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The direct sequel to the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron, which is now a major motion picture from Amblin Entertainment in association with Walden Media and distributed by Universal Pictures!

Buddy is a good dog.

After searching for his purpose through several eventful lives, Buddy is sure that he has found and fulfilled it. Yet as he watches curious baby Clarity get into dangerous mischief, he is certain that this little girl is very much in need of a dog of her own.

When Buddy is reborn, he realizes that he has a new destiny. He's overjoyed when he is adopted by Clarity, now a vibrant but troubled teenager. When they are suddenly separated, Buddy despairs--who will take care of his girl?

A charming and heartwarming story of hope, love, and unending devotion, *A Dog's Journey* asks the question: Do we really take care of our pets, or do they take care of us? More than just another endearing dog tale, *A Dog's Journey* is the moving story of unwavering loyalty and a love that crosses all barriers.

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Mary Lou says

If you read "A Dog's Purpose" you'll feel the same way - good or bad - about this continuation of the story. Have your hankies ready and your dogs close at hand. Some reviewers of these books complain about the simple writing style. The story is supposed to be told by a dog, and part of the message is that dogs are simple creatures. It's part of the books' charms. Readers in search of Great Literature shouldn't expect to find it in books that depict dogs with thought bubbles on the covers, for heaven's sake. Cameron's books are for people who want a unique, engaging dog story.

My only gripe with this installment is that our main human character never seems to catch a break. There's always more calamity heading her way, and my stomach was in a knot throughout most of the book. The good news -- as much as I enjoyed these two books, I was pleased that "Journey" had a definitive ending. This shouldn't be a trilogy or series -- too much of a good thing can ruin it.

Now I'm going to go hug my dogs and tell them how good they are. There might even be a treat in it for them.

Sheila says

I loved A Dog's Purpose. It is one of my 5-star books, and I am very, very stingy with giving out 5-stars. Unfortunately, for me at least, A Dog's Journey suffers from "sequel syndrome", and just was not as good. This book continues to be told by the dog, in his/her continued reincarnations. This time the dog becomes attached to Ethan's granddaughter, Clarity. But most of this book was about Clarity (CJ), and the conversation and thoughts of the dog just became repetitive. I never really felt attached to Clarity either, and in fact her problems and issues were a bit annoying.

The best part of this book for me was the first two pages, and the final two pages. The remaining 327 pages were just filler. Easy to read, but still just a lot of filler. I don't think this sequel was necessary, other than for the final two pages.

Shelby says

5 Incredible Stars

I am so many emotions and thoughts about this book. This book had me in tears because it was so sad. I also love this book a little better than the first one because I thought that this book made a little more sense than the first book did. I loved the writing of both of the books. After reading this series I fell in love with it and I thought about things a little bit differently about animals and what happens when they die. I thought that was interesting in a way. I loved this series. I am really glad that I read this series because it was so good and so emotional. I would recommend this series to anyone that is a dog lover and that was a really good series to read.

A.D. says

I usually don't read dog books because I can't handle the crying, but a few weeks ago I had to put my beloved 16 year old Shih Tzu to sleep and I was really struggling with my decision and my loss. Some random person I had to call at a call center told me about it and I decided to give it a try. I'm so glad I did! It helped me a lot to realize I made the correct choice and was very healing for me. Especially because I got my dog as a suicidal teen and having her to love and love me back saved my life. So I really connected with the way this dog is taking care of his human because my little Puhka was that for me through my depression and then years of health problems from a horse riding accident that led to 5 years of constant vertigo and then another 5 years of hip problems. She waited until after my hip replacement last year at 32 years old was healed enough that she didn't need to take care of me anymore. Just like this sweet dog.

Though I've never cried so hard in a book before, and throughout pretty much the entire thing, I also laughed almost the whole time to look at the world from a dog's perspective and get an idea what they might be thinking and feeling. Definitely worth it if you're a dog lover!

Belle Sabattin says

Es un libro muy bonito, sobre todo si te gustan los perritos y entiendes que son lo mejor que pudo pisar la tierra ♥?♥(Soy muy fan de los perros).

Nuevamente, al igual que en su predecesor, nos encontramos con una historia contada al 100% desde la inocente perspectiva de un perro ?... o varios perros, que finalmente son solo uno, a través de él vemos y sentimos la vida de la niña a la cual debe cuidar. Es similar a lo que sucedió con Ethan pero con una protagonista femenina llamada Clarity y una historia un tanto diferente, sobre todo gracias a la madurez que ahora tiene nuestro protagonista de cuatro patas.

Entonces, si aparentemente solo tengo cosas buenas que decir... ¿Por qué solamente 3 estrellas? ?

Esto es principalmente por lo que les decía más arriba, no existe una gran diferencia ni nada novedoso respecto al libro anterior. Se utiliza exactamente la misma formula para encantar y atrapar al lector, sin embargo, esto no quita que no sea una historia maravillosa y entretenida que puede llegar a emocionar hasta las lágrimas, pero simplemente no hay nada nuevo ?.

En resumen, es un libro entretenido, emocionante y hermoso, pero no tiene nada nuevo con respecto al primero. Aunque claramente si te encantó el primer libro, este también lo hará... Además lo mas probable es que lea el tercero porque mi hermana ama estos libros ? y me obliga a leerlos jajaja ?

Diana says

It amuses me to read a book narrated by a dog:

"I knew we were supposed to bark because CJ was always angry when someone knocked, 'Hey! Stop! Quiet! Enough!' she would yell. I didn't understand the words, but the meaning was clear: she was upset with the knocking and we should keep barking."

A Dog's Journey picks up the storyline from A Dog's Purpose with the next generation in Ethan's family. I liked book one more than this second installment but this one was still very enjoyable for me to read.

If you loved A Dog's Purpose and didn't want it to end, you will likely enjoy A Dog's Journey as it is basically more of the same. However, if you loved A Dog's Purpose in the sense that it was wrapped up perfectly with good closure for you, then you may not enjoy this extension of the story.

Nik Markevicius says

As a writer myself, I can't help but look at the mechanics of a piece when I read it. Not that I've lost the ability to enjoy a well-told tale. I'm like an auto mechanic at Cruise Night, admiring all the great work.

A Dog's Journey is a great story, a great sequel, and one of the best books written about dogs. The first book, A Dog's Purpose is the kind of emotional gut-wrench to a dog owner like me that makes you proud to care for a canine, and proud of the loyalty they show to us. ADJ does more of the same, but with a more unified focus, and it's here, in this sequel, that the narrative power of Cameron shines. Combined with his ability to portray a dog's point of view at a high level of detail and (in my experience with dogs), accuracy. Never did I stop to think, "Hmm, that doesn't sound like a dog." I was drawn in with this approach, and made to care deeply about the dogs, the people, and what happens to them. I can't always say I get this involved in the characters, but when I do, those are the books which are usually most memorable.

If you're not a dog lover, or at least a dog liker, steer clear. If you're like me, grab a copy of ADP and ADJ, settle in, and oh, yeah: be prepared to laugh, smile, yell at imaginary people, cry, and of course seek out a furry friend many, many times. I'm pretty sure you'll want some hugs and licks and cuddles.

Keru Faye says

I loved the first book in this series, but this one kind of fell flat for me. I had to give it a day to get together my list on exactly why I feel that way. So here we go:

Let's start with the positives first:

-It was a quick, easy read. I got it on Christmas Eve and I finished it on Christmas morning. That's really rare for me.

-The author has certainly done his research because the narrator sounds like a dog versus a human trying to imitate a dog.

-I have to admit that the ending had me getting a little emotional even though I hated Gloria.

-That's another thing, I loved Gloria because I hated her so much.

Now here's why I didn't like this book as much as A Dog's Purpose:

-Clarity June AKA CJ. Now, with a mom like Gloria, I understood that the girl was going to have issues, but there were times where she seemed to be given every issue that a teenager/adult could have, and to me, that made her kind of hard to relate to. (view spoiler)

-Maybe it's just me, but the humans' dialogue felt like I was reading a soap opera at times. In other words, it was over the top and unnatural. Especially in the adult!Clarity portion of the book.

-It got quite repetitive after a while. It's hard to describe, but I just didn't feel like there was a lot of variety to the dog's interactions with people, especially CJ. It's probably he/she was attached to one person the whole time, whereas in the previous book, he got to live with several different people.

Conclusion: If you've read *A Dog's Purpose*, then you should give this one a try too. I like how it tried to expand on the first book, even if it could have been executed more effectively.

Leah K says

A Dog's Journey: Another Novel for Humans by W. Bruce Cameron

★ ★ ★ ★ ½ + ♥

I read **A Dog's Purpose** (a story shown through a dogs point of view on his many reincarnations, trying to find his purpose) last year and it became a favorite. So when I found out that there was a sequel coming out this year, I could barely hide my excitement. This is also the author who wrote **Eight Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter**.

This second installment begins a few years after the end of the first book. Buddy, the dog, is sure his purpose is fulfilled but when he is once again reincarnated he begins to wonder. This book questions are humans there to take care of dogs or our dogs there to care for us?

I absolutely adored the first book and am happy to report I adored the second book just as much. I devoured this 330 page book within a day – a record for me. I was just unable to put it down. The writing is so well done and I loved the way it was written from a dog's point of view. Just like with the first book, I found myself welling up with tears in some parts and laughing in others. My emotional connection to the character is one I rarely encounter. And I am not afraid to admit that I bawled my eyes out at the end and then bawled my eyes out *again* when recounting it to my husband.

Some of it felt like a rehash from the first book and some of it seemed pretty predictable but this didn't make my love for the book wane. This, and the first book, deal with love, compassion, death, and life. If you love dogs, this is definitely a great book. Read the first one, then read this one. And bring the Kleenex.

Rebecca Holland says

W.Bruce Cameron, known mostly for being a columnist, has done it again with his recently published, “A Dog’s Journey” (Tor-Forge Publishing, Hardcover, 0-7653-3054-9). Done what you ask? Stolen hearts,

taught life-impacting lessons, and done it through the eyes, thoughts of a dog.

The sequel to his bestselling novel, "A Dog's Purpose," "A Dog's Journey," is destined to capture even the hardest of hearts, the one who doesn't care for dogs. So many dog books, so many sequels just aren't worth reading for the stories are full of fluff and always have that "Hallmark" ending.

Not "A Dog's Journey." Cameron uses the dog, known by many names and in many lives in "A Dog's Purpose," but this time, calls the dog, 'Buddy.' The name choice could be purposeful or ironic or just a name, but it fits the story that Cameron pens. "A Dog's Journey" takes the reader into the life of a dog named Buddy, and he is a normal dog, doing normal dog things.

But his companion this time is a girl, who he meets first as a baby, then as a teenager and then later on as an adult.

Each time, Buddy is there for the girl known as Clarity (another ironic choice of names) and CJ.

Life has several key factors that each of us, even our dogs, need. Two of which are centered out here- loyalty and unconditional love.

We may not get total 'clarity' until the last page, but it is there, right along with Buddy.

Gotta love that name. Gotta love this book.

Can't wait to see what Cameron comes up with next.

Sally says

Seriously love this book, and am now craving another dog. It makes you feel like there is hope for humanity when you read books like this.

This is a continuation of A Dog's Purpose which I also adored. As other reviewers have stated, it is simply told, but is told from a dog's point of view...and dogs really aren't that complicated! They just love.

My favorite portion of the book (without giving away too many spoilers) was the caring and therapeutic storyline. It is beyond touching and not only reaches at your heartstrings, but pulls them in completely.

Highly recommended to anyone with a love of animals, especially dogs. (And yes, for cat folks out there, there's a great cat in this story as well...)

W. Cameron says

When I was a child, I read Old Yeller and absolutely loved it--right up to the moment when they KILL OLD YELLER.

I am willingly spoiling the plot, the same way I would yell DON'T DRINK THE POISON at somebody. Why read a book where you fall in love with the dog and then, in the end, the dog dies?

I wrote A Dog's Purpose as a love poem to the relationship between people and their pets. And, since true love never dies, and no truer love comes from a source more treasured than the heart of a dog, I gave my readers a gift--the dog doesn't die in the end. That's not really a plot spoiler, that's the premise.

This means that at the end of A Dog's Purpose, the dog is still alive, leading me to wonder, what next? Could there be another purpose, or an extension of the same purpose?

A Dog's Journey picks up where A Dog's Purpose left off. If you loved the adventures of Buddy/Bailey, you'll want to know what happens next, because it turns out that Ethan has a grandchild, and there is no one better to look out for an adventuresome, accident-prone child than a loving dog--especially a dog as wise as Bailey.

Miranda Reads says

One dog, many lives.

This dog keeps coming back for his favorite human, Ethan, no matter what. He's been Toby, Bailey, Ellie and, at last, Buddy.

Once Ethan passes away at an old age, "Buddy" thinks his **purpose is fulfilled**. He loved Ethan with all his heart and now Buddy is ready to pass on.

Only...things don't go to plan.

Now what? Was I to be reborn over and over, forever? Could a dog have more than one purpose? How was that possible?"

In his last few years as Buddy, he meets **Baby Clarity** - the granddaughter of Ethan. Buddy saves Clarity - once from drowning and once from an anxious horse - and both times, Clarity was "under supervision" of her mother (Gloria)

And when Buddy finds himself reborn (**yet again**) - this time as a poodle mix named Molly - he also finds his way back into Baby Clarity's life.

Clarity - now a teenager called CJ - desperately needs **love, affection, protection** and just about everything only a dog can offer.

Gloria is ever the **narcissistic, neglectful mother** and CJ is coping in all the wrong ways - running off, dating the wrong sorts, and binging and purging. "Molly" doesn't know what to do to help CJ.

It cannot be a dog's purpose to understand what people want because it is impossible.

But no matter what, Molly will do his best to love his human. After his lifetime as Molly, he comes back again as Max (a Yorkie-Chihuahua mix) and again as Toby (a beagle mix). Each time, he is reunited with CJ when **she needs him most**.

She taught me that it was a good thing to love more than just my boy, Ethan, opening my eyes to the fact that I'd actually loved many people in my lives, that loving humans was my ultimate purpose.

This was an **ah-mazing sequel**. It really is an absolute delight when the sequel turns out to be better than the first.

The author did a **fantastic job** of blending a "dog-level" of comprehension along with enough clues to alert the human readers to trouble.

This book tugged all the right heartstrings - I desperately wanted this series to continue but I am in absolute love with the way this one ended.

You can usually tell that a man is good if he has a dog who loves him.

Audiobook Comments

Narrated by George K. Wilson. The reader did a pretty good job but his voice sounded too...human. I kept forgetting that Molly/Max/Toby was a dog because the narrator was so good at his diction.

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Jessica says

I'm so glad the author decided to write a second book! I can't even decide which book I liked better! These books are so amazing and flawless. The love of a dog (and cat!) is so pure and unconditional and this is perfectly expressed throughout both of these stories.

Sydney says

This book was Amazing! I read it all in two days. It starts off years after the first book left off. Buddy is an old dog. His master, Ethan, had died and Buddy was convinced his purpose had been fulfilled and he would finally enter eternal rest at the end of his life. He spent the last of his days watching after a little toddler, Clarity, who was always getting into mischief around Buddy's farm. As he died, he knew that Clarity would need a dog of her own to look after her, but he never expected that he would be that dog. Yes, buddy ends up being reborn and he finds Clarity again, who is now a troubled teen suffering from an eating disorder. Now named Molly this loving dog devotes herself to Clarity, who now goes by CJ. Molly goes through more lives and in all of them she finds CJ again. As you read all of the dog's experiences and thoughts, it really makes you think more about your dog(s) and how their true goal is only to please you. I would recommend this book and a dog's purpose to anyone who has a dog or loves dogs.
