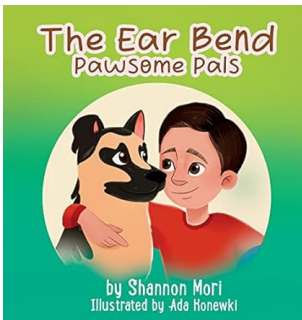


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Pawsome Pals

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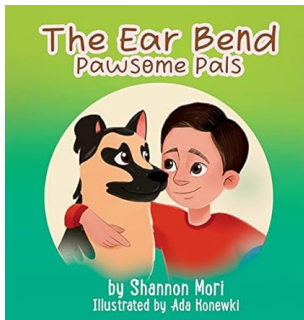
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Book Review

Reviewed by Amy Raines for Readers' Favorite

In *The Ear Bend: Pawsome Pals* by Shannon Mori, Champ looks at pictures of himself from when he was just a pup. He sees that he is different from the other dogs he knows. Instead of his ears standing up as most ears do, Champ has one ear that bends forward in the middle. His human Charlie has a few things to say about the way Champ is feeling over the things that make him appear so different than the others. Why does Champ feel so worried over such a minor difference? What will Charlie say about Champ's insecurities? Will Champ see himself in a different light?

The Ear Bend is an adorable children's story about a dog who discovers that his shape and look have changed as he's grown up over the years. I love that Charlie, Champ's human, decides that talking to his dog about how he feels is better than letting him go through it alone. This story will help teach kids to embrace and celebrate their differences rather than seeing them as character flaws that present a problem for them. The illustrations are beautiful and give the story colorful clarity that kids will love. I recommend *The Ear Bend* by Shannon Mori to young children who love stories about pets that will help them see themselves in a new way. I genuinely enjoyed this story and the lessons it teaches kids, and hope that Mori has more books like this one coming in the future.



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Author Biography

 Shannon Mori has had a passion for writing and a love of animals since she was a child. Combining both into books that children and their parents not only will love to read, but also will learn something about themselves, others, and the world around them at the same time is her dream come true! Shannon is a proud wife to an incredibly supportive husband and mother of two bright young children who love reading as much as she does and are her inspiration. After living all over the U.S. with a love for new adventures and travel, Shannon and her family which includes five pets now reside close to the beach in sunny Florida. Her Pawsome Pals Book Series features pets with problems and their pals that help their pets sort through them.