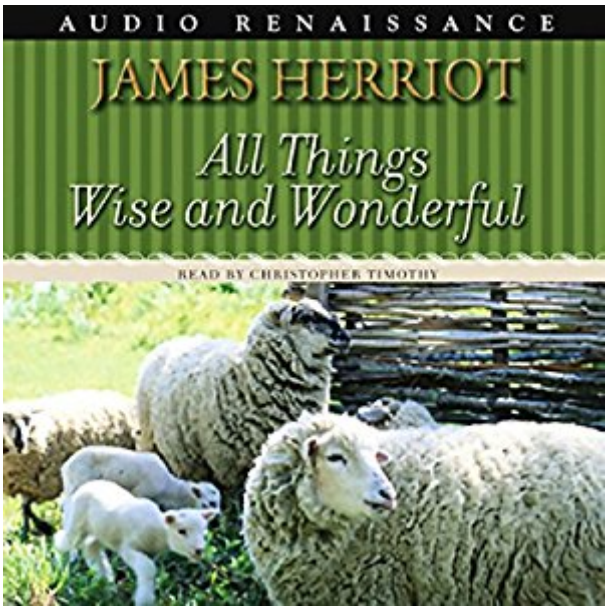
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Synopsis

This omnibus volume comprises James Herriot’s fifth and sixth books, "Vets Might Fly" and "Vet in a Spin". James and Helen’s new marriage is interrupted by World War II, and this volume recounts Herriot’s experiences in the RAF. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

The only difference between this book and Herriot’s others is that he has to cover more ground. He’s flitting back and forth between his World War II experiences in the RAF and more of his experiences in the Yorkshire countryside with his beloved farm animals and some domestic animals. This made for a very complete autobiography. I found the story of his first solo flight to be very interesting. I think that there seem to be more people stories in this one than in the others, and some of them are sad, poignant stories.I think I have become addicted to Herriot’s style of writing in his other books where he will provide us with stories of his day-to-day experiences with the animals and their owners. The effect is more immediate--he tells how the phone awakens him in the night and every detail of what happens when he reaches the side of the animal who is in labor or in pain or distress of some sort. Never what you would call a true animal lover, I have found that these stories put me in another place--they make me feel compassion for the animals (and their owners). Whereas, in this book he will tell rather typical military stories and then write that he is reminded of the time when he had to go out to a farm and nurse a certain animal back to health. We still get many of the stories which we have learned to crave from our warm and compassionate veterinarian,

but the effect isn’t as focused. It’s still a very good book, but I will say that there were times when his people stories, whether military or civilian, dragged a little for me. I’d find myself eager to return to his animal world. This is where he shines--when describing both the farm animals and the domestic animals whom he treated and, in many cases, learned to love.I’m very glad that I read this book. I learned more about his multi-faceted life (it was good to get to know his wife better too). I highly recommend the book. Who knew that I, a 66-year-old lady who has kept her distance from animals her whole life, would become so addicted to Herriot’s charming animal stories. In a way they read like a series of short mystery stories. The reader, instead of trying to figure out the perpetrator of a crime, is trying to figure out with Herriot, the cause of an animal’s health problem. His books make for fascinating reading, and I’m proof that one doesn’t have to be a lifelong animal lover to love these books.

This is everything you expect from a Herriot book. I think this one has been the best of the three, partly because I enjoyed the mix of Yorkshire memories with RAF memories. This one definitely has the biggest tear-jerker for cat people with the story about a feral cat named Debbie (which has a bittersweet, hopeful ending that still makes me cry thinking about it), balanced with the story of Oscar, the cat who liked to go to meetings.There was one story that I thought I had already read, but it may have been in one of the previews.I also enjoyed him finally having a gotcha moment or two, instead of always being the victim of them.Well worth getting, especially if is running a deal on it.

I have all of Herriot"s books and have spent many a happy hour with them. I have also read several of the books, created by illustrating individual stories from Herriot"s books and sold for children.My students loved them and read them over and over with obvious delight,It is so refreshing to read something uplifting and family-oriented these days

Talk about a culture shock, I just finished a review of "The Old Breed At Peleliu and Okinawa"and now James Herriot and his time as a vet..The good thing about the Kindle I have these books close by...Apparently we cannot have the life Herriot lived, unless we have men Like Sledge tomake it possible..I recommend all of Herriots books, makes Sledge and other combat veterans sacrificesworth while..Dutch.....

I will forever have a soft spot in my heart for all things Herriot. I read the childrenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s

books to my children over and over again and we have visited the town of Thirsk in Yorkshire and the James Herriot Museum, which we loved.This book however, has been my least favorite so far. DonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t get me wrong. I still liked it very much, just not nearly as much as the others that IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve read. I didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t particularly care for the start of each chapter with the RAF/WWII anecdotes. If it had been just war stories, I would have been fine with it. But then it would go off in a clumsy sort of way to his pre-war vet days and that was a bit distracting.

I used to watch segments of these books on television. When life gets tough and depressing, I borrow the books of James Herriot from the library. When I saw them offered on Kindle, I ordered "All Things Wise and Wonderful". I was reading it while my car was being serviced and laughed so hard that two mechanics came into the waiting room to see if I was all right. I was near hysterics trying to tell them about the story line but I couldn't get it out and they both looked at me like I might need medical help. I am 70 years old and I love a good laugh. I'm pretty sure that I convinced one of the mechanics to get the book and read it for himself. The different little stories that James tells are reviewed in my mind all day long as I do my work. I enjoy the kind of humor that makes you roll around on the floor in hysterics with tears and nose running. Each chapter is a different true account of his work as a veterinarian so that you can read when you can and not miss anything when you can't.One story was about an aristocratic older lady that had a Marmaduke type breed of house dog that continually passed very bad gas. It was very embarrassing for her to even explain to the vet what the trouble was and totally horrendous when she had her high class parties. James draws you along in the story that has a surprising ending as do most of the accounts. It's my antidepressant and my entertainment. I'm hooked.

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