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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Kindergarten-Grade 3. Arthur Crandall's life turns topsy-turvy when a bumbling fly offers to grant three wishes and the urbane canine gives flip responses. Deadpan delivery, with droll watercolors that suit the tale to a tee.

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From [Booklist](#)

Ages 5[^]-7. Egan is one of the most interesting author-illustrators around, always trying something new and quirky. This time, the story is about a dog couple, Arthur and Stella Crandall. Arthur keeps burning the toast, so when an annoying fly tells Arthur he will grant him three wishes if he puts down the fly swatter, Arthur wishes for a new toaster, for the nasty crocodiles on the corner to turn into squirrels, and for a trip to a tropical island where the natives sing and dance all day. Well, the fly doesn't get it quite right. The toaster turns into a squirrel, and the crocs turn into toasters, but the natives sing and dance *ad nauseam* on the tropical island. Happily, magic brings the couple back home again, where they are able to enjoy their new toaster (formerly a crocodile). There's nothing predictable here, either in the meticulously rendered watercolor art with its deco edge or in the hilarious story. Some of this has an adult feel, but it hits its target audience, too. *Ilene Cooper*

From Kirkus Reviews

Stella and Arthur, a couple of dogs, live on Davenport Street. Theirs is a humble existence: They eat--Arthur burns the toast every morning--go for walks, sleep. "It was a nice life. Not perfect, but nice." The flaw is that a gang of unruly crocodiles taunt them on their morning walk, e.g., "Hey, lady, what did your husband give you for your birthday, a flea collar?" A fly in the kitchen, begging Arthur not to swat it, is the bearer of three wishes. Arthur, incredulous, humors the insect and the wishes come true, sort of. Egan (Metropolitan Cow, 1996, etc.) casts ordinary Joes into dreamlike, absurdist situations--with a hint of menace--that are quelled by a good dose of common sense and plain speaking. Home is where the burnt toast is in this original and zany offering. (Picture book. 4-8) -- *Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

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