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Title: Peaches and the 19 Cobras
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In part because of the endearing characters, *Peaches and the 19 Cobras* is a fun, at times quirky, little story to read. It follows a family, however untraditional, on their journey as they are living through the pandemic. It sheds humor on a topic that is actually quite serious.

To start with, the two main characters are unique in that they are not people at all! Jake and Peaches are dogs. Best friends and sidekicks, we follow their thoughts and adventures during the pandemic. It is fun to see the pandemic, such a serious topic, through their eyes as they try to understand what is going on. It adds some humor in a

time that was so hard for some many. For example, Jake, instead of hearing Covid19, heard 19 Cobras. So, especially in the beginning, he was looking everywhere to keep everyone safe from those snakes. In the book, we even get to see the dogs with their masks.

In all the humor with the dogs, you can't forget their owner. Like many, she is trying to cope during this unusual time while still carrying on as normal a life as possible. She makes masks for others, decorates her Christmas trees, and goes to her summer cottage in Maine, all the while social distancing. It is very clear in her book that her beloved animals are part of what gets her through.

I do struggle a little bit to find the age group for this book. It is only 62 pages and has puppies, so I originally assumed it was for children. It doesn't come across to be as a story for children, more of a little documentary. I would have a hard time putting this book in a genre. Despite that, this is a book that I could sit down and read again.