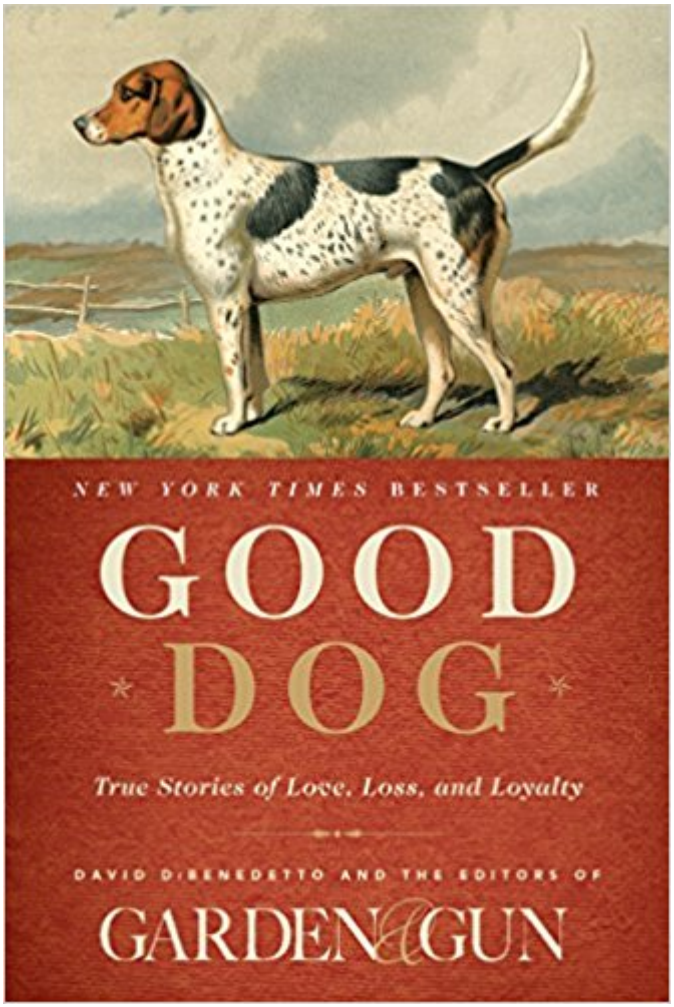
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Good Dog: True Stories Of Love, Loss, And Loyalty



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Synopsis

Inspired by Garden & Gun magazineÃ¢â ¬â„¢s popular Ã¢â ¬Å“Good DogÃ¢â ¬Â• column, a rich collection of true stories celebrating the unique relationship between humans and their canine companions, penned by some of todayÃ¢â ¬â„¢s top writers, including Jon Meacham, Roy Blount, Jr, Dominique Browning, and P.J. OÃ¢â ¬â„¢Rourke.When Garden & Gun magazine debuted a column aptly named Ã¢â ¬Å“Good Dog,Ã¢â ¬Â• it quickly became one of the publicationÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most popular features in print. Now, Editor-in-Chief David DiBennedetto (proud owner of a Boykin spaniel) and the editors of G&G have gathered the most memorable stories, as well as original pieces, in this collection of essays written by some of most notable dog owners in literature and journalism.Good Dog offers memorable, beautifully written stories of dog ownership, companionship, friendship, and kinship. From the troublemakers who canÃ¢â ¬â„¢t be fenced in to the lifelong companions who wonÃ¢â ¬â„¢t leave our sides, this poignant anthology showcases manÃ¢â ¬â„¢s best friend through all of his most endearingÃ¢â ¬â •and sometimes maddeningÃ¢â ¬â •attributes. By turns inspirational and humorous (just like the dogs we love), Good Dog is a must-have collection for dog lovers everywhere.

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book.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Mika Brzezinski, MSNBC’s "Morning Joe")Ã¢â ¬Å“A heartwarming collection that will please even the diehard cat-lovers among us.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Publishers Weekly)

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I subscribe to Garden and Gun and Good Dog is the first article I read every month, so I was excited to see and order the book. In the magazine there is always a GREAT cartoon illustration to accompany every article. Unfortunately, they did not make it to the book. That is the only reason I did not give it 5 stars

I enjoyed this book, as I am confident that any dog lover would. Each short segment or chapter is written by a different author, who shares their own individual experiences with various dogs they have adopted. Most of these contributions include humor, all of them reflect respect and appreciation for the dogs they’ve befriended. Some of the associations and reflections are touching, but this is far from being a "sad" or melancholy read....that it definately is not. The chapters are short, each easily readable in 10 or 15 minutes.Anyone who appreciates the special relationship between humans and dogs will enjoy this book. Readers will see many of their own feelings and experiences as they read "Good Dog".

This book is a delightful compendium of stories of dog companionship and friendship, spanning the range of dedication, loyalty, and occassional maddness that comes along with man’s best friend.This book is indeed a great collection for dog lovers everywhere.

As a writer of stories I am always on the look out for good stories. I found it with this book. The stories range from simple to no so simple in the wonderful world of dogs. The stories touch all the emotions as a good story will do. With the world a train wreck during these hard times, the dog

always seems to continue to offer a safe and wonderful place to hide from this world we live in. It seems to me that you could easily find some more of these great stories to make a Good Dog part 2. Thanks to the author for bringing these stories together in this book!!!!!

These are short stories taken straight from "Garden and Gun" magazine. If you love dogs, you'll love this collection of stories all about dogs and previously published in the magazine. Garden and Gun magazine hires top-notch writers to write a dog story for each issue, and these are some of the best. You'll laugh, cry, and maybe even be impressed with the feats of the dogs in these stories. GREAT bed-time book, as each story is only a few pages long. Buy TWO and give one as a gift to your dog loving friend.

Cliched. Living rough in a cabin in the woods. The redeeming love interest. Moving to the City. Fond memories

I'm a dog guy. I have a German Shepherd, English Shepherd, and Ridgeback something or other all sleeping with a few feet of me as I write this. A good woman, a good dog, and a good truck make for a good life. Some of these writers understand that, some don't. There is one great joke in this book, some great stories. Worth reading. And no, you will not learn anything new about dogs in this book, just maybe understand your place in dog world a little better.

I love dogs. I love stories about dogs. I love people who tell stories about their dogs. And sometimes I buy books simply because there is a good-looking dog on the cover. That was what happened with this book. Mistake. These stories lack two things: passion (it might be love or disgust, but some strong feeling about the subject of their tales) and development. Even a kitchen-table story teller has to keep his listener with him, has to make her wonder about the outcome, has to pull her and her heart into his story. He has to create some domestic suspense and then present an ending consistent with his theme. That just doesn't happen in these stories. This book is for people who want to read about writers' commonplace lives and who also like dogs. But don't look for the story that surprises you, makes you weep or exult, that reminds you of a poignant event in your own life with dogs. In nearly every story, the writer stands at an odd emotional distance from his pup. Writers in general are a self-absorbed lot, and a lot of southern writers who make their living on being from the South and giving workshops and talking about writing in front of college students or little old ladies often forget the only thing that matters is whether they tell a really absorbing, good story that

makes the reader. This book doesn't contain stories like that. It's the only dog book I've ever truly, deeply regretted buying.

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