

Riding The Dog My Fathers Journey Home A Memoir

Adopting the Song of Appearance: An Emotional Symphony within **Riding The Dog My Fathers Journey Home A Memoir**

In a world taken by monitors and the ceaseless chatter of fast connection, the melodic beauty and emotional symphony created by the prepared word often fade in to the background, eclipsed by the constant sound and interruptions that permeate our lives. But, set within the pages of **Riding The Dog My Fathers Journey Home A Memoir** a charming fictional prize overflowing with fresh feelings, lies an immersive symphony waiting to be embraced. Constructed by an elegant musician of language, that captivating masterpiece conducts readers on a psychological trip, skillfully unraveling the concealed tunes and profound influence resonating within each cautiously constructed phrase. Within the depths with this emotional review, we will examine the book's central harmonies, analyze its enthralling writing style, and surrender ourselves to the profound resonance that echoes in the depths of readers' souls.

A Dog Named Beautiful Rob Kugler 2019-05-07 An uplifting and unforgettable story of a US Marine, his extraordinary dog, and the road trip of a lifetime. "A beautiful, beautiful book." — Jenna Bush Hager When US Marine Rob Kugler returns from war he had given up not only a year of his life in service to his country, but he had also lost a brother in the fighting as well. Lost in grief, Rob finds solace and relief in the one thing that never fails to put a smile on his face: his chocolate lab Bella. Exceptionally friendly, and always with - you wouldn't believe it - a smile on her face, Bella is the friend Rob needs, and they spend their days exploring nature and taking photos. But then Bella develops a limp in her front leg. It's cancer, and the prognosis isn't good. Rob has a choice, either to let Bella go now, or amputate her cancer-riddled leg, and see what the next few months would bring. For Rob, the choice is a no-brainer, and instead of waiting at home for the cancer to spread, Rob and Bella pack their bags and hit the road. Life is short, but the road ahead is long and winding, and as they criss-cross the country Rob and Bella meet remarkable, life-changing men and women who are quick to make friends with this incredible three-legged dog. **A Dog Named Beautiful** is a book full of inspiration, hope, love, tears, and laughs. Enjoy the journey.

The Wrong Dog David Elliot Cohen 2022-02-15 A Heartwarming Dog Story of Unconditional Love "Part Marley and Me, part Bucket List, part travel memoir, Cohen's book tells the story of Simba, a larger-than-life Labrador retriever whose physical size is matched only by his love of people." —Sara Hodon, Compulsive Reader 2018 International Book Awards Winner #1 New Release in Southern US Travel Guides From New York Times bestselling author David Elliot Cohen comes this unforgettable dog story of a cross-country road trip. **The Wrong Dog** is a heartwarming and hilarious memoir of a mischievous dog and the unconditional love he forges with the family who mistakenly adopts him. There are no bad dogs. Meet Simba II, a playful white Labrador puppy brought home by accident. As he grows into an enormous ninety-pound dog with a huge personality, Simba cements the bond between two families and enriches their lives in countless ways. A cross-country road trip to remember. When the family moves from San Francisco to New York, the author is charged with the ultimate animal rescue—bringing Simba to the family's new home. He and his best friend, Erick, load Simba into the back of a station wagon and set out on a 3,300-mile once-in-a-lifetime road trip across America. An epic journey for dog lovers. With stops at Buck Owens' Crystal Palace; the Las Vegas Strip; Meteor Crater; the Painted Desert; Cadillac Ranch; Winslow, Arizona; Gallup, New Mexico; Graceland, and other all-American landmarks, this engaging and poignant volume chronicles an epic journey, the unconditional love between one dog and his family, and the vast and benevolent role dogs play in American family life. But most of all, **The Wrong Dog** shows us how the end of life can sometimes be the richest part of all. If you're a dog lover who's enjoyed books such as *Arthur: The Dog who Crossed the Jungle to Find a Home*, *A Dog Called Hope*, or *No Ordinary Dog*, then you'll love and laugh along with **The Wrong Dog**.

Dogs Are My Family 'Red' Catherine Johns 2023-04-15 "For 75 years I have lived with many dogs, mostly rescued dogs. Dogs are my heart and in my soul, they are my loves and my companions and have been with me since my father first took me home after my birth and put me with the dogs in a playpen with the cushions all around to keep me safe and warm, to feel touch love and their beating hearts. This memoir is my and their stories from over the years of being together. The stories still continue today with my beautiful companions." Dogs choose to live with humans, they give unconditional love. For Catherine Johns they are her great love. With her dogs she has met amazing people, in the streets or on the beach, shared fascinating stories and heard how dogs have saved other people in many ways, the connection being our love of dogs. Dogs

Are My Family is 'Red' Catherine Johns' third book in her collection of autobiographical stories that she has shared with the world. This memoir is dedicated to the dogs in her life, the dogs that have saved her in many ways both physically and emotionally, that have brought her so much laughter and joy and love, and heartbreak. This is more than a memoir, it is a journey with an incredible woman who has endured many hardships. Catherine's resilience is inspirational. **Dogs Are My Family** is a beautifully written masterpiece, connecting the author's life and love with the dogs that saved her.

Short Leash Janice Gary 2013-08-01 Janice Gary never walked alone without a dog - a big dog. Once, she was an adventurer, a girl who ran off to California with big dreams and hopes of leaving her past behind. But after a brutal rape, her youthful bravado vanished, replaced by a crippling need for safety. When she rescues a gangly Lab-Rottweiler pup, Gary is sure she's found her biggest protector yet. But after Barney is attacked by a vicious dog, he becomes a clone of his attacker, trying to kill any dog that comes near him. Walking with Barney is impossible. Yet walking without him is unthinkable. After years of being exiled by her terror and Barney's defensiveness, Janice risks taking her dog to a park near the Chesapeake Bay. There, she begins the messy, lurching process of walking into her greatest fears. As the leash of the past unravels, Barney sheds the defensive behaviors that once shackled him and Gary steps out of the self-imposed isolation that held her captive for three decades. Beautifully written, **Short Leash** is much more than a "dog story" or a book about recovering from trauma. It is a moving tale of love and loss, the journey of a broken soul finding its way toward wholeness.

The Ride of Her Life Elizabeth Letts 2022-06-07 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • The triumphant true story of a woman who rode her horse across America in the 1950s, fulfilling her dying wish to see the Pacific Ocean, from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Perfect Horse* and *The Eighty-Dollar Champion* "The gift Elizabeth Letts has is that she makes you feel you are the one taking this trip. This is a book we can enjoy always but especially need now." —Elizabeth Berg, author of *The Story of Arthur Truluv* In 1954, sixty-three-year-old Maine farmer Annie Wilkins embarked on an impossible journey. She had no money and no family, she had just lost her farm, and her doctor had given her only two years to live. But Annie wanted to see the Pacific Ocean before she died. She ignored her doctor's advice to move into the county charity home. Instead, she bought a cast-off brown gelding named Tarzan, donned men's dungarees, and headed south in mid-November, hoping to beat the snow. Annie had little idea what to expect beyond her rural crossroads; she didn't even have a map. But she did have her ex-racehorse, her faithful mutt, and her own unfailing belief that Americans would treat a stranger with kindness. Annie, Tarzan, and her dog, Depeche Toi, rode straight into a world transformed by the rapid construction of modern highways. Between 1954 and 1956, the three travelers pushed through blizzards, forded rivers, climbed mountains, and clung to the narrow shoulder as cars whipped by them at terrifying speeds. Annie rode more than four thousand miles, through America's big cities and small towns. Along the way, she met ordinary people and celebrities—from Andrew Wyeth (who sketched Tarzan) to Art Linkletter and Groucho Marx. She received many offers—a permanent home at a riding stable in New Jersey, a job at a gas station in rural Kentucky, even a marriage proposal from a Wyoming rancher. In a decade when car ownership nearly tripled, when television's influence was expanding fast, when homeowners began locking their doors, Annie and her four-footed companions inspired an outpouring of neighborliness in a rapidly changing world.

Riding the Dog Jan Groft 2004 On a late spring day, a daughter waits at the airport for her parents' plane to land and a summer visit to begin. Before the summer is over, however, her father will come to live--and

die--in her sunroom. And her newfound faith in her heavenly father will uphold her as she learns how to let go of the earthly father she adores. But so much more happens in that brief season: a century of family memories unfolds like a beloved quilt. A father and daughter reconcile their differences about faith. A daughter takes her first tentative steps toward understanding her mother. And the story continues to unfold as several generations journey to bid good-bye to the man who has been the energetic center of their family.

My Long Trip Home Mark Whitaker 2013-01-29 In a dramatic, moving work, Mark Whitaker, award-winning journalist, sets out to trace the story of what happened to his parents, a fascinating but star-crossed interracial couple, and arrives at a new understanding of the family dramas that shaped their lives—and his own. In a dramatic, moving work of historical reporting and personal discovery, Mark Whitaker, award-winning journalist, sets out to trace the story of what happened to his parents, a fascinating but star-crossed interracial couple, and arrives at a new understanding of the family dramas that shaped their lives—and his own.

Pig Candy Lise Funderburg 2008-05-13 The poignant, often comical story of a grown daughter getting to know her dying father in his last months in the rural town he'd fled as a young man. During a series of visits with her father to the South he'd escaped as a young black man, Lise Funderburg, the mixed-race author of the acclaimed *Black, White, Other*, comes to understand his rich and difficult background and the conflicting choices he has had to make throughout his life. Lise Funderburg is a child of the '60s, a white-looking mixed-race girl raised in an integrated Philadelphia neighborhood. As a child, she couldn't imagine what had made her father so strict, demanding, and elusive; about his past she knew only that he had grown up in the Jim Crow South and fled its brutal oppression as a young man. Then, just as she hits her forties, her father is diagnosed with advanced and terminal cancer -- an event that leads father and daughter together on a stream of pilgrimages to his hometown in rural Jasper County, Georgia. As her father's escort, proxy, and, finally, nurse, Funderburg encounters for the first time the fragrant landscape and fraught society -- and the extraordinary food -- of his childhood. In succulent, evocative, and sometimes tart prose, the author brings to life a fading rural South of pecan groves, family-run farms, and pork-laden country cuisine. She chronicles small-town relationships that span generations, the dismantling of her own assumptions about when race does and doesn't matter, and the quiet segregation that persists to this day. As Funderburg discovers the place and people her father comes from, she also, finally, gets to know her magnetic, idiosyncratic father himself. Her account of their thorny but increasingly close relationship is full of warmth, humor, and disarming candor. In one of his last grand acts Funderburg's father recruits his children, neighbors, and friends to throw a pig roast -- an unforgettable meal that caps an unforgettable portrait of a man enjoying his life and loved ones right up through his final days. *Pig Candy* takes readers on a stunning journey that becomes a universal investigation of identity and a celebration of the human will, familial love, and, ultimately, life itself.

The Dog Lived (and So Will I) Teresa J. Rhyne 2012 Recounts the author's journey nursing her adopted beagle Seamus through his cancer treatment as she learned to deal with medical situations, unknowingly preparing herself for her own later triple-negative breast cancer diagnosis.

Sometimes You Have to Bite the Dog Sam Coleman 2013-11-29 A collection of thoughts and advice from the perspective of a new father. From the birth to the first birthday these insights are a reflection of the changing role of the father in modern society and all that comes with it. This book is for the parent who feels lost in their new role.

The Education of Will Patricia B. McConnell 2017-02-21 "An animal behaviorist recounts the story of how in order to help a troubled dog she was compelled to revisit painful memories about her own past in order to gain understanding into the impact of trauma on the brain," --NovelList
The Real James Herriot James Wight 2011-04-27 No one is better poised to write the biography of James Herriot than the son who worked alongside him in the Yorkshire veterinary practice when Herriot became an internationally bestselling author. Now, in this warm and poignant memoir, Jim Wight talks about his father--the beloved veterinarian whom his family had to share with half the world. Alf Wight (aka James Herriot) grew up in Glasgow, where he lived during a happy rough-and-tumble childhood and then through the challenging years of training at the Glasgow Veterinary College. The story of how the young vet later traveled to the small Yorkshire town of Thirsk, aka Darrowby, to take the job of assistant vet is one that is well known through James Herriot's

internationally celebrated books and the popular *All Creatures Great and Small* television series. But Jim Wight's biography ventures beyond the trials and tribulations of his father's life as a veterinarian to reveal the man behind the stories--the private individual who refused to allow fame and wealth to interfere with his practice or his family. With access to all of his father's papers, correspondence, manuscripts, and photographs--and intimate remembrances of all the farmers, locals, and friends who populate the *James Herriot* books--only Jim Wight could write this definitive biography of the man who was not only his father but his best friend. NOTE: This edition does not include a photo insert.

The Boy Who Talked to Dogs Martin McKenna 2014-10-14 When Martin McKenna was growing up in Garryowen, Ireland, in the 1970s, he felt the whole world knew him as just "that stupid boy." Badly misunderstood by his family and teachers, Martin escaped from endless bullying by running away from home and eventually adopting--or being adopted by--six street dogs. Camping out in barns, escaping from farmers, and learning to fend for himself by caring for his new friends, Martin discovered a different kind of language, strict laws of behavior, and strange customs that defined the world of dogs. More importantly, his canine companions helped him understand the vital importance of family, courage, and self-respect--and that he wasn't stupid after all. Their lessons helped Martin make a name for himself as the "Dog Man" in Australia, where he now lives and dispenses his hard-earned wisdom to dog owners who are sometimes baffled by what their four-legged friends are trying to tell them. An emotional and poignant story seasoned with plenty of Frank McCourt-style humor, *The Boy Who Talked to Dogs* is an inspiration to anyone who's ever been told he or she won't amount to anything. It's also a unique, fascinating look into canine behavior. In these pages, Martin shows how modern life has conditioned dogs to act around humans, in some ways helpful, but in other ways unnatural to their true instincts, and how he has benefited enormously from learning to "talk dog."

Kika & Me Amit Patel 2020-02-20 From the challenges of travelling when blind to becoming a parent for the first time, *Kika & Me* is the moving, heart-warming and inspirational story of Dr Amit Patel's sight-loss journey and how one guide dog changed his world. 'Inspiring and compelling . . . rekindles one's faith in human nature' - Andrew Marr
Amit Patel is working as a trauma doctor when a rare condition causes him to lose his sight within thirty-six hours. Totally dependent on others and terrified of stepping outside with a white cane after he's assaulted, he hits rock bottom. He refuses to leave home on his own for three months. With the support of his wife Seema he slowly adapts to his new situation, but how could life ever be the way it was? Then his guide dog Kika comes along . . . But Kika's stubbornness almost puts her guide dog training in jeopardy - could her quirky personality be a perfect match for someone? Meanwhile Amit has reservations - can he trust a dog with his safety? Paired together in 2015, they start on a journey, learning to trust each other before taking to the streets of London and beyond. The partnership not only gives Amit a renewed lease of life but a new best friend. Then, after a video of an irate commuter rudely asking Amit to step aside on an escalator goes viral, he sets out with Kika by his side to spread a message of positivity and inclusivity, showing that nothing will hold them back. 'An incredible story of courage, perseverance and, ultimately love' - Sun 'The most moving book of the year' - *The Lady Always By My Side*
Edward Grinnan 2017-02-21 The editor-in-chief of *Guideposts* magazine shares the "heartfelt, honest, lovely" (New York Times bestselling author Dean Koontz) story of Millie, his beloved golden retriever, and how she taught him to be a more compassionate person, deepened his faith, and inspired him on his long-term path of recovery from addiction--with a foreword by Debbie Macomber. From the moment his new golden retriever puppy jumped into his arms, Edward Grinnan and his wife, Julee, were in love with her. Edward didn't know it yet, but Millie would change his life. In this moving memoir, Edward Grinnan writes about his life with Millie--from their first joyous meeting, through her struggle with cancer, and eventual heartbreaking death. Edward shares how her sensitivity, unconditional love, and innate goodness helped him discover those qualities in himself and put his complicated past in perspective. Edward also shares the lessons he has learned from other dogs he's loved--like Pete, a poodle his father bought him in the wake of his brother's death; Rudy, who introduced him to his wife; Sally Browne, a mischievous cocker spaniel who befriended the homeless in his neighborhood; and Marty, a hundred-pound Labrador whose behavioral issues challenged his and Julee's marriage--as well as lessons he's learned from the celebrated dog stories in *Guideposts* magazine. Poignant and insightful, *Always By My Side* is an inspiring book that

explores the unbreakable bond between man and dog, revealing how faith shapes our love for our dogs, and how our dogs shape our faith.

A Big Little Life Dean Koontz 2011-07-12 NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER • In a profound, funny, and beautifully rendered portrait of a beloved companion, bestselling novelist Dean Koontz remembers the golden retriever who changed his life. A retired service dog, Trixie was three when Dean and his wife, Gerda, welcomed her into their home. She was superbly trained, but her greatest gifts couldn't be taught: her keen intelligence, her innate joy, and an uncanny knack for living in the moment. Whether chasing a tennis ball or protecting those she loved, Trixie gave all she had to everything she did, inspiring Dean and Gerda to trust their instincts and recapture a sense of wonder that will remain with them always. Trixie lived fewer than twelve years; in this wide world, she was a little thing. But in every way that mattered, she lived a big life.

My Dad Killed My Dogs Randy S Boucher 2021-01-28 The questions I put before you. Was a father's love for his son so strong he went to any lengths to protect him? Or a son desperately needing the love of his father willing to believe anything? Either way, my dogs are dead. This story is one hundred percent true. No events or dates were changed to fit into this. I realize it may seem unbelievable to some, but it's still true. In fact, this may even leave one wondering whether or not I am crazy and probably should be committed. Well, I may be mad, and I probably should be committed, but that's for another book. What you are about to read really happened and has left me with an eerie feeling ever since. So much so that I had to once again re-examine that age-old question. Is there's life after death? For me, that question has finally been answered.

Have Dog, Will Travel Stephen Kuusisto 2019-03-19 In a lyrical love letter to guide dogs everywhere, a blind poet shares his delightful story of how a guide dog changed his life and helped him discover a newfound appreciation for travel and independence. Stephen Kuusisto was born legally blind—but he was also raised in the 1950s and taught to deny his blindness in order to "pass" as sighted. Stephen attended public school, rode a bike, and read books pressed right up against his nose. As an adult, he coped with his limited vision by becoming a professor in a small college town, memorizing routes for all of the places he needed to be. Then, at the age of thirty-eight, he was laid off. With no other job opportunities in his vicinity, he would have to travel to find work. This is how he found himself at Guiding Eyes, paired with a Labrador named Corky. In this vivid and lyrical memoir, Stephen Kuusisto recounts how an incredible partnership with a guide dog changed his life and the heart-stopping, wondrous adventure that began for him in midlife. Profound and deeply moving, this is a spiritual journey, the story of discovering that life with a guide dog is both a method and a state of mind.

Stepdog Mireya Navarro 2015-04-21 Stepdog is the hilarious and heartwarming tale of a woman who has finally met the man of her dreams—and the dog of her nightmares. Winner of the June 2015 Elle Readers Prize Lots of dogs eat shoes, bite people, destroy furniture . . . but Eddie tried to destroy a marriage. After more than three decades of happy single womanhood, Mia Navarro wasn't really looking to change her relationship status. The idea of being a step-anything to anyone was foreign to her, something she never thought about. . . . Until she fell in love with Jim and agreed to marry him. As it turns out, the marriage is pretty wonderful, the stepkids were, well, typical pre-teens, the weather in Los Angeles perfect. But life is not spotless. The spots belong to Jim's mutt, Eddie. Possessive and jealous, Eddie behaves like Jim's mistress—if a mistress could bark and compete for space on his beloved's lap. As time goes on, a full-on war ensues. Mia slams the door in Eddie's face, cordons off the house into dog- and wife-territories, and leaves the back door open . . . by, er, accident, of course. She even tries to leave Eddie behind in California when she and Jim abruptly relocate to New York. But in the end, it's clear that not even a wife can come between man and dog. As Eddie ages, Mia softens, and as with any new family struggling to blend, the two must make peace with each other. Ultimately, Stepdog is a triumphant story about finding love at an unexpected stage in life and the many unforeseen obstacles—not only of the four-legged variety—that can get in the way on the road to happily ever after.

My Dad My Dog Rebecca Warner 2020-11-19 When she moves her Alzheimer's-afflicted dad into the home she shares with her husband and elderly dog, Rachel Morgan expects some complications, but she never imagines the biggest one will occur on the first day, threatening her best-intentioned caregiving plans. Her normally sweet-natured dad—a former mailman who experienced too many run-ins with biting dogs—is adamant about wanting nothing to do with her big black Labrador. But as Rachel

tends to the escalating physical and emotional needs of each, she notices the striking similarities in their aging processes, and realizes these two souls whom she loves deeply are on the same journey. With time working against her, Rachel must find a way to transform their uneasy truce into a trusting companionship. In doing so, she hopes to make their shared journey less lonely and frightening—and more bearable for those who must someday let them go.

Marley & Me John Grogan 2009-03-17 The heartwarming and unforgettable story of a family and the wondrously neurotic dog who taught them what really matters in life. Now with photos and new material. Is it possible for humans to discover the key to happiness through a bigger-than-life, bad-boy dog? Just ask the Grogans. John and Jenny were just beginning their life together. They were young and in love, with not a care in the world. Then they brought home Marley, a wiggly yellow furball of a puppy. Life would never be the same. Marley grew into a barreling, ninety-seven-pound streamroller of a Labrador retriever. He crashed through screen doors, gouged through drywall, and stole women's undergarments. Obedience school did no good -- Marley was expelled. But just as Marley joyfully refused any limits on his behavior, his love and loyalty were boundless, too. Marley remained a model of devotion, even when his family was at its wit's end. Unconditional love, they would learn, comes in many forms. *Marley & Me* is John Grogan's funny, unforgettable tribute to this wonderful, wildly neurotic Lab and the meaning he brought to their lives.

Dog Years Mark Doty 2007-03-13 Why do dogs speak so profoundly to our inner lives? When Mark Doty decides to adopt a dog as a companion for his dying partner, he finds himself bringing home Beau, a large golden retriever, malnourished and in need of loving care. Beau joins Arden, the black retriever, to complete their family. As Beau bounds back into life, the two dogs become Mark Doty's intimate companions, his solace, and eventually the very life force that keeps him from abandoning all hope during the darkest days. Their tenacity, loyalty, and love inspire him when all else fails. *Dog Years* is a remarkable work: a moving and intimate memoir interwoven with profound reflections on our feelings for animals and the lessons they teach us about life, love, and loss. Mark Doty writes about the heart-wrenching vulnerability of dogs, the positive energy and joy they bring, and the gift they bear us of unconditional love. A book unlike any other, Mark Doty's surprising meditation is radiantly unsentimental yet profoundly affecting. Beautifully written, *Dog Years* is a classic in the making.

The Longest Trip Home John Grogan 2009-10-06 Meet the Grogans Before there was Marley, there was a gleefully mischievous boy navigating his way through the seismic social upheaval of the 1960s. On the one side were his loving but comically traditional parents, whose expectations were clear. On the other were his neighborhood pals and all the misdeeds that followed. The more young John tried to straddle these two worlds, the more spectacularly, and hilariously, he failed. Told with Grogan's trademark humor and affection, *The Longest Trip Home* is the story of one son's journey into adulthood to claim his place in the world. It is a story of faith and reconciliation, breaking away and finding the way home again, and learning in the end that a family's love will triumph over its differences.

Cathedral of the Wild Boyd Varty 2014-03-11 "This is a gorgeous, lyrical, hilarious, important book. . . . Read this and you may find yourself instinctively beginning to heal old wounds: in yourself, in others, and just maybe in the cathedral of the wild that is our true home."—Martha Beck, author of *Finding Your Own North Star* Boyd Varty had an unconventional upbringing. He grew up on Londolozi Game Reserve in South Africa, a place where man and nature strive for balance, where perils exist alongside wonders. Founded more than eighty years ago as a hunting ground, Londolozi was transformed into a nature reserve beginning in 1973 by Varty's father and uncle, visionaries of the restoration movement. But it wasn't just a sanctuary for the animals; it was also a place for ravaged land to flourish again and for the human spirit to be restored. When Nelson Mandela was released after twenty-seven years of imprisonment, he came to the reserve to recover. *Cathedral of the Wild* is Varty's memoir of his life in this exquisite and vast refuge. At Londolozi, Varty gained the confidence that emerges from living in Africa. "We came out strong and largely unafraid of life," he writes, "with the full knowledge of its dangers." It was there that young Boyd and his equally adventurous sister learned to track animals, raised leopard and lion cubs, followed their larger-than-life uncle on his many adventures filming wildlife, and became one with the land. Varty survived a harrowing black mamba encounter, a debilitating bout with malaria, even a vicious crocodile attack, but his biggest challenge was a

personal crisis of purpose. An intense spiritual quest takes him across the globe and back again—to reconnect with nature and “rediscover the track.” Cathedral of the Wild is a story of transformation that inspires a great appreciation for the beauty and order of the natural world. With conviction, hope, and humor, Varty makes a passionate claim for the power of the wild to restore the human spirit. Praise for Cathedral of the Wild “Extremely touching . . . a book about growth and hope.”—The New York Times “It made me cry with its hard-won truths about human and animal nature. . . . Both funny and deeply moving, this book belongs on the shelf of everyone who seeks healing in wilderness.”—BookPage

The Gerbil Farmer's Daughter Holly Robinson 2010-06-29 “What kind of Navy officer sits on his ship in the middle of the Mediterranean dreaming of gerbils?” That’s the question that Holly Robinson sets out to answer in this warm and rollicking memoir of life with her father, the world’s most famous gerbil czar. Starting with a few pairs of gerbils housed for curiosity’s sake in the family’s garage, Donald Robinson’s obsession with the “pocket kangaroo” developed into a lifelong passion and second career. Soon the Annapolis-trained Navy commander was breeding gerbils and writing about them for publications ranging from the ever-bouncy Highlights for Children to the erudite Science News. To support his burgeoning business, the family eventually settled on a remote hundred-acre farm with horses, sheep, pygmy goats, peacocks—and nearly nine thousand gerbils. From part-time model for her father’s bestselling pet book, How to Raise and Train Pet Gerbils, to full-time employee in the gerbil empire’s complex of prefab Sears buildings, Holly was an enthusiastic if often exasperated companion on her father’s quest to breed the perfect gerbil. Told with heart, humor, and affection, The Gerbil Farmer’s Daughter is Holly’s ode to a weird and wonderful upbringing and her truly one-of-a-kind father.

Remembering Strawberry Fields: A Memoir Mary E. Matury Gibson 2014-12-11 Mary E. Matury Gibson's debut memoir depicts the life of a first-generation American coming of age in a small rural town. In a world before the Beatles and the computer age life was very different. It was a time of innocence before history would form us and affect us in ways we could have never imagined.

Dog Gone Pauls Toutonghi 2017-04-04 The true story of a lost dog’s journey and a family’s furious search to find him before it is too late. Along the way, a father and son discover their own lost bond. Suspenseful, heartbreaking, and ultimately life-affirming, Dog Gone shows us the way heroism can assert itself in the little things we do each day. • Soon to be a Netflix Film Starring Rob Lowe. October 10, 1998. Fielding Marshall is hiking on the Appalachian Trail. His beloved dog—a six-year-old golden retriever mix named Gonker—bolts into the woods. Just like that, he’s vanished. And Gonker has Addison’s disease. If he’s not found in twenty-three days, he will die. Dog Gone is the story of the Marshall family—Fielding and his parents, John and Virginia—and their epic hunt to track down Gonker. As their search continues, covered by news outlets and drawing in the community at large, old wounds reemerge, threatening to undo the Marshalls—but also presenting the opportunity for long-overdue healing.

Shoe Dog Phil Knight 2016-04-26 In this instant and tenacious New York Times bestseller, Nike founder and board chairman Phil Knight “offers a rare and revealing look at the notoriously media-shy man behind the swoosh” (Booklist, starred review), illuminating his company’s early days as an intrepid start-up and its evolution into one of the world’s most iconic, game-changing, and profitable brands. Bill Gates named Shoe Dog one of his five favorite books of 2016 and called it “an amazing tale, a refreshingly honest reminder of what the path to business success really looks like. It’s a messy, perilous, and chaotic journey, riddled with mistakes, endless struggles, and sacrifice. Phil Knight opens up in ways few CEOs are willing to do.” Fresh out of business school, Phil Knight borrowed fifty dollars from his father and launched a company with one simple mission: import high-quality, low-cost running shoes from Japan. Selling the shoes from the trunk of his car in 1963, Knight grossed eight thousand dollars that first year. Today, Nike’s annual sales top \$30 billion. In this age of start-ups, Knight’s Nike is the gold standard, and its swoosh is one of the few icons instantly recognized in every corner of the world. But Knight, the man behind the swoosh, has always been a mystery. In Shoe Dog, he tells his story at last. At twenty-four, Knight decides that rather than work for a big corporation, he will create something all his own, new, dynamic, different. He details the many risks he encountered, the crushing setbacks, the ruthless competitors and hostile bankers—as well as his many thrilling triumphs. Above all, he recalls the relationships that formed the heart and soul of Nike, with his former track coach, the irascible and charismatic Bill Bowerman, and

with his first employees, a ragtag group of misfits and savants who quickly became a band of swoosh-crazed brothers. Together, harnessing the electrifying power of a bold vision and a shared belief in the transformative power of sports, they created a brand—and a culture—that changed everything.

Win from the Back: Memoirs of a Racecar Mechanic Carla 2011-11-08 This is a mechanics story. Lew has worked on a variety of cars and racecars though out his career. This is also the story of a little boy who used to listen to the Indianapolis 500 on the radio in his little hometown in Pennsylvania and dream about going there. This is the story of a man whos dream came true when he walked through the gates of the Indianapolis Speedway for the first time in 1970. It is also the story of a family, their friends and a lifestyle. Lews wife Joan always said, Life with Lew has been interesting, I never knew what to expect. That is the truth. **Father's Day** Buzz Bissinger 2012 The author recounts a father-son road trip during which he gained insight into the worldviews, challenges, and talents of his socially challenged savant son, Zach.

A Dog's Journey W. Bruce Cameron 2012-05-08 Believing that he has achieved his purpose throughout several eventful lives, Buddy the dog is drawn to a vibrant but troubled teen who he struggles to help when they are separated. By the author of the best-selling A Dog's Purpose.

Dog Water Free, a Memoir Michael Jay 2017-11-20 2017 indieBRAG Contest Winner for Non Fiction Books Meet Joe Black visits The Wonder Years in the true story of DOG WATER FREE. It chronicles a journey by a boy named Mikee, whose coming-of-age search for emotional truth lands a dumbstruck orphan from the unlikely side of Detroit front and center before icons of culture who have shaped the mindsets of nations: England's Queen Elizabeth II; America's Maestro Leonard Bernstein; the first non-Italian Pontiff in more than 400 years, John Paul II; and a young college co-ed who would become the first woman in history to be elected to lead an Islamic nation, Benazir Bhutto. A family saga at its core, DOG WATER FREE is an uplifting story of discovery that will appeal to fans of The Glass Castle and Angela's Ashes as it pulls back the curtain on adolescent bewilderment while celebrating a remarkable hero in the person of an ordinary mom who is thrust into an extraordinary situation, the likes of which few could imagine. Mikee is eleven when his world turns upside down as his mom shares news from her doctor. She has a year to prepare her family for her death. Her passing will leave the man she loves and the four children she cherishes alone to fend for themselves. "At least you'll always have your dad," she comforts. Still on her mission fifteen months later, her focus heightens when her husband drops dead. With that, Mikee's improbable coming-of-age adventure begins.

High School Memoirs: a Journey in Surrealism Sean C. Cusack 2007-11-14 Synopsis High School Memoirs: A Journey in Surrealism is a tear-jerking, hilarious ride for a less-than-ordinary High School student who battles bullies and librarians to become King of the Classroom. Set in a small Catholic High School on the north side of Chicago, author Sean Cusack takes us on a surrealistic journey through four fun-filled years of triumph and tragedy in this unique epic. The journey begins with Sean Cusack entering St. Bernadin High School in August of 1995 as a very young and innocent Freshman student. He focuses on several life changing experiences in his infant days of High School that change him forever. Innocence Lost traces the steps Sean Cusack took that ultimately lead him on a path toward frequent battles with students and the school faculty and Administration. As a Sophomore, The Ride most certainly takes us on a ride through fights, vandalism, and verbal debacles that continued to steer the vengeful ship that Sean Cusack had been building since a Freshman. He now had become the ships Captain as it set sail. The Ride takes us through many strange and mysterious encounters that add more of a surrealist element to this budding melodrama and comedic satire. Sean Cusacks roses bud Junior Year in Forever Remembered, when he becomes a charismatic hero and leader of a rebellious group of students that pillage and plunder the school and faculty in wild and zany antics. Forever Remembered embodies the humorous and more imaginative side of Sean Cusack as the journey through High School becomes more surreal. Senior Year wraps up the trials and tribulations that Sean Cusack had endured thus far in his High School experience culminating into one person after years of battling the Defunct Administration. He is molded by evil as the rebellious youth becomes totally hellbent on crippling the school. In the end, he loses friends, respect from teachers, but most of all, he loses faith in his cause, yet ends his High School experience with a fantastical and triumphant bow. Sean Cusack proves that not all High School stories are the same in this turbulent and chaotic autobiography. High School Memoirs: A

Journey in Surrealism chronicles a strange and unique history that is truly a step above the rest.

My Life with Dogs Jordan Marie 2015-06-16 Jordan Marie's book, *My Life With Dogs*, is a personal story of one girl's journey with dogs while facing life's trials and triumphs. "It's very refreshing to live in a community where parents are actively engaged in their children's lives and promote a sense of stewardship and community service. Jordan Marie is a shining example of this community spirit and has the gift and willingness to help animals with care and love. In Germantown, we are proud of her efforts and wish her continued success as she encourages others through her writing and actions." - Mike Palazzolo, Mayor, City of Germantown "As the father of two daughters and owner of a rescue dog, *My Life With Dogs* is really inspiring. It speaks to the talent and compassion of a young girl and dog lover. Jordan Marie, my daughter, Lauren, considers it a great privilege to call you a friend. We can't wait to read the next one. Keep up the great work!" - Kevin Woods, Shelby County School Board

My Dog Skip Willie Morris 2008-12-18 Now a major motion picture from Warner Brothers, starring Kevin Bacon, Diane Lane, Luke Wilson, Frankie Muniz, and "Eddie" from the TV show *Frasier* (as Skip), and produced by Mark Johnson (Rain Man). In 1943 in a sleepy town on the banks of the Yazoo River, a boy fell in love with a puppy with a lively gait and an intelligent way of listening. The two grew up together having the most wonderful adventures. A classic story of a boy, a dog, and small-town America, *My Dog Skip* belongs on the same shelf as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and Russell Baker's *Growing Up*. It will enchant readers of all ages for years to come.

Riding the White Horse Home Teresa Jordan 1994-05-31 The daughter and granddaughter of Wyoming ranchers, Teresa Jordan gives us a lyrical and superbly evocative book that is at once a family chronicle and a eulogy for the land her people helped shape and in time were forced to leave. Author readings.

What Is a Dog? Chloe Shaw 2021-07-13 On the heels of her family's beloved dog's death, one woman returns to the canines of her past in order to imagine the human she hopes to become in the future in her memoir, *What Is a Dog?* Chloe Shaw is in a dog house of her own choosing. A married mother with kids, the death of Booker, her children's eldest family pet, has left her reeling and reckoning with her lifelong relationship with dogs. Unable to shake the feeling a year later, she asks her family for some time alone to be with nothing but her thoughts and remaining canines, Safari and Otter—only to find the dogs of her past pawing at her every memory and running, sticks in mouths, back into her life. What follows is a meditation on one woman's life through the dogs she's loved and lost. Since she was a child, Shaw had learned to escape the hardest parts of being human by immersing herself in the lives of her canine companions, an adaptive attachment that carried her to adulthood. Yet, in marriage and motherhood, Shaw finds herself facing her most human struggles yet. Her old ways of "being the dog" in the face of hardship prove destructive, and it's not until she's able to love herself and learn from the dogs of her past and present that can she truly thrive as a person, and show up for the family who needs her to be their person. With artful prose and a philosophical touch, Shaw takes us on an emotional journey anyone who has ever loved and lost a dog will connect with—and discovers dogs do more than just make our lives better—they quietly (and sometimes loudly) pull us boldly toward the person we were always meant to be.

Wild Ride Home Christine Hemp 2020-02-04 ** "This memoir seems written directly from Hemp's soul, as she beautifully shares her moving story of learning to love and trust again after loss."--Booklist ** Christine Hemp's debut work of nonfiction, *Wild Ride Home*, is a brilliant memoir, looping themes of finding love and losing love, of going away and coming home, of the wretched course of Alzheimer's, of cancer, of lost pregnancies, of fly fishing and horsemanship, of second chances, and, ultimately, of the triumph of love and family—all told within the framework of the training of a little white horse named Buddy. *Wild Ride Home* invites the reader into the close Hemp family, which believes beauty and humor outshine the most devastating circumstances. Such optimism is challenged when the author suffers a series of blows: a dangerous fiancé, her mother's dementia, unexpected death and illness. Buddy, a feisty, unforgettable little Arabian horse with his own history to overcome, offers her a chance to look back on her own life and learn to trust again, not only others, but more importantly, herself. Hemp skillfully guides us through a memoir that is, despite devastating loss, above all, an ode to joy.

Hound Dog Blues Peg Stomierowski Gould 2017-08-25 Nothing makes

author Peg Gould smile like seeing Duke, her iron hulk of a dog, bound into the enclosed fields of the dog park near home with true hound-dog swagger, tail held high and wagging wildly. His velvety black hair and droopy jowls often are noticed and appreciated by onlookers as though they were sighting Elvis himself. *Hound Dog Blues* follows much of her reflection about life and death after she learns Duke has a terminal disease. Over the next weeks and months in trying to serve Duke's needs for exercise, rest, stimulation, and purpose, but also for effective anxiety and pain management the author is reminded of the early death of her mother from heart disease decades before. Ultimately, she is persuaded that our pets, with their shorter life spans, show us the way and have much to teach us about love, acceptance, and graceful loss. This is especially so if you are willing to uncover the depth of an animal's anchoring role in your life and mourn the passing of a true companion. **The Ride of a Lifetime** Robert Iger 2019-09-23 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A memoir of leadership and success: The executive chairman of Disney, Time's 2019 businessperson of the year, shares the ideas and values he embraced during his fifteen years as CEO while reinventing one of the world's most beloved companies and inspiring the people who bring the magic to life. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NPR Robert Iger became CEO of The Walt Disney Company in 2005, during a difficult time. Competition was more intense than ever and technology was changing faster than at any time in the company's history. His vision came down to three clear ideas: Recommit to the concept that quality matters, embrace technology instead of fighting it, and think bigger—think global—and turn Disney into a stronger brand in international markets. Today, Disney is the largest, most admired media company in the world, counting Pixar, Marvel, Lucasfilm, and 21st Century Fox among its properties. Its value is nearly five times what it was when Iger took over, and he is recognized as one of the most innovative and successful CEOs of our era. In *The Ride of a Lifetime*, Robert Iger shares the lessons he learned while running Disney and leading its 220,000-plus employees, and he explores the principles that are necessary for true leadership, including: • Optimism. Even in the face of difficulty, an optimistic leader will find the path toward the best possible outcome and focus on that, rather than give in to pessimism and blaming. • Courage. Leaders have to be willing to take risks and place big bets. Fear of failure destroys creativity. • Decisiveness. All decisions, no matter how difficult, can be made on a timely basis. Indecisiveness is both wasteful and destructive to morale. • Fairness. Treat people decently, with empathy, and be accessible to them. This book is about the relentless curiosity that has driven Iger for forty-five years, since the day he started as the lowliest studio grunt at ABC. It's also about thoughtfulness and respect, and a decency-over-dollars approach that has become the bedrock of every project and partnership Iger pursues, from a deep friendship with Steve Jobs in his final years to an abiding love of the Star Wars mythology. "The ideas in this book strike me as universal" Iger writes. "Not just to the aspiring CEOs of the world, but to anyone wanting to feel less fearful, more confidently themselves, as they navigate their professional and even personal lives."

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