

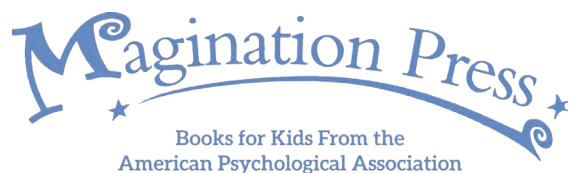
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My dog and I walk every day,
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We pass some kids out playing ball—

"Let's GO, Barnabus."





"Come and
join us,
Shelli!"

I hear one of them say...

I give a tiny smile,
but keep going on my way.

My brave dog always wants to sniff
everyone in sight.



He tugs at me...
but I tug back...
and pull with all my might.



Barnabus has no trouble meeting friends hairless or furry. He goes right up and greets them, without a single worry.

We find a quiet spot at last,
beneath a shady tree.
A neighbor runs past with her dog.
I think she waved at me.

