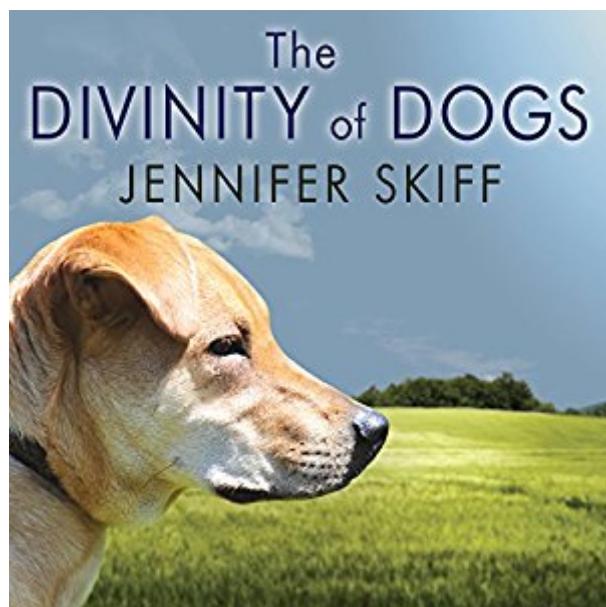


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The Divinity Of Dogs: True Stories Of Miracles Inspired By Man's Best Friend



Synopsis

"My dogs have been the reason I have woken up every single day of my life with a smile on my face. I am among the ranks of millions of people who appreciate the souls of dogs and know they are a gift of pure love and an example of all that is good." (Jennifer Skiff) The Divinity of Dogs is about the moments you learn something profound about life from an experience with a dog. Featuring more than 70 stories culled from hundreds of submissions to the author's Web site, these inspiring and heartwarming true stories show where love, tolerance, comfort, compassion, loyalty, joyfulness, and even death have provided experiences that have led to spiritual enlightenment. You'll meet Little Bit, the Chihuahua who detected a small lump in her owner's breast, a growth even doctors couldn't find. There's Emma, the devoted rottweiler who ferociously grabbed her owner's arm at the moment he was trying to commit suicide, saving his life. You'll be inspired by Luna, the retriever who dragged her owner to safety after she collapsed late at night in a field. And you'll fall in love with the many dogs who simply provide steady comfort when needed - dogs like Bo, the boxer who soothed his mistress after the loss of her son. The author also weaves her own experiences with dogs throughout the book, showing how they comforted her through mistreatment as a child, a divorce, and a cancer diagnosis. The stories that make up The Divinity of Dogs provide hope, help, and healing for listeners in the complex and difficult times in which we live. Whether you believe dogs are divine or are actually a gift from the divine, The Divinity of Dogs gives you permission to accept what you know: Dogs are healers, educators, protectors, and tangible examples of pure love.

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Customer Reviews

Bravo! This short story novel about rescued dogs that often wind up rescuing their owners is such a delightful read. It takes no time at all to consume this delightful confection but I doubt one can complete it without crying once, if not continuously, throughout the book. It spoke to me in so many ways and really made me appreciate the two dogs we are now given to guide us through this life. There have been others before and there will hopefully be more to come because I can't imagine life without a dog in it. Jennifer Skiff does a great job of putting stories and photos together into their respective storyline. It really helps to have the pictures as it makes the stories come alive. This is a must read for all dog lovers--it will help keep us humane; live in the moment; forgive and forget; and enjoy every moment that you are given in this lifetime. Thank you Jennifer for reminding me how precious my dogs really are. Of course, there was the one special guy that saw me through some tough times and taught me to laugh and love again--thank you Gus--you are never far from my heart.

Before I begin, I found this book in the "Pet's Section" of Barnes and Noble. It deserves to be in the main table under "New Releases!" For those who love to read, and love dogs, this is a "must read." We all need to read the serious books, but we also need to read books which uplift our souls, and this is one such book. Even if you already that a dog is man's best friend, this book confirms it. Dogs enrich and enhance our lives, and sometimes allows their owners to learn from them. How tragic that when friends and family fail to love us when it is most important, it is sometimes dogs that come to our rescue and love us unconditionally, which sometimes makes all the difference in the world. This book can be read and re-read for years. It makes us realize why we brave the cold and snow to take them for one last walk at night, and why we allow them to shake off the rain in our homes and curl up next to us on the sofa. For those of us who know why we love our dogs unconditionally, it is a wonderful reminder that we are not alone. This is a wonderful read, and the collection of stories was awesome. Some sad, some glad, but all full of love.

"They may be the purest example of divine love in an earthly soul many of us ever experience. If we take their lead, open our hearts, and embrace their love, we may just find our own journey a lot more enlightening." This book is a collection of dog stories from people of all walks of life. I felt such a camaraderie with all the people featured in this book; fellow dog lovers, many of whom never

intended to even have a dog. But you don't have to be a dog lover to appreciate the stories in this book. It is so much more than a collection of dog stories. It is the celebration of the human spirit, as well. The author expresses so well what I know many of us dog lovers feel: "Like many people, I've always been able to count on a dog. I've never truly felt the same way about people. I know I'm not alone, and I don't look at this as a bad thing. I think it's okay. We all have trials in life. It's what we learn from them that matters. I've learned never to underestimate the ability of a dog to provide comfort where a person can't." What's striking about these stories is how many of the dogs featured were rescues; rescued from abuse and neglect. What's more striking, is that each story illustrates that it wasn't just the dog that was rescued; it was the human who was rescued, as well. Their lives were changed forever from knowing a particular dog. Of course I boo-hooed thru it. It is not just the stories that Jennifer Skiff collected but her OWN story that makes this such a compelling book. Her writing has such a clarity & flow to it and her story is heart-breaking & heart warming all at the same time. Healing happens when we tell our stories. It also happens for the people reading them. Her book is a book of healing and hope, not just for dog lovers, but for anyone who has suffered abuse. It's divinely inspired. This book will have you appreciating your own 4-legged loved ones that much more. I had so many sweet memories of my others dogs come flooding back as I read each of these powerful stories. If you love dogs, you will find yourself reaching for the tissues. Don't let that deter you because you will also laugh and celebrate and have your faith in humanity restored by reading these stories. I can't say enough good things about this book. It is sure to become a classic!

It took me a long time to get through this book. It is not a page turner. It is a book to be savored slowly. True Stories of Dogs sent into lives to help in time of need. Dogs who have been abandoned and mistreated and yet still show love so that one just feels that they were a part of the Divine and were sent into our lives to do His work. These stories will (should) touch your heart and make you realize just how much having a dog can enrich and yes even save your lives. Another reason it took me so long to read the book is because I could not get through two stories without a catch in my throat and a tear in my eye. My heart went out to the children and adults whose lives were touched by these four legged saints sent to help. I read it on my Kindle and thoroughly enjoyed it.

This a wonderfully beautifully written collection of dog stories. Both heart wrenching and heartwarming, always inspirational! I started reading it slowly as the stories often made my eyes leak... but then I couldn't put it down! I could relate to each story in some way and it made me think back on all the wonderful dogs I've had the honor of having in my life. Each has taught me, guided

me, supported and entertained me. And each has, in their own way, saved my life. And each has left pawprints on my heart!

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