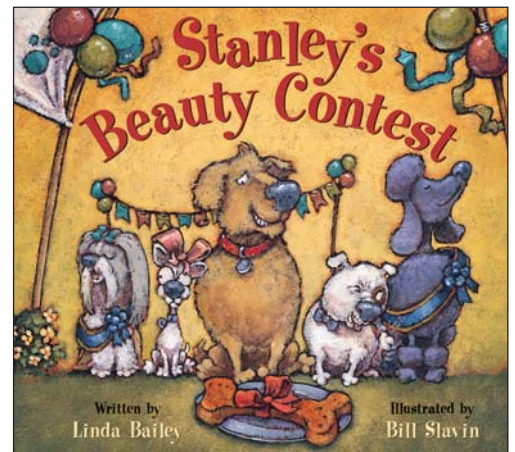


Dear Friend,

Stanley is back! His rumbling tummy always leads him to a new adventure — or a big pile of trouble — and this time is no exception. Linda Bailey and Bill Slavin's much-loved series once again treats us to a hilarious dog's-eye view of the world where Stanley's own brand of doggy wisdom prevails.



These storytime suggestions and activities for *Stanley's Beauty Contest* are intended to enhance your storytime event, whether it's in a bookstore, library, classroom or at home. **Stanley's high-spirited adventures show children the importance of sharing, cooperation and friendship.** These activities aim to bring the fun and friendship of the Stanley books to young readers in a new way.

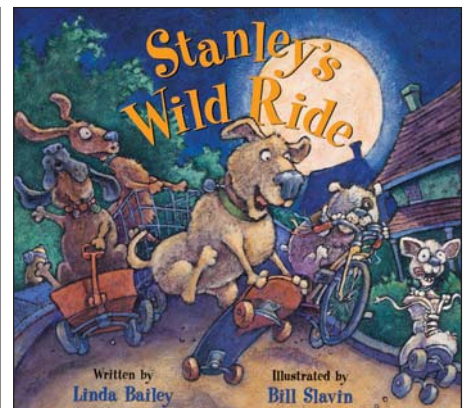
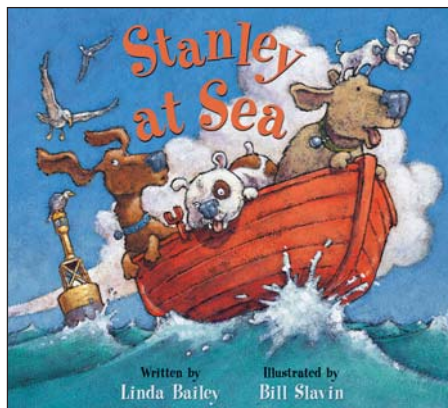
About the series

You danced along with *Stanley's Party*. You held on tight during *Stanley's Wild Ride*. You braved the waves in *Stanley at Sea*. Now it's time for *Stanley's Beauty Contest*, where our hero and his old friends Nutsy, Alice and Gassy Jack line up to strut their stuff. Look out — when these dogs get together, mayhem is near at hand!



Recommended for ages 3–7.

Read all of the Stanley books!



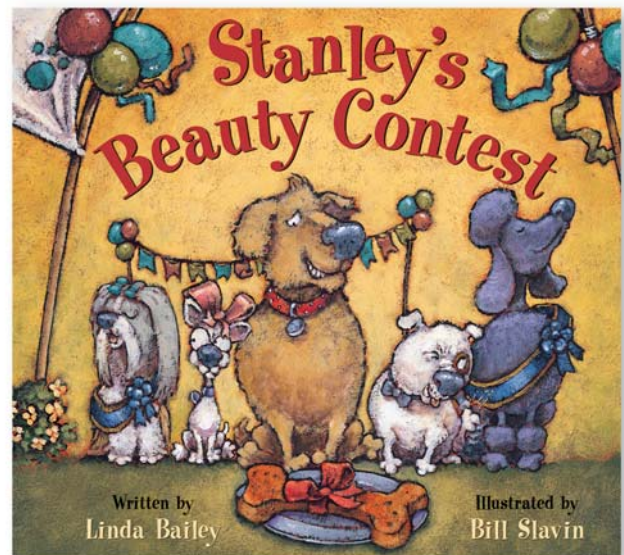
Storytime Suggestions for *Stanley's Beauty Contest*

Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative by including props to encourage group participation, emphasize important scenes in the story and get into character. Don't forget to store all your props in a bin for next time.

You might include:

- prize ribbons
- selection of stuffed animal dogs
- hairbrush and mirror
- first-place dog cookie



Activity Materials

- pencils, different colored markers and pencil crayons
- photocopies of each activity

Before Storytime

Print and distribute the Stanley name badges.

Ask your group how people get ready for a special occasion? Take a bath? Brush their hair? Wear new clothes? Has anyone ever dressed up for a party, a wedding or a birthday?

After Storytime

In the story, Stanley tries to behave, but sometimes he's a "bad dog." At the dog show everyone is on their best behavior until a yummy dog biscuit distracts them.

Have everyone stand up and pretend to be Stanley. Ask your group to walk around the room on all fours, be relaxed, scratch behind their ears, sniff around for yummy food and try to dig a hole. Explain that this walk is called the *Stanley*. Now call everyone

back and have them walk around like a dog at the dog show — nose in the air, excellent posture, big smile for the judges. This walk is called the *Beauty Contest*. Now tell the group to walk around in a circle. Explain that you will call out one of the two walks, *Stanley* or *Beauty Contest*. When you call out *Stanley*, the children should walk around like Stanley. When you call out *Beauty Contest*, the children should walk like dogs at a beauty contest. Switch between the two several times. Then discuss which was more fun and why.

Keep the Fun Going

There are four *Stanley's Beauty Contest* activities for your storytime event. Print and distribute copies of the following activities to your group:

1. Stanley & Friends Match-Up
2. Stanley's Maze
3. Stanley's Good Sport Certificate
4. Stanley's Word Search

All Stanley's Beauty Contest activities are available as a free download from kidscanpress.com.

Stanley & Friends Match-Up

Draw a line connecting Stanley and his friends to their names.



Gassy Jack



Nutsy



Stanley

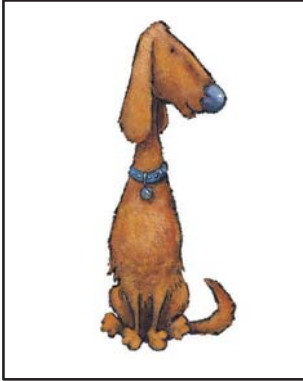
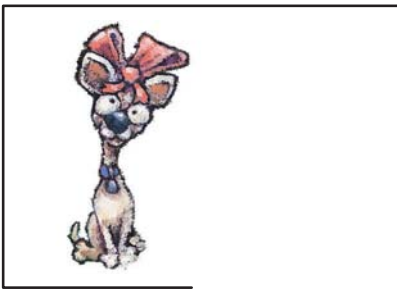
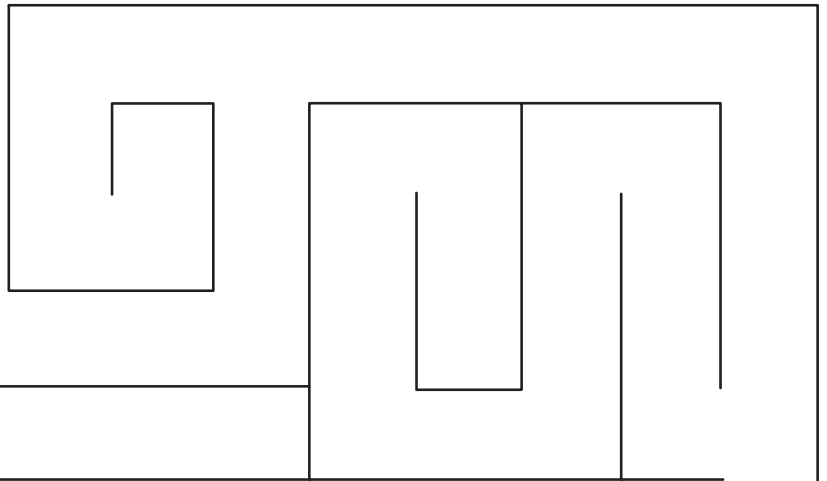


Alice

Stanley's Maze

Help Stanley find the first-prize dog cookie.

START



FINISH



Stanley's Good Sport Certificate



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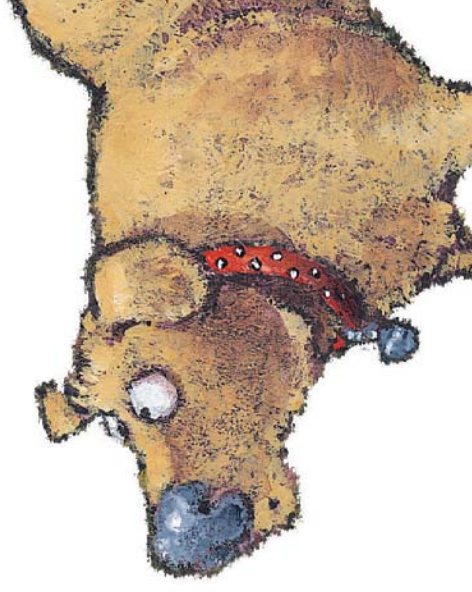
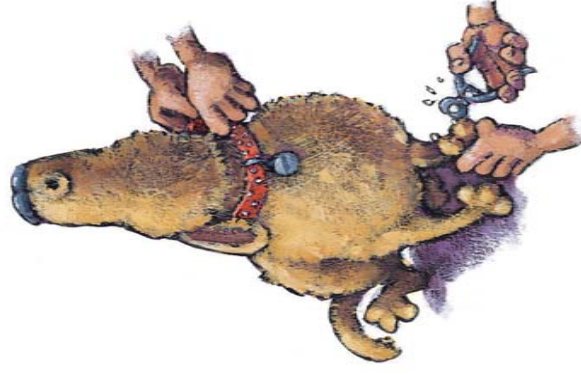
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I've read

Stanley's Beauty Contest

written by Linda Bailey
and illustrated by Bill Slavin

_____ (write date here)



Stanley's Word Search

Can you find and circle the words listed in the box on the left?

STANLEY
GASSY JACK
ALICE
NUTSY
BEAUTY
CONTEST
PRIZE
DOG
TRICK
COOKIE

S	R	G	B	X	Q	M	D	O	G
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