Pinkerton & Friends (Dial Books for Young Readers) by Steven Kellogg

Eleven From A Master Illustrator

For more than thirty years, Steven Kellogg has been delighting young readers with his bright, lively books full of feisty imagination and silliness—and always perfectly expressing children's thoughts and dreams. As his friend Helen Hunt says in her introduction to this treasury, Stevens books give voice and bring humor to the mischievous in all of us. Because of that, Steven Kellogg has become one of our most loved picture book creators. For the first time, here is a treasury of Stevens books, including many of his bestsellers (The Mysterious Tadpole, The Island of the Skog, Jimmys Boa, Best Friends and others) and several little-known books that have been unavailable for many years. In all, eleven books are included—eleven gems to pore over again and again. And as an added bonus, there is also a biographical profile of Steven, complete with many photos and even some never-before-seen sketches. This is a compendium for every child—those who already love Steven Kellogg’s books, and those who are soon to love them.

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My Personal Review:
Oh, Steven Kellogg can write too. But, many of the 138 hardcover Amazon results, and there are more if you count all formats, are written by others. It would seem that anyone who illustrates as well as Kellogg could find a few words to go with his pictures. I wish my favorite "Barney Bipple's Magic Dandelions" had been included, but it must have been very difficult to choose eleven from such a prodigious work. (The eleven titles in this book, just because they are not listed above, are: "Can I Keep Him?," "Pinkerton, Behave," "Much Bigger Than Martin," "The Mysterious Tadpole," "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash," "The Christmas Witch," "Best Friends," "Ralph's Secret Weapon," "Library Lil," "Won't Somebody Play With Me?" and "The Island of the Skog.") "The Island of the Skog" alone is worth the
price of admissions, particularly from the Amazon Marketplace. Kellogg's absurdly simple ink style combine with superb coloring creating one entertaining illustration after another. Recommended for school, public, and home libraries.

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