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With a well-earned reputation as man's — as well as woman's — best friend, dogs have an uncanny ability to sense exactly what their human friends need. Gathered from thousands of stories Allen and Linda Anderson have received, as well as their own experiences, *Angel Dogs* demonstrates that dogs are not only faithful companions but also spiritual guides. Stories include the four-legged speech therapist who helped a scared boy find his voice; the dog who came “special delivery” through the mail at just the right moment in a family's life; the dog who helped guard Air Force One; dogs from the canine corps; service dogs; and many others. The book also details new scientific findings on how dogs can save lives, sniff out cancerous tumors, and warn epileptics of impending seizures. Each story is followed by a short meditation that helps readers focus on the messages of love that dogs bring to their lives.

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From Reader Review Angel Dogs: Divine Messengers of Love for online ebook

Marianne Jay says

First I would like to welcome myself back to the land of the reader again. What an awesome book this turned out to be. It was absolutely beautiful. Being a dog lover, I especially enjoyed this book. Both of my dogs are a VERY important part of my life and I do consider dogs angels.....and this book confirmed this fact for me.

Caitlin says

A must-read for dog lovers! I laughed, I cried, and I smiled throughout the whole book. I also donated to the ASPCA the second I finished it. Truly wonderful book.

Michelle :) says

I found this book in America. People ask why are animals so important to people they can't even talk. But if you read this book you'll change your mind. Dogs are truly messengers of love they help you guide you and protect you through times of need no training is even needed for this that is why dogs are truly messengers of love. You know why we live longer than dogs this is a reason why:

A Dog's Purpose? (From a 6-year-old).

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try to live.

He said, ' People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?'

The Six-year-old continued, ' Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long.'

Live simply.

Love generously.

Care deeply.

Speak kindly.

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY!

Alicia says

Lovely inspirational stories from people to show how loyal and loving dogs are!

Athalia Stoneback says

This book touched me from beginning to end. I am an animal lover, and have always felt that animals have more in their minds than we think. This book has shown that, at least in the case of dogs, this is true. Highly recommended for all animal lovers.

Karen & Gerard says

Angel Dogs by Allen and Linda Anderson is a fascinating non-fiction book of amazing stories about dogs from different people. One of the most uplifting and fun stories was from a family sharing about how they celebrate "Dog Day." All day, they focus on their dogs and make it a very fun day for the whole family. I thought this was a wonderful idea! The stories range from how people's dogs brought joy to their lives to amazing things they did to revisiting their owners after they died both in dreams and in signs and one even appeared to wake his owner up when he fell asleep on guard duty to save his career! It certainly is comforting for any dog owner in that it gives us hope of seeing our pets again who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Who knows? Read it for yourself and you'll see what I mean.

Donna says

Made me love my dog more. I never thought I could love her more.

Sandra says

I think this would have to rank as **the** best book I have ever read. I loved it. I'm a dog lover and it just totally warmed my heart. I recommend it to all dog lovers, and I especially recommend it to people who have recently lost their dogs, as it helps them to realise that their dogs had a special purpose in their lives. We believe that our dog, a gorgeous 6 yr old tri-colour beagle, named Shebuh, is our Angel Dog. We got her as an 8 wk old puppy, but we chose her at 4 wks - and she has helped us through so many, many trials. She is an angel without wings, sent to us by God to help us through the tough times. This book is funny, sad, uplifting, heartwarming, moving, so many things, and I heartily recommend it to all.

This is a book that I would read over and over again.

Bonita Rose says

FILLED with wonderful short stories... wonderful!

Eva Leger says

Sometimes I wonder why the heavy religious undertones? While this is borderline IMO, some go far, far, far. And they alienate people. There are non-religious folk who love animals, who love dogs, who want to hear these stories also. I suppose that's for another book. But the fact remains that religious people, for the most part, will read a non-religious book about dogs without much hesitation, the other way around?

Questionable.

I would have liked to have done without the "meditations". IMO they made for tacky areas in the book. I actually read them just to chuckle.

The one piece of info that I learned and that didn't surprise me is that there is an over 75% overlap between the genetic codes for humans and dogs. Interesting.

On pg. 92 the authors tell the story of how a woman who was walking her dogs has her dogs run away from her to go to the authors. The dogs have never done this before so, according to the authors, the dogs must "sense" who these two people are and what they do for animals.

Now, and believe me 100% here, I know dogs are intelligent creatures, much more so than most people think. I believe dogs do sense things, things we may never know. But this is stretching it. It takes you into the realm of unbelievable and makes it hard to take what the authors say as truth.

The meditations and the questions posed to the reader are cheesy as hell at best. Most of the stories are worth reading I think, if you're a dog lover. But they're average at the same time. You can find these stories anywhere, in any dog book.

Kwirebaugh says

READ THIS!!!! But, I must inform you that you will need a box of kleenex while you read. An exceptional view of the power of dogs! Such wonderful and touching stories!

Jennifer says

My passion is animals and this book just proves how amazing they are!!
Many of the stories brought me to tears. Fanastic book!

Christina says

I love the short stories in this book. Dogs are amazing in so many different ways. It has helped me to appreciate the quirkiness of my own dogs. Each short story ends with a meditation too. Great book.

Scott says

I loved it!
