

## **ABSTRACT**

RICHTEROVÁ, Denisa: *Through the Eyes of a Dog – Author’s Book for Children*. Prague, 2021. Diploma thesis. Charles University, Faculty of Education, Department of Art Education.

(Appendix 1: author’s book for children *The Dog Who Thinks Something*)

(Appendix 2: presentation of the project *Through the Eyes of a Dog*)

This diploma thesis deals with a dog as a bearer of contemporary historical and cultural contexts.

The theoretical part describes the history of the domestication of dogs, their relationship to humans, symbolism and mythology, and maps the associated depiction in the history of fine art. Attention is then focused on the relationship between dogs and kids with an overlap into children’s literature and on illustrations with emphasis on author’s book for children. Finally, there is a devotion to the representation of dogs in assisting with the educational and therapeutic processes.

In the practical part theoretical knowledge is applied in the form of a author’s book for children called *The Dog Who Thinks Something*. The story and illustrations reflect the world through the eyes of a dog which mirrors thinking, feeling and the natural need to belong to someone.

The didactic part presents a project called *Through the Eyes of a Dog*, which submits options of how the dog is connected with free time and educational activities for kids.