversations with Drover in this one. Drover is my favorite character in these books and I cannot get enough of him. The author has the ability to go inside the mind of a dog and to write hilarious stories about their thought process. I have a Dover type dog right now and the author has him nailed. These are wonderful family books and are appropriate for just about any age. They are short, they are funny and you will find yourself laughing out loud from cover to cover. This was a library find. Don Blankenship The Ozarks

If you haven't been introduced to Hank the Cowdog yet, treat yourself! This is a fun series to read to the kids, and the adults will love it, too. Lots of humor and insight into human behavior, translated by

the animals. Read to our sons, who loved them, and now reading to our grandson.

I have bought my grandson 6 of the Hank books, after giving him the first for Christmas. As with my older children, he devours them and then asks for more. One of the great things about these books is they make great read-aloud vehicles that entertain the adult reader as much as the child!

Purchased these for my first grade accelerated readers--those kids who can read anything already. Two of the little boys fought over one of the books and ended up crying about not getting the one they wanted. OH! As a teacher, to have kids fighting over books is great! We managed to find the other volumes and do some Christmas book juggling and all ended well. We live in SE NM and so the subject matter of the books is close to our lifestyles, making these books very desirable for the little boys. Little Cowboys!

While my family LOVES Hank, it was a bit shocking to hear my 11 year old reading aloud and hear "ignorant jackass." This is the first time I've heard anything along these lines from a Hank book, and I was not prepared or pleased to hear it coming from my child's mouth!

Hank the Cowdog is head of security on the M-Cross Ranch owned by High Loper and Sally May in the Texas panhandle's Ochiltree County. His younger assistant named Drover has heard from Pete the Barncat that the world is coming to an end because he saw Sally May writing on the calendar for the next day, "End of the world, 3:00 p.m.," and then driving off. While investigating, Hank makes such a mess in the house that he decides that it's time for a visit to his sister Maggie and her family in town, but while there he has a mysterious case of soap hydrophobia and ends up on death row in the dog pound. Will he ever make it back to the ranch? Will he even make it out of the pound alive? And will the world end? Other than being literally filled with common euphemisms (heck, gosh, golly, etc.) and all kinds of similar colloquialisms (e.g., derned, dadgum, holy cow, by George), along with a couple of references to coyotes who are drunk and one of buying chewing tobacco, there is nothing really objectionable in this book and the other Hank the Cowdog stories. There are some 65 books in the series, beginning with The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog (1983), previously reviewed on this weblog, down to the most recent one, The Almost Last Roundup (2015). Personally, I am not sure if I could manage to read very many of these, but they will likely appeal to middle grade students or accelerated early readers, especially those who enjoy things that are silly. They would also be good for reluctant

readers.

Hank's 'voice' is uniquely humorous. It's a delight to read the story from a dog's perspective!

It's Hank. What is there to say. My son loves reading these books with me.

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