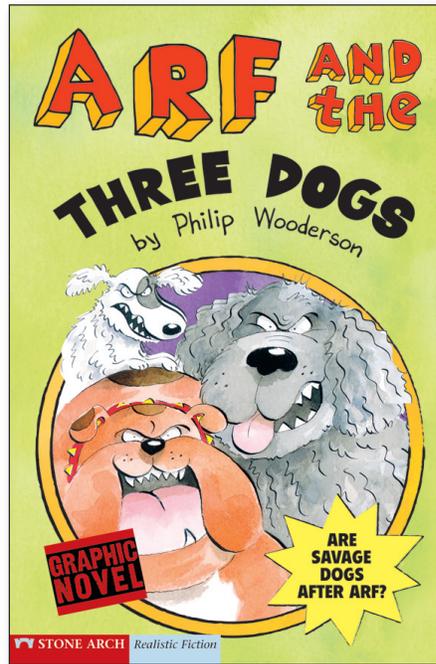




READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



Arf and the Three Dogs by Philip Wooderson

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- Characters:**
- Arf – struggling reader**
 - Mom – reads at grade level**
 - Gloria, Arf's older sister – reads slightly above grade level**
 - The Three Dogs – reads below grade level**
 - Crazy Barney – reads below grade level**
 - Major Nimby – reads slightly below grade level**
 - Narrator – reads above grade level**
- Genre:** Realistic Fiction
- Ages:** 8-12

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- Narrator:** One Saturday morning at Arf's house.
- Arf:** I'm bored.
- Mom:** Then, Arf, take Hoppa for a walk and pick up a newspaper.
- Arf:** How much will you pay me?
- Gloria:** Mom doesn't have to pay you, Arf! You didn't pay her for your breakfast, did you?
- Arf:** She's not trying to save up money like I am.
- Mom:** What are you saving for this time, Arf?
- Arf:** Just a computer game.
- Narrator:** Later, as Arf was walking his dog, Hoppa, down the street, he was almost knocked off his feet by two big dogs.
- 2 Dogs:** Roof! Roof!
- Narrator:** They were dragging an old man, and a little dog behind them.
- 3rd Dog:** Growl!
- Arf:** Hey, watch where you're going!
- Crazy Barney:** Sorry! They won't let me stop!
- Narrator:** . . . When Arf got home . . .
- Mom:** Where's my newspaper, Arf?
- Arf:** Oops! I forgot it! But that gives me an idea.
- Mom:** Uh oh.
- Arf:** That's how I could make some money. I could do some reporting for the paper.
- Gloria:** You can't even spell your name!

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- Arf:** Ha! I just need to keep my eyes open and then tell Mr. Sanjay, the reporter, when I see something happen.
- Narrator:** Like those three dogs racing through the town.
- Arf:** That's why I forgot your paper, Mom. I was almost run over by three wild dogs.
- Gloria:** You're just making that up.
- Arf:** Hmm. If I had my camera, next time I could take a picture of those dogs and prove it.
- Narrator:** So Arf went out with Hoppa and his camera, looking for Crazy Barney. He walked up and down the streets for more than half an hour.
- Arf:** Where are they?
- Narrator:** Arf was ready to give up when he stopped by the animal shelter.
- Arf:** This place is a mess. Hey, what's that noise?
- Dogs:** Bark! Bark! Bark!
- Narrator:** The animal shelter door burst open. Out came the two big dogs dragging Crazy Barney and the little dog behind them.
- Dogs:** Bark! Bark! Bark!
- Crazy Barney:** I can't stop!
- Narrator:** Arf snapped pictures of the dogs. Then, just as Crazy Barney and the dogs disappeared down the street, a strange man appeared.
- Major Nimby:** Hey, young feller. That old fool couldn't control those dogs. They're a menace to everyone.
- This animal shelter should be closed!
- Arf:** Closed?

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- Major Nimby:** Well done, taking those pictures. I've got pictures, too. Of the rats in this place.
- Arf:** Rats?
- Major Nimby:** Yes, spreading germs and disease. Mmm. I think your pictures could help me. Get your photos developed as fast as you can, then meet me at the town hall this afternoon.
- Narrator:** .
What is Major Nimby up to? Are there really rats at the animal shelter? And will Arf's photos help get rid of the three dogs? What will Arf do when he later hears his sister say . . .
- Gloria:** Barney brought those dogs to the shelter because his landlord won't allow pets. But we had to turn him away.
- Arf:** Why?
- Gloria:** Because of some guy named Major Nimby.
- Narrator:** What has Arf gotten himself into? Will he discover who's telling the truth? Read on and find out that things are not always as they seem in Arf and the Three Dogs.

THE END