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This is the humorous, sometimes sad, and eventually uplifting story of Ralph and the friends he has met along the way. He is a rescue dog with a difficult past who loves other dogs, is frightened of people and cars and mesmerised by cats and rabbits.

It is partly told through his eyes and describes how what he has experienced before has affected how he interacts with those around him.

Entwined with his story, Clare, his new owner and the author of this book, who has a total of over 30 years experience of working with animals and teaching veterinary nursing and animal care and welfare, tells of the joys of having him as a companion and how, through gentle nurturing, his whole outlook on life has changed.

She also writes with a great deal of passion about the pitfalls of a society that has resulted in Ralph being the way he is, and of some of the other issues that are contributing to the problems faced by dogs today.

By the author of 'Lilac Haze' - a true story about organ donation, love, loss and hope...

## **A Dog Like Ralph Details**

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# **From Reader Review A Dog Like Ralph for online ebook**

## **Liz Bass says**

A great book. True story. I am so glad that I read this book, I now understand my rescue beagle that is extremely anxious.

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## **Dinostar says**

dogs are cool and so is this book

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## **Dianne Peace says**

### **Who rescued who?**

I am a dog person and so appreciated this story of 3,very different characters (emphasis on character). Rescued are the best and sharing the journey of these 3 crybabies was a gentle judge to my spirit. Love and long life to all in this book.

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## **Barbara Lanham says**

### **Great insight**

Good read for anyone who has rescued a "damaged" dog and the road out takes to make him feel safe again

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## **Alice Greenleaf says**

### **Excellent book**

Great book for us dog lovers. hope they are all still very happy. it just shows how loving and forgiving dogs can be.

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## **Eileen says**

I won this book as a GoodReads First Read. I thoroughly enjoyed the book. I found it very interesting to read from the dog's point of view. It was entertaining and enjoyable to read.

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**Catherine says**

Original, poignant and confronting, yet at times hilarious (particularly when the narrative switches to that of the 'high maintenance' Luella!) Clare incites deep thought as she encourages us to challenge our ingrained, often abysmal attitudes towards animals in society. I doubt anyone could fail to find a place in their heart for a rescue dog after reading this.

Highly recommended +++

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**Pamela Castillo says**

Clare writes as herself and the 3 dogs, Ralph, Peggy and Luella. The dogs are as different as night and day. All are rescues. But their minds are different. I cried and laughed and felt. Read this book

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**Pam says**

Loved that most of this story was told from the viewpoint of Ralph and his friends. Having a rescue dog myself, I really could relate to the issues Ralph had.

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**David A. Carey says**

What a great book! It is about several Rescue Dogs, mostly from the point of view of the dog. Anyone who loves Rescue Dogs, or just dogs really should read this book.

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**Carol Flynn says**

Claire Cogbill knows her dogs. She's worked with rescue dogs for years, taught animal behavior at a veterinary college, and practiced veterinary nursing. But she also, with rare honesty, shares the things she still needed to learn about her own wonderful, frightened rescue dog. Ralph helps to tell the story, revealing his many fears and desires. He doesn't like us to smile so widely with our big teeth. They're too scary. And he hates how we reach down suddenly to ruffle his ears. Cogbill reveals with great tenderness the mysteries of a dog's memory, the way he stores up pain and pleasure and remembers lost loves. When we understand the complexities of the animal, we can better help him conquer his fears. When Ralph runs off, frightened by traffic, we know Cogbill will find him and bring him home to safety and love. She makes us believe that if we move with confidence, offering steady servings of patience and love, we can too. Read this inspiring book!!!

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**CAROLYN says**

**Another love story about an adopted dog**

A charmingly but simple story about an adopted dog and the love they bring to a relationship.

A sweet story

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**Christine Angelini says**

This is a very entertaining story from the owners then the dog perspective.

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