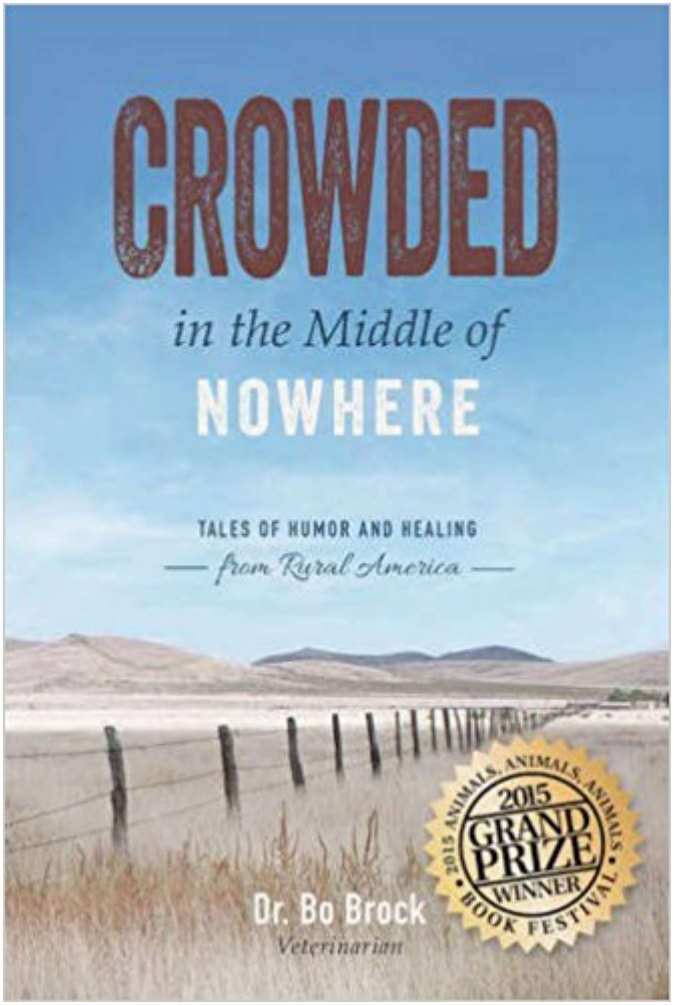
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Synopsis

IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award GOLD Winner in Humor Crowded in the Middle of Nowhere: Tales of Humor and Healing from Rural America is a collection of humorous and poignant stories from a veterinarian in a small, dusty farming and ranching community in rural West Texas. Dr. Brock gives you an intimate look into his small-town and big-hearted perspective on life, animals, and their owners. His unique perspective and tales of doctoring beloved pets, cantankerous livestock, and occasionally their owners will make you smile, laugh, cry, and evoke every other emotion under the sun.

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Dr. Bo Brock, DVM, owns a thriving, multi-species veterinary clinic in Lamesa, Texas (population 9,207 and sometimes referred to as the middle of nowhere). He graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M University and was voted equine practitioner of the year for the state of Texas in 2007. In addition to his thriving veterinary practice and moonlighting as an author, Bo is an active public speaker and adjunct professor at Texas Tech University.

This man is a freakin hoot!! One of the best books I have ever read!! If you're having a bad day or just need a good laugh this sure will lift your spirits!!

This was a "read in one day" book! Dr. Brock's patients are the creatures of western Texas from cows, pigs, and horses to pets, including a pudgy poodle who never ate "people food" -- it isn't food until you cook it, right?Full of life lessons (Never Put a Pig in Your Mouth, and Other Wise Things Granny Taught You), gentle humor (never a mean-spirited tale), and insights, this book made me smile, laugh out loud, and sniffle. Be warned that it is like eating chips; you won't want to stop with just one story.It also gave me a new perspective on the Texas Panhandle and the people who live here. These are the working people behind the ranches who care about their working horses, the rodeo competitors who know how fast their horse should be, and the people who are neighbors.If

you like animals and the folks who have animals, I think you'll fall in love with this book as I did.

This book was hilarious and yet revealing just as much about the people who called the vet as it did about the man who served those folks and their animals. While the setting was familiar to me as a Texan, the attitude toward his work reminded me of the book All Creatures Great and Small. He managed to show the shiftiness of those who were too tight to pay for his work when it should have been done--and still he did not bad mouth them as most of us would have been tempted to do. But the situations were obviously caused by people who did not really love their animals. His fatigue was perfectly described--much like many a human doctor who seldom gets enough sleep.I would definitely recommend this book for anyone who knows and loves their animals and the men and women who are willing to face fangs and fury when caring for them.

I came across a few of the tales from this book posted on my Facebook page and decided to give it a try. I've enjoyed it, particularly because I grew up in the Texas Panhandle just north of Clarendon and am a little familiar with the Lamesa area. I wasn't a farmer or rancher, but I have a number of friends that are. And I can recognize a lot of the characters in Dr. Brock's tales because I know so many just like them. Not as good as "All Creatures Great and Small," but reminiscent of that book and worth reading for those that enjoyed that series.

I recently started following Dr. Brocks Facebook page. It came to be I a away a story on there tattooed about this book. I figured I would look it up sometime. That sometime came sooner than I had imagined. I recently lost my little dog. She was my constant companion for 13 yrs. I was missing her terrible. I remembered the book. So I got on my kindle and bought it. It has been a life saving read almost literally. It is fun, kind, loving and you learn lessons along the way. Thank you for your compassion Dr Brock

I got this for my teenage son for Christmas (who loved it), and had a hard time letting it go because I was trying to read it. When my family needs a smile, we read these stories. They have us rolling with laughter. This vet is such a gifted storyteller, and I love how is able to tell these stories in a clean manner, which cannot be easy at times. I still want to buy another copy to give my folks for a gift. A true hoot for ranchers, pet owners, or just about anyone with some sense of humor.

Small-town West Texas animal doc Bo Brock's heart is as huge as the vast Lone Star State

sky!Heartwarming, thought-provoking, and sometimes thigh-slappingly hilarious, "Crowded in the Middle of Nowhere," written by country vet Dr. Bo Brock of remote La Mesa, Texas, is a delight. Brock pokes every bit as much fun at himself as at his clients. Like pickup passengers on a corrugated country dirt road, readers bounce from tale to tale, to get an inside view of animal care case highlights in a rural setting - and discover on the journey what clients find from the "get-go," Brock's respect and compassion for his animal patients and human clients is absolutely as big as his heart! Ya just gotta read it!! (Photo "The Horse's Mouth")

My husband (a veterinarian) & I both enjoyed this book. It is very true to life (we could relate to many of the situations) . Dr. Brock has a great sense of humor, is compassionate and is an excellent writer.

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