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Desmond "Diz" Aster's father prom-ises him a dog if he can only stay out of trouble for one day. Although it seems easy, Diz is soon up to his ears in trouble, though he saves the day when he catches a housebreaker in his neighborhood.

From School Library JournalGrade 3-4-Desmond Aster (a.k.a. Diz) wants a dog more than anything. His parents feel that he is too irresponsible, but his father promises him that he can get one if he is able to stay out of trouble for one day. Diz thinks this sounds easy enough-until he and his pal Pepper stumble across abandoned puppies, stolen merchandise, and burglars. Diz is certain that getting involved will hurt his chances of getting a pet, but he wants to do the right thing even if it means no dog. The story is fast paced, well written, and touches on good values without preaching. Black-and-white illustrations are interspersed throughout. A satisfying choice for readers who want brief chapter books.Lesley McKinstry, Findlay-Hancock County Public Library, OHCopyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.From BooklistGr. 3-5. Every day Desmond (Diz) Aster asks his parents for a dog, and every day the answer is no. Finally they give him an option: They'll consider him responsible enough to take care of a dog if he can stay out of trouble for a whole day. That's not easy, though, when abandoned puppies and jewel thieves keep

crisscrossing his path. Predictably, all ends happily when Diz's parents acknowledge that he has acted responsibly in unusual circumstances. Chesworth's spirited line-and-wash illustrations add a sense of style to the book's humor. Kids who don't mind a little improbable action mixed in with their wishful thinking will find this an entertaining chapter book. Carolyn Phelan
From Kirkus sA breezy little story about a boy who wants a dog, but whose parents don't believe he's responsible enough to have one. They're wrong, of course, and Diz is just the boy to prove it. The title refers to his horoscope the very day his father tells him that if he can stay out of trouble, a dog will be his; Diz sees a puppy being mistreated and goes to its rescue, even though he knows the potential for disaster is there. The inclusion of this split-second moral decision give an otherwise familiar plot some meat, as does a nifty interweaving of some neighborhood burglaries, the presence of a feisty best friend, and Diz himself--he wants that dog so badly he weeps. Accompanied by amiably realistic bw illustrations, a cheerful, quick read for the easy chapter-book shelf. (Fiction. 9-11) -- Copyright ©1994, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.