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Best of BookExpo America 2016

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One of the most interesting book found at the BEA this year. Inspiring equal parts wonder and wanderlust, *Atlas Obscura* celebrates over 600 of the strangest and most curious places in the world. *Atlas Obscura* revels in the weird, the unexpected, the overlooked, the hidden, and the mysterious. Every page expands a sense of how strange and marvelous the world really is. And with its compelling descriptions, hundreds of photographs, surprising charts, maps for every region of the world, it is a book you can open anywhere. But with caution: It's almost impossible not to turn to the next entry, and the next, and

the next. This is a great book from a great publisher.

You always see great graphics at BEA but *The Good Dog* was 'best in show' for artwork. An 8-year-old boy named Ricky finds a puppy on the side of the road and decides to adopt him without his parents' permission. Mom and dad agree to let the puppy, Tako, stay under one condition: he must be a good dog



and always follow the rules. Tako wants to stay with the family more than anything; but when a competing businessman sets out to secretly sabotage the family's bakery, the

only way Tako can protect them is to break the rules. Ultimately, Tako and Ricky's family discover sometimes you have to be a little bit bad to be very good. It's a good story with super graphics.



Sometimes a cover and title just go so well together... but you don't often find it from a first-time author/publisher. "Two small-town Alabama boys, Aleks and Adam, grow up in the midst of Civil War reenactments at the Fort, but when they discover a time window in the backyard of The Griggs House, their real-life 1860s adventure begins." YA's (young adults) love historical fiction and this will be a winner.

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