The Eyes and the Impossible

by Dave Eggers

A book review by Karen O.

The Eyes and the Impossible is the story of a dog named Johannes. Johannes is a free dog, unlike his littermate, who was picked up (literally picked up and taken away) by a human. He lives in an urban park by the sea, one most Bay Area residents will recognize. He runs through the park to avoid being captured by any humans, even the nice ones. He sees all, misses nothing, and has a network of animal friends in the park who come to his rescue, and he to theirs.

His ego is large, and his concept of time and distance may give us insight into our own dogs' brains. Johannes has run-ins with technology, a strange new building, and an entirely new kind of animal in the park.

The book is easy to read and hard to put down. Though it is written for a young adult audience, I haven't met a dog lover who has read the book and didn't love it.