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Pj Ausdenmore says

Anyone who spends time with me quickly learns of my love of rescue dogs, big families, and heartwarming romance. Combine those three into a series of books set in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina and you can count me one very happy reader. After reading Sit...Stay...Beg, I'm all in with The Dogfather (patriarch Daniel Kilcannon) and his goal of seeing each of his children find the kind of love he shared with their mother, his recently deceased wife. Centered around the family's dog rescue and world-class training facility, this story brings all the feels. The canine characters are just as vital to the stories as the human ones with Lola, an Aussie-Border Collie mix, and Garrett and Jessie (the hero and heroine of this book) all capturing my heart with their first joint appearance on the page. How people interact with dogs tells a lot about the type of people they are. Jessie and Garrett are good people, a great match, and worthy of their eventual happy ending. I cheered for them - and Lola - the entire way. If you enjoy a well-crafted, family-centric romance that will tug at your heartstrings and leave you smiling then I highly recommend Roxanne St. Claire's Sit...Stay...Beg.

*ARC received in exchange for fair and honest review.

Coral says

I picked this purely for the cover. What's better than a hot guy? A hot guy with a puppy. It's science. Unfortunately I should have let sleeping dogs lie. This book was a snooze, while also having some pretty judgmental attitudes towards working women, child-free women, single mothers, abused women... talk about barking up the wrong tree. At least it was free.

Joy says

4.5 Stars but went ahead with a full 5 stars on this. Right off the bat, I'll admit that my review is a little biased because I admire the author for having the cover featuring an actual rescue dog (and will continue to do so throughout the series) and donating a percentage of all sales to a rescue.

But just a little. If the story had been horrible, I wouldn't have rated this 5 stars let alone 4.

I love the overall series premise and the basic story idea. I thought it was extremely well written, but there were parts of the story that felt rushed. BUT, I can't say prolonging those scenes would have been a good idea because I think it could have easily made the book feel tedious if done so.

The beginning of the book was a little bit of a miss for me. It was very emotional and I totally teared up...but I felt near the end of the prologue it was pushed through too quickly and the dialogue a little hard to connect to.

The only other thing I wished for was more of a connection with the other characters in the book. Namely the "Dogfather", the grandmother, and Liam. But not because there was a lack of it, but rather I loved the

Dogfather and the hashtagging grandmother/granddaughter duo and wanted more of them and Liam seems like a mystery waiting to be unraveled...and I love mysteries ;)

I will also admit that I eye-rolled when Jessie was introduced. It's a situation that's been done so many times and I worried it'd just end up feeling like a cookie cutter story. Thankfully it didn't and this is a good example of doing things that have been done before but making it your own and doing it very well.

I loved how the author was able to really tie Jessie in (without it being solely based on hormones) thanks to the help of the lovely Lola. She definitely stole my heart during the story.

TL;DR: Read the book!

Jonetta says

Garrett Kilcannon turned his love of dogs into a social media phenomenon. However, he then sold his internet based company for a tidy sum, agreeing to work for the buyer. Three months later, he broke his contract and returned home to Bitter Bark, North Carolina and, together with his five siblings, created a now renowned dog rescue and training facility on the family property. He's reclusive and elusive, refusing any media contact. Now, journalist Jessica Curtis wants to do a television feature on him so she can compete for a new TV broadcasting anchor spot as he's a major "get." She's no stranger to the family as she grew up in Bitter Bark but left as a teen.

I love stories about dogs, especially those that focus on training, and this series promises to be a gem. This first book is a really great start as the foundation that was laid was pretty compelling. The Kilcannon family is special and Garrett's story is the perfect lead off. He may be withdrawn but his absolute devotion to these animals was hardly restrained. Jessica is a skilled interviewer and I liked her and the relationship she created with him, personally and professionally.

But the real star of this story was Lola, a rescue dog that captivated me along with Jessica and Garrett. I want that dog who is a border Collie and Australian shepherd mix. She's enough reason to continue the series but I was equally enamored of the other aspects of the story. Loved everything about this book and can't wait to return to Bitter Bark.

CD {Boulder Blvd} says

Currently a freebie on Amazon, this is the first in the Dogfather series. And as usual with a first in the series it did some groundwork for the following books which gets too much too soon. The setup of the stories - creating the all encompassing dog rescue, dog training and vet center is good-but it's a broad stroke backdrop.

Lola, a rescue dog, was definitely the star of the book but I was disappointed in her owner's story. The end felt contrived to fit the HEA.

I never warmed to either Garrett or Jessica. Considering Jessica's career and promotion was based on getting "the" interview with Garrett and he intends to string her along until it's too late for her to go after a real story.

It makes him kind of a jerk and not this great guy that is overly emphasized in the story. And Jessica is all naive and stars in her eyes over him. And it really felt like he spilled the secret with the "you can't use this" codicil in exchange for sex. Plus I never felt like he was this big story so it all seemed contrived. The misunderstanding was very predictable...you knew it was going to happen.

There were a number of irritating scenes like the older rescue lady flirting about sex with him, how everyone thought they'd be a great couple within minutes of seeing them and constant references to him feeling her up when they were teenagers.

Although the story is fairly generic, it's a light easy read that fans of this genre will still appreciate. I'd read more in this series but I'm not in any hurry.

Anne - Books of My Heart says

This review was originally posted on Books of My Heart

The purpose of Thrifty Thursday is to read a book which was free (at some point).

Kindle freebie on July 2, 2018 (currently still free at Amazon and Barnes & Noble as of writing this post)

Overall rating 4.35 with 1,202 ratings and 199 reviews

I wanted to read this **Dogfather series** from the moment I heard about it. The combination of both small town and a big family made it warm and fun; the addition of animals was only a big plus. The covers are shot with people who actually work at the **Alcqua Animal Refuge** in north Florida. A portion of the sales of these books is donated to the refuge with over \$5,000 donated so far.

I was VERY excited to see the first book, **Sit, Stay Beg** become available as a Kindle freebie. I have bought some of the others. It sets up the world with the family and how their work with animals is solidified. The father is a vet, as is a daughter. The family all loves pets and has a variety of skills.

The story features Garrett, who builds a dot.com empire based on pet photos and a reporter, Jessie, who was his sister Molly's best friend. I love Jessie. She is smart, strong, loyal and so, so honest with herself and others. Garrett is much less honest, but he is a caring guy, trying to do the best for his family. He's also very talented with rescuing and training dogs.

I loved this start. The world built is great. I enjoyed the characters, including the animal characters. I definitely plan to continue with this sweet, hot and awww... animals series.

These are only Kindle freebies I get, or ones through author newsletters which anyone can sign up and get for free. I don't include things like Kindle Unlimited or Prime Free Reading (I do have it). Both Tantor and Audible have occasional free audios (to anyone) and I do include those. Since I one-click on 1-2 freebies a day or probably at least 5 a week, I came up with this feature to make sure I start reading them.

Michele says

You can't go wrong with a romance written by Roxanne St. Claire. *But Sit...Stay...Beg* was an extra special combination of emotional family drama, a perfect love match, and a compassionate story about the people who rescue dogs in need of help. Although I think that, as is probably the case most of the time, it was the dogs that did the saving.

'She had to write the story of a man who lived to help, who longed to protect, who loved to save anyone or anything that needed saving.'

First of all I have to point out that lovely book cover. Although the hunky shirtless guy isn't too shabby (LOL) what caught my attention was the gorgeous dog beside him. It turns out that the happy dog featured was a rescue from the Alaqua Animal Rescue in Florida and Rocki is graciously giving part of the proceeds for the first month sales to the rescue. How wonderful, right?

As an animal lover myself, this book touched my heart. Especially as we learned more about our hero Garrett...

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Aly says

A series with rescue dogs, of course I'm in ! It's been a while since I've read a book by this author and I always enjoyed what I read so far, but I must say this one exceeded my expectations.

Bitter Bark, North Carolina.

The Dogfather is a sixty-six years old veterinarian who just lost his wife of thirty-six years and who intend to help his six grown kids find happiness. He and his wife always took strays into their house and nurse them back to health. They wanted to expand their land and turn their home into a dog rescue, training, shelter and veterinary business. When she died, Daniel Kilcannon finally put the project into plan and made it a family business with his offspring.

Three years later, the business is going well. Daniel have his daughters and his sons (except for one in the military) working with him. There's Garrett (a former tech-savy who became famous for inventing a pet photo-sharing social media site who now help with the rescues), there's Shane (a lawyer), Liam (a former military man who now train K9), there's Molly (a veterinarian) and there's Darcy (more like the admin and

HR people). Add to that an Irish Grandma.

Jessica Jane Curtis haven't seen the Kilcannon in seventeen years. As a kid and a teenager, she used to spend all her time with her best friend Molly and consider herself like a stray, so she felt right at home at Waterford. At 33, she's now working at a tabloid-type website, but she finally have a chance at the anchor's chair for the TV version of Inside the A list, a show of personality profile on famous and non famous people. Her boss give her the assignment to collect info and make a topo on the Kilcannon's business but more especially about the famous former tech-savy who became persona non gratta after he bailed from an important deal back in the days.

To used Jessie's words, Garrett Kilcannon is the first guy who touched her boobs, in a make-out session in a dog kennel when she was sixteen, before she was forced to move with her mother and sister and lose the only place where she felt at home. When she arrive at Waterford, everyone welcome her back with open arms, except for Garrett, when he learn she's a journalist. He suspects why she's there and try to keep his distance, but she doesn't let him. He's been burned by the media before and there's something about his past in Seattle that he doesn't want her or anyone to know.

Garrett will finally agree to an interview, in exchange for her help with a rescue dog who refuse to eat but who seem to develop a special bound with Jess. But accepting to do it and doing it are two different things and the heroine will have to pull teeth to get answers from him.

I like that Garrett learned pretty quickly why Jessica is there and there's no secret about it so it was not the reason for the separation near the end. Kind of, but not really :p

A hero who lose his heart to a dog, of course I felt hard for Garrett Kilcannon. And I liked his introvert side. He doesn't open his heart easily but when he does, he do without restraint. It's cute that he compare Jessica's hair color to the dog's coat he know.

I expected more sexy times and even if I usually think it add something more when it's well written and show a depth in feelings, it's not something that bothered me.

And I liked the reference to an other series by Roxanne St.Claire :p

"His name is Colonel Mustard?"

"Liam is a Clue freak. You should have seen Miss Scarlet. She's currently kicking ass and taking names for some private security company called the Bullet Catchers."

Now I'm sad, because I have to wait to read the next book of this series and I really, really want to read it.

Janeiowa says

Great characters and story line in this new series from St. Claire...

Mona says

Sit Stay Beg;

1st in The Dog Father Series--

First in a new series known as The DogFather!

Sweet and touching book. My heart lies in rescue books. Ms. St. Claire took mine after I read this one.

In Bitter Bark, North Carolina is where Garrett Kilcannon lives. He left his corporate world. Now back home to help with the family business he feels somewhat at peace. He harbors a secret. But know The last person he expects to see, and doesn't even recognize is Jessie Jane Curtis. She reminds him of the last time they saw each other. Funny to say the least. She works for the Inside the A list magazine, and her job brings her back home to interview Garrett. The Waterford Farm is the family's home to rescue animals. They took strays in did Training, and tried to find them there forever homes.

He was hesitant because of the last reporter to interview him. But Jessie has a way with one of there rescues so he makes a deal with her.

Fabulous book. Love of animals, family, and much more is what you'll find in this book.

Highly recommend.

Kiki says

There needed to be a full length novel size grovelling for his mistrust of heroine.

Heroine even said that “you love me yet you couldn’t have minimum trust on me” which was conveniently forgotten by next chapter along with the calcium supplements as heroine’s backbone dissolved rapidly with the thought of never being able to be with a man. A man who can’t trust her for shit. Oh the agony! I

This was REALLY one star, half star for hero’s profession. Half a star for Lola the dog, who doesn’t deserve a full star. She needed to do bit of grovelling of her own.

This heroine had been dealt with the shittiest cards ever. Not only was she the second best for the hero, she was a second choice for this dog too.

Hero WAS in fact in love with another woman previously, enough to marry her with another man’s kid wanting to raise them as his. He may have fallen out of love BECAUSE she used him, that doesn’t change the fact heroine comes way after. And he could marry that woman with another man’s child but couldn’t give heroine benefit of doubt, let alone trust for even 5 minutes. So, go on and explain to me how he loved her and she wasn’t the second best. I’m listening.

The dog was a lost rescue, who abandoned heroine the moment the owner came back! I understand that. But still, fact remains she abandoned her. Heroine gets her back only because the owner is moving to France and felt the dog doesn’t love her like before. The love is divided between her and the heroine do she have her up. The heroine wasn’t even the dog’s first choice.

And heroine’s sister is a selfish cow.

Rant over.

Wendy'sThoughts says

3.5 Doggie Sweet Tale

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Like many of us, we see authors and their series and think one day I will get to that. Then one day passes, then another and before you know it...time has gone by. Yesterday, BookBub reminded me, I still hadn't gotten around to reading any of the Dogfather books by Roxanne St. Claire. There it was, front and center, showing me it was free and ready for the taking.

Well, I love dogs...Duh

I love big Irish Families...

It has lots of siblings to keep me interested should I wish for more books...

The best was the matchmaking Dad who wanted his kids to be happy.

And it was done by Roxanne St. Claire.

Done Deal.

This had all the makings of an enjoyable read... kinda low angst...two people who knew each other as teens so not an insta love but more of a love that was always there...The undercurrent of a big secret that needed to be kept and then what happens if it comes out.

With all of that happening, there was so much dog-love, it was if you could reach out and pet them through your kindle. As a huge dog lover, it was a pleasant read and I can see why the series is so popular.

Enjoy and special shout out to Lola, Woof Woof Woof!

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Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

I wanted a feel good story and Sit..Stay..Beg looked like it would fill the bill. It does have some very good characters, several of whom are dogs. The two main characters have known each other before. In fact Jessie Curtis spend a lot of her younger years at the Kilcannon home and always wished that she was part of the family. She comes back to interview Garrett Kilcannon and the result is surprising. I liked the characters, felt that the secret was a little contrived, but enjoyed the ride to the finish Lulu the dog often stole the show and in the end all got a happy ending. There are many Kilcannon's still to find their HEA so this series has a long way to go. Read Sit...Stay...Beg to get in on the beginning.

Coco.V says

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chelsea says

saccharine family series setup. not that i want to read books about giant assholes, but the wholesome sainted irish family dog rescue thing is a bit much.

will end up reading all the damn books anyway
