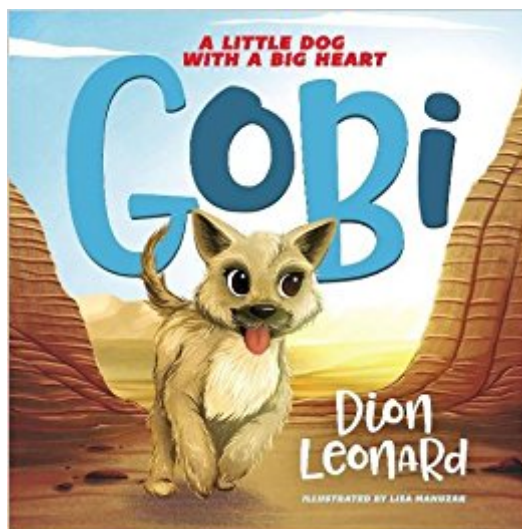



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# Gobi: A Little Dog With A Big Heart (picture Book)



## Synopsis

Bring home the incredible true story of a friendship so strong that it crosses the globe! Families everywhere will be delighted by the tale of Gobi and Dion – a little lost dog and the ultramarathon runner who saved her. *Gobi: A Little Dog with a Big Heart* is a fun, engaging picture book perfect for families to enjoy together. Prepare to fall in love with the heartwarming and true story of Gobi and Dion. Gobi, a scrappy little stray dog, latches onto a man named Dion and keeps pace alongside him for 77 miles of a long 155-mile race across China. Through cold nights and raging rivers, with little food and water, and through a long, hard journey, these two create a bond unlike any other. Cross the finish line with Gobi and Dion, the little pup who never quit and the ultramarathon runner who loves her. This amazing true story sparked international attention and will continue to inspire readers as they enjoy this fun picture book perfect for children. Join these two unlikely friends as they form a winning team for both the race and life! 

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


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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Dion Leonard is a 41 year old Australian who lives in Edinburgh, Scotland with his wife Lucja. Dion has not only completed but competed in some of the world's toughest ultra marathons across the planet's most inhospitable landscapes. This includes running across the brutal Moroccan Sahara desert twice in the 250km Marathon Des Sables and also twice across South Africa's Kalahari Desert, also 250km. Dion's latest 250km race across the Gobi Desert in China

turned out to be a completely different race where he fell in love with a stray dog (later named Gobi) that followed him during the week and who would change both of their lives forever. Lisa Manuzak is an illustrator of children's books and a video game concept artist. Originally from Hawaii, she has lived all over the globe, getting inspired by the world and colors around her. She loves fantastical and magical stories, exploring distant lands, experimenting with art, growing plants, and collecting pets. She currently lives in upstate New York with her husband, their corgi, two cats, and a very large fish.

I thought this was an adorable book. I ordered both this and the adult version. I loved the adult version (released earlier), and just received the picture book. It's a happy story, good ending for kids with none of the scary bits that were in the adult book. The illustrations are bright and the quality is really good. I would highly recommend this book which teaches children about friendship, support and responsibility.

This is a darling little book. I love the illustrations and cannot wait to send it to the grandkids

**Gobi: A Little Dog with a Big Heart** By Dion Leonard Illustrated by Lisa Manuzak  
This is a cute picture book version of Gobi's story and her race across the desert with runner Dion Leonard. Before the race, Gobi and Dion had never seen one another but over the course, they formed a unique bond that would provide Gobi with a home. Some of the difficulties are skipped in this version but children will enjoy the story and the accompanying illustrations. This is a story of friendship and perseverance and best of all it is a true story. And Gobi is an adorable little dog and who doesn't love a good dog story with a happy ending. More details about bringing Gobi from China to her new home in Scotland are given following the illustrated story. This is the perfect book for new and early readers to share with their favorite grown-up as they listen or work through the words for themselves. This book would be a great gift for any animal lover with a little one or two in their household. This book would also be a welcome addition to any library - be it home, school, or public library that services a young readership audience. The illustrations are a delightful addition and for those who want to know what the real Gobi and Dion look like, there is a picture on the back flap of the dust jacket. I was provided a review copy of this book by the publisher through the BookLook blogger program with no expectations of a positive review. All opinions expressed are my own.

Based on a true story, this beautifully illustrated picture book will beguile the young and young at

heart with an adorable story about a man, a dog and the desert. Gobi won over Dion Leonard's heart as he was running a multi-day marathon in the Gobi Desert and the story of how Gobi then became a part of Dion's journey to the finish line and his family won over the world. Leonard does a great job of condensing the story down to something that will hold the attention span of young children with pictures that will surely embrace their attention with its vivid color palette and eye pleasing designs. This is one of those stories adults will love reading to kids because it's so positive and upbeat with a real world happy ending.

What a sweet book! Seriously folks, if you are a dog lover or just a lover of good children's books, this is one you want to put into your library. Based on the story of Dion Leonard meeting a little dog during his seven day race across the Chinese desert and the journey that kept them together, *Gobi: A Little Dog with a Big Heart* may be one of my favorite children's books of 2017. The illustrations (by Lisa Manuzak) are of equally delightful quality. This book is hardcover with a dust jacket, and will be staying in our home library for a long time to come.

This is a really cute book. I had never heard of Gobi until I saw this picture book, and was surprised, when I read the edition for adults, to learn what a huge deal Gobi had been in the online world. I read this picture book to one of my little boys, and he enjoyed the story about this dog who found a man running across the Gobi Desert and attached herself to him. It was a good introduction to a little-known part of the world, too! I received an ecopy of this book from NetGalley and chose to write a review.

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