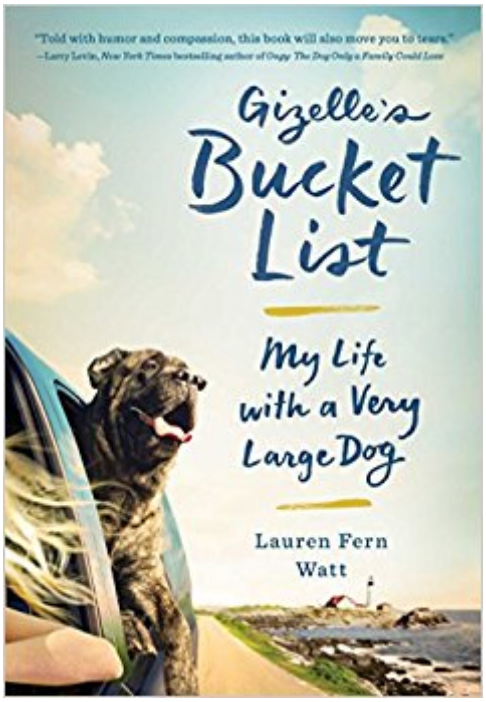
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Gizelle's Bucket List: My Life With A Very Large Dog



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Synopsis

The playful, epic adventure of a 160-pound English Mastiff and the twentysomething girl who grew up alongside herÃ¢â ¬â •Marley & Me for a whole new generation.Lauren Watt took her 160-pound English Mastiff to collegeÃ¢â ¬â •so of course after graduation, Gizelle followed Lauren to her first, tiny apartment in New York. Because Gizelle wasnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t just a dog; she was a roommate, sister, confidante, dining companion, and everything in between. Together, Gizelle and Lauren went through boyfriends, first jobs, a motherÃ¢â ¬â„¢s struggle with addiction, and the ups and downs of becoming an adult in the big city. But when Gizelle got sick and Lauren realized her best friend might not be such a constant after all, she designed an epic bucket list to make the absolute most of the time they had left. Bursting with charm, this unique, coming-of-age story of a girl making her way through life is a testament to the special way pets inspire us to live better, love better, and appreciate the simple pleasures. GizelleÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Bucket List is the humorous, poignant lesson our pets teach us: to embrace adventure, love unconditionally, and grow into the people we want to be.

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"An inspirational, uplifting experience that will leave you feeling that anything is possible. For anyone who has had a pet; who has loved and lost; who has hoped for the future, this is an enchanting story of an unlikely journey that will stay with you for a long time." Ã¢â ¬â •ELLE UKÃ Â "For anyone whoÃ¢â ¬â„¢s ever owned and lost a dog, this account holds familiar strains of sadness, comfort, and hope." Ã¢â ¬â •Booklist "As much a story about growing up as about letting go of

things that cannot be changed, Watt's book is also a reminder of the profound healing connection that can exist between humans and the pets they love. A tender, heartfelt story." Ã¢â ¬â •Kirkus Reviews "An extraordinary bookÃ¢â ¬â •wonderfully moving, beautifully written, and sure to resonate with anyone lucky enough to have loved an animal who changed her life. This one will earn a permanent spot in your libraryÃ Â and in your heart." Ã¢â ¬â •Gwen Cooper, New York Times bestselling author of HOMERÃ¢â ¬â„¢S ODYSSEY: A Fearless Feline Tale, or How I Learned about Love and Life with a Blind Wonder Cat "Gizelle's Bucket List is a story that will be loved by anyone who has ever loved a dog. Lauren Fern Watt poignantly captures the unique joy and heartbreak of sharing one's life with a great dog and how such a dog'sÃ Â love and loyalty can carry us through life's moments big and small." Ã¢â ¬â •Teresa Rhyne, New York TimesÃ Â bestselling author of THE DOG LIVED (AND SO WILL I) "GizelleÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Bucket List explores the unique bondÃ¢â ¬â •a complete integration of spiritsÃ¢â ¬â •that can occur between a human and a dog and make us better than who we were. Told with humor and compassion, this book will also move you to tears." Ã¢â ¬â •Larry Levin, New York TimesÃ Â bestselling author of OOGY: The Dog Only a Family Could Love "There are a thousand ways to say good-bye to someone who has stolen your heart.Ã Â Gizelle's Bucket List is one of the best: sad and funny, wise and uplifting." Ã¢â ¬â •Ted Kerasote, nationally bestselling author of MERLEÃ¢â ¬â„¢S DOOR: Lessons from a Freethinking Dog "GizelleÃ¢â ¬â •big-bodied, big-spirited, inconveniently big at timesÃ¢â ¬â •is a big-hearted mastiff in declining health who uses a bucket list tour, a loving gift from her human (the author), to quietly wiggle a return gift into LaurenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s own big heart." Ã¢â ¬â •Steve Wolf, author of COMETÃ¢â ¬â„¢S TALE: How the Dog I Rescued Saved My Life

Lauren Watt was born in Dallas, Texas, and grew up in the suburbs of Nashville, Tennessee. After college, she moved to a tiny New York apartment with her 160-pound English Mastiff, Gizelle. Her first book, GizelleÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Bucket List, has been translated into eleven languages and optioned for film.

Why I picked this one up: (Knowing I would cry)Because I grew up with English Mastiffs. I grew up at dogs shows, veterinary clinics, raising and eventually selectively breeding them. Our male was ranked one of the top 100 mastiffs in the United States. Our puppies were potty trained before they left our house, and they ALWAYS smelled like baby wipes. I remember the beautiful blue eyes of the puppies the day they opened their little eyes, and I remember them being so top heavy that when they started to push themselves up, they would topple over bc their heads weighted too much.

And that puppy breath!

Gizelle’s Bucket List is a wonderful book not only about loving our pet but also about learning some valuable life lessons about loving ourselves and others unconditionally. Upon reading the first paragraph, I was captivated by Ms. Watt’s charming and very descriptive style of writing. I finished it in one sitting!It is about a girl’s journey during an ever-changing time in her young life with her best friend Gizelle, a 160-pound mastiff, faithfully by her side. As the title depicts, the ending is bittersweet, but you will also laugh, learn and respect the author’s raw honesty dealing with her Mother’s addiction.I highly recommend reading this adventurous tale. You will thoroughly enjoy!

I absolutely loved this book by Lauren Fern Watt. I read it in one night, I simply could not put it down. I laughed, I cried, I fell in love with Lauren and Gizelle. Lauren was such a brave young woman to do the moving and traveling with this large, large loving dog. It was a story of a girl coming of age, growing up with a mother that struggled with addiction and how Lauren coped with it with the help of her beloved dog. I have purchased numerous copies of this book for friends and fellow dog lovers. I plan to read it again and can’t wait for the film to come out. In my opinion, this was a much richer story than Marley and me. It is definitely worthy of your reading. Lauren is absolutely delightful. I love her heart for dogs and she seems to choose canines with the most unique, and sometimes challenging personalities. You won’t be sorry by purchasing this book!

Gizelle was a gentle giant and I loved how the author was so clearly able to convey Gizelle’s personality. While I cried through the sad parts, thinking of my own gentle giant, a few lines from the book really spoke to me. "I guess when you bring a dog into your life you are setting yourself up for heartbreak, aren’t you? Sure, you will most likely have to say good-bye and it will be the saddest day ever, but it’s so worth it, isn’t it? To have a dog. To learn from their unconditional love". This is so true and something that people who say they can never go through it again need to remember. Yes it’s sad to lose our canine companions but sadder to not experience the companionship and love that dogs bring to us. I also liked the way she brought her own life and growth into the story. This is a book I will share with other dog lovers who have loved and lost and had the courage to do it all over again.

What a sweet and loving story about a girl and her dog! Friends come in all shapes and sizes and this pairing of besties is wonderful. This book has a heart as big as Gizelle.

As a big dog owner my whole life I could really relate to her story! It touched me deeply. An excellent read with laughter and tears. Highly recommended

This book was amazing! I love it! I read it all in one day! I laughed and cried! Amazing!

Having owned a mastiff, living in Manhattan and a regular vacationer in Maine there was a lot I could relate to. Had trouble putting the book down and finished it in 2 days. Well written and believable. A touching poignant story. Worth the time for anyone who loves dogs

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