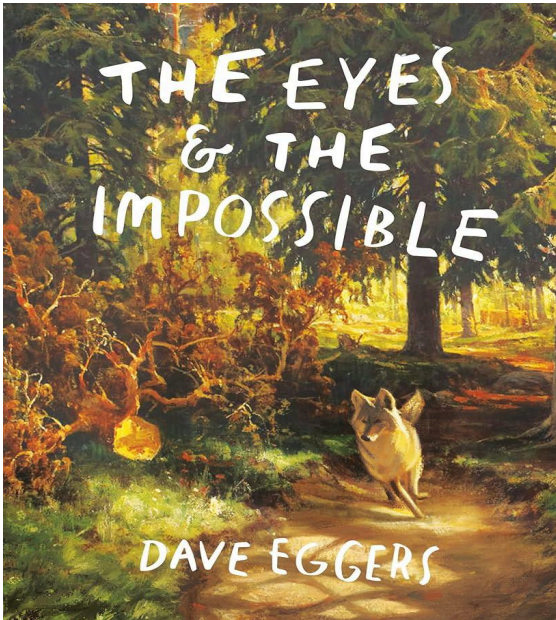


THE EYES AND THE IMPOSSIBLE

By Dave Eggers

The Eyes and the Impossible is a present day story that takes place in a very large park. The story is about a dog named Johannes. He lives in the park and roams free. It is fall, the leaves are falling off the tree and the days are sunny, windy, rainy and very cool. Throughout the book Johannes talks to many different animals such as a buffalo, bird, squirrel and raccoon.



Johannes is a free dog. He doesn't have a leash or an owner. He is free to roam around. Johannes was fearless at the beginning of the story when he became the eyes of the park. He is always happy when he is running through the park. Johannes is a dynamic character because he got leashed and that changed him by making him more cautious. And he is curious like when he saw the paintings he was very curious about them. Other main characters in the story are the three bison. It was the Bison that asked him to be the eyes of the park. The bison are very big and old and they live in an enclosure. They are also very gentle and not mean. They are gentle and very nice to Johannes because they listen to him and don't bully him. There are many other animals in the book that Johannes is friends with.

The main problem of the story is that the buffalo live in an enclosure and they want to be free. The people and guards of the park bother them a lot so Johannes and his friends have to distract the guards to get the buffalo to be free. Johannes wants to make a plan to set the buffalo free. Johannes's plan was to get the buffalo off the island and take them to the mainland on a boat. The goats would help protect the buffalo by hiding them while trying to get them on the boat. It was very hard for Johannes to come up with a plan to get the buffalo to the mainland. It took him many days and many nights and he didn't get very much sleep. Johannes had very many obstacles to face like where would they put the Buffalo; they're so big they would just be caught again. Another difficult thing was how they would distract the guards. The guards were very hard to distract because they were always by the bison so they had to do something really big to distract them. What they did was that the raccoons were bouncing and jumping and scratching and doing a bunch of different things on top of their car to distract them. Johannes's plan worked great. They freed them early in the morning because the ferry leaves at 9:30 so they had to get them out of the enclosure early so that they could just walk them right onto the ferry. In the end they got all this way and the bison did not want to go on the ship.

The theme is friendship because Johannes is trying to help the bison escape because they have been good friends to him for a long time so he wants to help them escape. A good example of friendship in this story is when Johannes is wearing a pink sweater and all his friends Angus and Yolanda help him to get the sweater off. is the theme of the book.

I have a lot of opinions about this book, some positive and some negative. I really liked the book. The thing I liked the most about the book was the friendships and the teamwork that they have. I looked forward to reading the book because the plot was very interesting when they were trying to get the buffalo out of the enclosure. It was exciting to read how they came up with their plan. The one thing I disliked was that the ending was too sad. I think it was too sad because he had to leave his home and that is where his life is. Another dislike that I had about the book is that it ended too quickly. I would have liked it to finish the story a little more. I would have liked them to talk a little more about what they did on the mainland once they got there. This book was not believable because dogs are not that smart. Also dogs are not able to figure out how to get buffalo to escape and animals would not work together in a team like they did in the book. My favorite part was when they tried to save the buffalo and the raccoons were distracting the guards while the other animals were trying to get the buffalo out of the enclosure and onto the boat. It was so funny when the raccoons were peeing on the guard's car! The guard's reaction was that they were so surprised that the racoons were peeing on their car. This book is similar to another book I read called, *Hoot*. The connections that I made with this book and *Hoot* were that in *Hoot* the main character tried to save the owls from dying just like in *The Eyes and The Impossible* Johannes and his friends tried to save the buffalo from staying in the enclosure. I would rate this book 4 and 1/2 Stars out of five because the ending was a little too sad but everything else was really good. I liked when they tried to get the buffalo out of the enclosure; that was something that was good about the book. I would have given it five stars if the ending wasn't as sad. I also thought that they could write a little more about what they were doing on the mainland after they escaped.