

Thunder Dog The True Story Of A Blind Man His Guide Dog And The Triumph Of Trust

Walker the Goose is lonely. She is new to the farm and wants to find a family. During her search, she meets the cows, the sheep and the pigs. Will Walker ever find her place on the farm? Faith. Trust. Triumph. "I'm sorry," the doctor said. "He is permanently and totally blind. There is nothing we can do for him." George and Sarah Hingson looked at each other, devastated. Their six-month-old son, Michael was a happy, strawberry blond baby boy, healthy and normal in every way except one. When the Hingsons switched on a light or made silly faces, Michael did not react. Ever. "My best suggestion is that you send him to a home for the blind," the doctor continued. "He will never be able to do anything for himself." Forty-seven years later, a yellow Labrador retriever puppy was born in the whelping unit of Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, California. The puppy's name was Roselle. On September 11, 2001, she saved Michael's life. This is Roselle's story too. —From the Introduction Every moment in Michael Hingson's and Roselle's lives seemed to lead up to this day. When one of four hijacked planes flew into the World Trade Center's north tower on September 11, 2001, Michael Hingson, a district sales manager for a data protection and network security systems company, was sitting down for a meeting. His guide dog, Roselle, was at his feet. Paired for twenty-one months, man and dog spent that time forging a bond of trust, much like police partners who trust their lives to each other. Michael couldn't see a thing, but he could hear the sounds of shattering glass, falling debris, and terrified people flooding around him and Roselle. However, Roselle sat calmly beside him. In that moment, Michael chose to trust Roselle's judgment and not to panic. They were a team. Thunder Dog is a story that will forever change your spirit and your perspective. It illuminates Hingson's lifelong determination to achieve parity in a sighted world and how the rare trust between a man and his guide dog can inspire an unshakable faith in each one of us. Originally published in 1979 - The Uninvited is the true story of an ordinary family living in South Wales who found themselves entangled in a series of unearthly encounters in 1977. At first the manifestations were minor. UFOs were sighted in the area, huge burnt patches were found in the fields, television sets and cars blew all of their wiring...but before long the Coombs family was visited by weird lights, huge white figures and a glowing disembodied hand. Their lives were disrupted and they were terrified by something unidentifiable and unimaginable. They were a focus for The Uninvited. The story you are about to read is true, though you will doubt it. With good reason. This is the story of an ordinary family caught up in the extraordinary, for whom the impossible became possible, the unbelievable became believable, and science fiction became science fact. You will find no explanations for the events reconstructed here, for there are none. What took place was as beyond explanation as it may seem unbelievable. It still is...THE UNINVITED is the story of an ordinary family living in South Wales who found themselves entangled in a series of unearthly encounters in 1977. Dubbed "The British Roswell" and "The Welsh Triangle" by many publications, the story of the events surrounding the Coombs family and Ripperston Farmhouse live on to this very day.

Pulp History brings to life extraordinary feats of bravery, violence, and redemption that history has forgotten. These stories are so dramatic and thrilling they have to be true. In Devil Dog, the most decorated Marine in history fights for America across the globe—and returns home to set his country straight. Smedley Butler took a Chinese bullet to the chest at age eighteen, but that did not stop him from running down rebels in Nicaragua and Haiti, or from saving the lives of his men in France. But when he learned that America was trading the blood of Marines to make Wall Street fat cats even fatter, Butler went on a crusade. He threw the gangsters out of Philadelphia, faced down Herbert Hoover to help veterans, and blew the lid off a plot to overthrow FDR. Have you ever given consideration to what it would be like to be deaf? Not hearing a single sound. Sure, it's quiet in your house, but you still hear sounds. I would like to think the sensation would be equitable to being underwater, but that would not be a true statement. You can still hear things while being underwater: Waves swishing and people talking above the water - yelling or laughing. Deafness is pure silence. When something big drops to the floor, I "feel" the thump it made. When my dogs bark, I can't hear them, but if they jump on my bed while I'm sleeping, I can feel they are present to wake me for a incoming visitor, burglar, tornado or other natural disaster. This book is a candid, and comical view about hearing loss, Meniere's Disease, vertigo, and the process of undergoing cochlear implant surgery. It also goes into depression and coping mechanisms for all of the above. It is a MUST read for someone or anyone you know (possibly yourself, but you won't admit it), who may be suffering from hearing loss. Progressive hearing loss is subtle. The sounds we often take for granted you no longer hear. Pay attention to your surroundings next time you are outside. Can you still hear the birds?

Discover how blindness and a bond between dog and man saved lives and brought hope during one of America's darkest days.

Grandma finds a way to dispel her grandchild's fear of thunderstorms.

From the author of the million-copy bestselling *The Art of Racing in the Rain* comes the breathtaking and long-awaited new novel. This novel centres on four generations of a once terribly wealthy and influential timber family who have fallen from grace; a mysterious yet majestic mansion, crumbling slowly into the bluff overlooking Puget Sound in Seattle; a love affair so powerful it reaches across the planes of existence; and a young man who simply wants his parents to once again experience the moment they fell in love, hoping that if he can feel that emotion again, maybe they won't get divorced after all.

A heartwarming story of a cute little puppy that due to a family hardship is taken to a local dog shelter. There he learns about his little pink nose that not only makes him different, but creates obstacles in his mind. When he is adopted by very loving parents, it changes his whole world. He shares many wonderful first experiences with his new parents and family until one day when one of his doggie friends tells Maxx a story that turns his world into one of worry and desperation. Maxx learns that what he thought was an obstacle turns into one of the happiest days in his life.

It's 1929 and thirteen-year-old Tom Campbell has always wanted a real family with a real house and a dog of his very own. Since he was three years old, the only home he has ever known has been the Mission orphanage. When he is sent to live and work with fisherman Enoch and his wife, Tom finally sees his dream within reach. And when he rescues a Newfoundland dog in the middle of a terrifying squall, Tom feels as if both he and the dog, which he names Thunder, have found a place to call home at last. But when Enoch's

wife becomes pregnant and it looks like Thunder's owner might be found, Tom's wonderful new world is turned upside down. Will the Murrays still want Tom? And will Tom be forced to give up his beloved Thunder?

In a novel about the awful price of heroism, rookie pilot John Ellsworth is eager to liberate Vietnam from its Communist oppressors, while Army nurse Kate Moffit hopes only to rescue John from himself

Dog Heroes of September 11th -- A Tribute to America's Search and Rescue Dogs, now in its Tenth Anniversary second edition, is the first and only major publication to salute the canines that served our nation in the recovery missions following the terrorists' strikes on America. In his foreword to this edition, former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani says, "No American could be unmoved by the stories and images of these dogs and their handlers; Their journeys, as told in these pages, reinforce our resolve to persevere, rebuild and keep our nation safe and strong." A testament to man's best friend and his most critical role in American history, Dog Heroes of September 11th pays tribute to 79 canine heroes and their handlers, retelling their heart-stirring stories and photographically capturing many defining moments of the days that followed September 11, 2001. This oversized gift book features over 400 color photographs, many never seen except in this publication. Nona Kilgore Bauer, who has won multiple awards for her books on dogs, interviewed each of the handlers who participated in the recovery efforts at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, Shanksville, Penn., and the Fresh Kills landfill, the site to which remains from the fallen towers were transported, and lovingly retells their stories of heroism and bravery. In its first edition (released in 2006), Dog Heroes of September 11th won numerous awards, including book of the year from the Dog Writers Association of America, Book-of-the-Month Club, and the Independent Book Publishers Association. The second edition, expanded with over 100 new pages and over 150 new full-color photographs, presents chapters on military working dogs in Iraq and Afghanistan, the therapy dogs who worked at Ground Zero, the SDF's new National Training Center, and post-9/11 rescue missions at home and abroad. A special section, written by selected 9/11 handlers, pays tributes to their canine partners who passed away after their recovery missions. In addition to paying tribute to the dog-and-handler teams that were deployed after the attacks, this I-5 Press book supports the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF) in its mission to produce certified search and rescue teams to protect our whole nation. A portion of the proceeds of Dog Heroes of September 11th benefits the SDF.

Dora Hand was in a deep sleep. Her bare legs were exposed despite her thick blankets, and a mass of long, auburn hair stretched over her pillow and flowed off the side of her flimsy mattress. A framed, charcoal portrait of an elderly couple hung above her bed on the faded wallpaper and kept company with her slumber.

If you love dogs and baseball-- and want to know what it's REALLY like to be the Bat Dog for the Trenton Thunder, the New York Yankees' Double-A minor league team-- this book is for you! After all, how many dogs work in a baseball stadium, are cheered by thousands of adoring fans-- and "rub noses" with many of the biggest stars in the game? DERBY! My Bodacious Life in Baseball is the exclusive, long-awaited autobiography of the Trenton Thunder's funny, famous four-legged baseball philosopher-- who just happens to be a golden retriever named Derby. The fans know him best from his public role: carrying players' bats from home plate back to the dugout during games. But behind the scenes at ARM & HAMMER Park, Derby is so much more than a Bat Dog. He's the young baseball players' unofficial coach, mentor, loyal friend, and "team psychologist". Whether you hit a walk-off homer, or strike out at the bottom of the 9th, Derby is always there to give you a friendly nudge of encouragement with his cold, wet nose. The Thunder's perennial All-Star, Derby is the furry face of the franchise and the team's true MVP (Most Valuable Pup). He's also the reigning king of a three-generation dynasty of Thunder Bat Dogs that began with his beloved, fondly remembered father, Chase. Derby follows in Chase's legendary pawsteps and-- as the "world's foremost expert on baseball and human behavior"-- doles out advice to his own adorable puppy and heir apparent Bat Dog, Rookie. Inside this lavishly illustrated 205-page gift book, which was created and published with the permission and generous cooperation of the legendary Trenton Thunder, you'll also find: * Derby's amazing story and insights. * Literally HUNDREDS of never-before-seen COLOR PHOTOS by award-winning sports photographer Staton Rabin, providing a rare, candid inside-the-dugout peek at top Yankees prospects on the cusp of major league superstardom. Many of these rookies have since made it to "the Big Show", playing for the Yankees or other MLB teams. So if you're a true fan of the game, you'll know their names. * Cameo appearances by Mariano Rivera and Reggie Jackson. * Mini-bios of the top players from the Trenton Thunder's historic 20th anniversary season, which featured many of the most gifted Yankees prospects in more than a decade. * And, of course, lots of Bat Dog and puppy pictures. Narrated in bodacious style by Derby himself and perfect for baseball-savvy tweens (if they can just pry the book away from YOU long enough to read it!), this autobiography is a unique, witty and poignant dog's-eye-view of the summer game and the remarkable human beings who play it. These young athletes spend years of their lives chasing their individual dreams of Big League stardom, but, thankfully, never forget that it's all about supporting their teammates-- and getting the win, today. With subtle themes about friendship between people of all different races and backgrounds, the importance of teamwork, and adjusting to change during the seasons of life, DERBY! My Bodacious life in Baseball is a book that young people-- especially fans of the Trenton Thunder and New York Yankees-- can savor and grow with over time. It not only captures iconic images of baseball's most celebrated dog and his family-- but also candid moments from the early careers of young pro baseball players who just might be destined to become legends of the game. This unique memoir is both a fun dog's "tail", and a treasure trove of memorabilia for baseball-crazy parents to share with their children and grandchildren. "Derby! Get the bat!"

Ever witness a miracle up front? Do you know anybody who has seen many and lived to tell it all? If your answer is no, you should read my book "Wounded." It is based on a true story of one man's struggles throughout his life. It will take you to the depths of poverty like no other. It will display how hard it is for someone to survive lacking the basic needs in life. The main character

is a man named Santiago Jim Nunez. He is a Mexican American born in East Los Angeles, CA in 1949. He lived through foster homes since the age of six years old till he was 18 years old. His struggles continued when he went to fight in the Vietnam War. He was critically wounded and returned home. Only to discover a world where nobody cared about the veterans coming back from Nam. The aftermath and pain that came with it was draining. The lengthy battles with the VA to the constraints of money and resources. The battle between good and evil showdowns the ultimate test of faith. The battle is constantly fought throughout the entire book. This story is through the eyes of a young, battle weary soldier, adjusting to civilian life. The horrors that came home with Jim were relentless. They also took a toll on his personal relationships and his family. With nowhere to turn for help and the VA's lack to acknowledge veteran issues, Jim turned to the Lord for help. His faith would be tested in the most crucial times of his life. Throughout all the good and bad times, Jim never lost his faith. It is the biggest reason he conquered his demons and is here to share his story today. His story is one that is not here to glamourize his mistakes. What it is here for is to instill hope and faith in others who feel alone. To help those who have gone through the same pitfalls as he has. Others who feel like they have no place to turn for help. The same way he felt when he came back from Vietnam. It is here to give thanks to the many who helped him with his struggles along the way. It is here to give thanks to the Lord for all his blessings he has endured through life. The great changes he made to make life worth living and fighting for.

Lola was a buckshot-riddled stray, lost on a Memphis highway. Cody was rejected from seven different homes. Ace had been sprayed with mace and left for dead on a train track. They were deemed unadoptable. Untrainable. Unsalvageable. These would become the same dogs America relied on when its worst disasters hit. In 1995, Wilma Melville volunteered as a canine search-and-rescue (SAR) handler with her Black Labrador Murphy in the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing. At the time, there were only fifteen FEMA certified SAR dogs in the United States. Believing in the value of these remarkable animals to help save lives, Wilma knew many more were needed in the event of future major disasters. She made a vow to help 168 dogs receive search-and-rescue training in her lifetime—one for every Oklahoma City victim. Wilma singlehandedly established the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF) to meet this challenge. The first canine candidates—Ana, Dusty, and Harley—were a trio of golden retrievers with behavioral problems so severe the dogs were considered irredeemable and unadoptable. But with patience, discipline, and love applied during training, they proved to have the ability, agility, and stamina to graduate as SARs. Paired with a trio of firefighters, they were among the first responders searching the ruins of the World Trade Center following 9/11—setting the standard for the more than 168 of the SDF's search-and-rescue dogs that followed. Beautiful and heart-wrenching, Hero Dogs is the story of one woman's dream brought to fruition by dedicated volunteers and firefighters—and the bonds they forged with the incredible rescued-turned-rescuer dogs to create one of America's most vital resources in disaster response.

Hairnigans. Friendship. Big Dreams. The previously scheduled life Maya Hatton planned has been interrupted for an emergency broadcast announcement. A news station manager threatens to destroy over twenty years of brand and image building with a new contract from hell. Her husband Roddreccus moved into the rental property and refuses to move home without explanation. Instead of finding confidence, fun, and freedom as she enters her mid-fifties she's faced with crises. Fans believed she had it all together but her dream team lost a member, a villain hijacked her fairy tale marriage and now she needs to remember how to be the Maya everyone thinks she is or lose the best thing she ever had. Natural Sistahs series is written by an African American author whose chosen her natural hair since 1998. While one of many indie published black authors she considers her books appropriate for the women's fiction category though most would be shelved in the black fiction, black books, African American women's fiction, or black women's fiction section in most physical bookstores.

Steeped in authentic cultural traditions and spiritual beliefs, this rich and wonderful historical novel follows the times and trials of a family band of the Schi'tsu'umsh Indians, now called the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in northern Idaho. Through a boy named Sun Bear and his sister, Rainbow Girl, the band's oral stories are told as it struggles to hold onto what is precious and sacred about life.

A Great Christmas present!!! A young man from California Wine Country finds his estranged mother of 20 years who has been living in streets for over two decades. The encounter changes his life." Marty has been interviewed on NBC, ABC in Philadelphia, and Fox news in Washington, DC. He has also been featured in Newspapers and on Radio programs. His documentary version aired on PBS affiliate - WHUT in Washington, DC. Also Marty is a winner of the New Book Award which was announced on YAHOO and Reuters - see martyvargas.com

After the end of the Civil War, former rivals, John Demsond and Jason Alexander, team up to help Jason's father, John T. Alexander, a.k.a. the Cattle King, bring thousands of longhorn cattle out of Texas to feed the hungry people in Chicago and New York. Demsond finds himself embroiled in a web of conflicts and killings that threaten to constrict the entire nation's recovery.

Mysterious deaths, likened to those of an earlier plague that ravaged Europe, destroy friendships and fortunes, and the country slips into the devastating Panic of 1873. A tantalizing blend of fact and fiction, J.D. Proffitt's second novel is a sequel to his first story titled "Manchester Bluff: A Civil War Novel." Both books unveil elements of the past, long ago forgotten, but relevant today. J.D. Proffitt is an assistant professor at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois - his second career following many years in cellular telephone engineering management. He was raised in the small town of Alexander, Illinois, a location that plays a prominent role in his second novel. For more information about J.D. Proffitt, go to www.jdproffittbooks.com.

"The breathtaking scope, complexity and theatrics of this scam and these con men rivals any Hollywood movie."--Kamala Harris, Attorney General for the State of California
Join International Best Selling Author, Sherrie Lueder and her literary team, Dawn Taarud-Martinez and Kim Hansen, along with Tyson Wrench--a former friend, now victim, of the con men as they untangle the threads of this decade long crime spree filled with twists, turns and jaw-dropping revelations. With a cast of characters drawn from San Francisco's Castro District, follow the "Dark Prince" and "the Boiz" as they take you from one con to the next--until a single brazen act leads to murder. However, the story doesn't end there. Prepare to experience the dramatic courtroom trials that no one predicted and the shocking ending that no one expected--not even the judge."Until Someone Gets Hurt" contains exclusive insight into the methods and actions of the murderers--as told by a "former driver" Dennis Domine.As seen on truTV.com's Crime Library "Notorious Murderers-Timeless Classics" - "Kaushal Niroula and the Gay Grifters" and Investigation Discovery's New Series "Forbidden" (Series 1 Episode 9) "Prince of Darkness", a documentary about Kaushal Niroula (Includes appearances and interviews with authors Sherrie Lueder and Tyson Wrench.) ~~~~~ Characters: Kaushal Niroula, a/k/a the "Dark Prince", Daniel Garcia, David Replogle, Miguel Bustamante, Craig McCarthy, Russell Manning, Clifford

Lambert, Tyson Wrench, Dennis Domine, Thomas White UPDATE: Thomas White died in a Mexican hospital Tuesday, September 10, 2013 of pneumonia.

Tommy Ferguson intertwines the story of his life and what prepared him for the hard decisions that he would face after a tragic skydiving accident. His straightforward attitude and ability to laugh at his own situations brings out his unique humor and internal strength. "What the Freak Did I Hit?" tells of the people and the behind the scenes details that his helmet camera could not capture. Sit back and marvel in the tenacity of his everyday life and the compassion of those that meet him. Tommy's high energy is contagious and refreshing.

Animal owners consider their pets God-given gifts and love to read about their exploits and adventures. With passion and heart, ardent dog lover Susy Flory offers true, inspirational stories about amazing acts of courage, boldness, and dedication by canines, including... Guide dog Roselle, who led her partner down 78 flights of stairs after the World Trade Center attack. Kaiser, who gave his owner, a struggling veteran, a reason to live. Blue, who fought an alligator to protect her elderly master. Through these engaging and heartwarming tales, readers will be touched by how these much-loved animals answered prayer and revealed God's loving heart.

Patches is our favorite little dog with a big wet nose. In Patches' Awesome Day, Patches invites us to come along and share his day, reminding us the importance of smiling, laughter, playing, and friends. This rhyming little dog story will soon be a beloved children's classic and will have kids of all ages rolling on the floor with laughter. Helping Tales Publishers was started by James S. Martinez and Timothy T. Civick and is committed to making reading a positive impact on the world by helping those in need, one story at a time. In order to fulfill this mission, we donate a portion of the proceeds from each sale to select charities. Keep an eye out for more adventures from Patches and all his friends.

December, 2014: In the forbidding waters off Antarctica, Captain Hammarstedt of the Bob Barker sets off on a voyage unlike any seen before. Across ten thousand miles of hazardous seas, Hammarstedt's crew will relentlessly pursue the Thunder – an infamous illegal fishing ship – for what will become the longest chase in maritime history. Wanted by Interpol, the Thunder has for years evaded justice: hunting endangered species and accumulating millions in profits. The authors follow this incredible expedition from the beginning. But even as seasoned journalists, they cannot anticipate what the chase will uncover, as the wake of the Thunder leads them on the trail of criminal kingpins, rampant corruption, modern slavery and an international community content to turn a blind eye. Very soon, catching Thunder becomes not only a chase but a pursuit of the truth itself – and a symbolic race to preserve the well-being of our planet. A Scandinavian bestseller, Catching Thunder is a remarkable true story of courage and perseverance, and a wake-up call to act against the destruction of our environments.

"The Canine population of the United States is about 25 million. Out of this, about 25 million can be classified as neurotic—a conservative estimate. "For the millions of dog-owners seeking a solution to this distressing problem—" Faced with the complications and contradictions of modern society, today's dog becomes a neurotic. At every turn, his prime life forces—the need to eat and sleep—are thwarted. Instinct pushes him towards satisfying this hunger; sleep is necessary to infuse him with sufficient strength to get up and eat several times a day. (The average dog may require about 24 hours rest a day.) But environmental factors prevent him from satisfying these desires. Stephen Baker, in this entertaining and delightfully fresh book, offers new help for the perplexed pooch owner. There are chapters on training, feeding and—most important—dressing a neurotic dog. You'll read about traveling with your pet...and what you can do to eliminate sibling rivalry between dog and your baby. There is a chapter on how to psychoanalyze your dog at home, complete with charts and test batteries. You may not learn a thing, but you'll be vastly amused. Sly and witty drawings, skillfully done by Eric Gurney, serve to complement and clarify the text that will provide every reader (dog lover or not) with a great deal of dog food for thought.

When a ventilator prevented her from speaking during her final hours, Jennifer started writing. After her death, her husband turns to those pages to tell her story of courage and faith. James had just walked through the door after a day's work when Jennifer told him the news that changed everything: it was cancer. In the following two years they would lose their sense of normalcy and their dreams for the future. But along the way, they would gain something even greater than their loss. Told through the eyes of a grieving husband is this true story of a young woman's fight for her life. Jennifer's final words, penned by hand when a ventilator prevented her from speaking, provide a powerful backdrop to this journey of faith and hope. A memoir that also offers a practical pathway for those struggling with loss, The Last Seven Pages is a testimony of a God who is present in our darkest moments, and who turned a devastating illness into a life-changing promise.

Home is where the heart is... Seven years after leaving town and the only girl he loved, Cooper still couldn't forget about Sophia. He had two loves. Music and the woman of his dreams. Coming back home proved that would always be true. But things have changed. Now he has to gain her trust again if he wants to make her all his. The question is, did he lose his chance the first time? Some things are hard to forget... Sophia tried to stop loving Cooper and failed miserably. Despite the way he'd abandoned her seven years earlier, she can't seem to stay away, even though trusting him doesn't prove easy. One careless night could change it all and the secret she carries may ruin any chance of them being together. They say life is all about taking chances. But when opportunities are lost and love comes knocking the second time around, lives are changed forever.

>b>Despite being abandoned, I became the luckiest dog in the world! You don't need to speak dog to understand my inspiring story and learn about love, hope, trust, and care. My name is Bud, and this is my story. Since I don't have thumbs, I had to get help to write my true and exciting story because I wanted to share with children age ten and up why I think I am the luckiest dog in the world. Bud's story will warm your heart and hopefully awaken your senses to the "what-if," your dog could talk. What does your dog call you and what does your best friend (dog) think about life? This book is also for those who might wish for a dog and want to learn more about the process of adoption. Pet adoption is something that is dear and near to the author's heart, and she is happy to donate a portion of every sale to, "Pup and Cat Company," a local non-profit humane society.

A comical twist on "Little Red Riding Hood" told by Cat and Dog! Cat starts reading "Little Red Riding Hood" and explains, "It's a story about a little girl who always wears a red cape with a hood." Dog says, "COOL! I love stories about superheroes. What's her special power?" Cat says, "She doesn't have any special powers. It's not that kind of a story." And then the fun ensues! The zany, fun back-and-forth of Dog and Cat celebrates the joy of reading -- and questioning. Young children will cheer Dog's persistent questions as well as Cat's dedication to keep telling the story.

In September of 2005, Abbie Johnson married Bill Taylor. She was in her mid-forties, and he was nineteen years older. Three months later, Bill suffered the first of two strokes that paralyzed his left side and confined him to a wheelchair. Abbie Johnson Taylor, once a registered music therapist, uses prose and poetry to tell the story of how she met and married her husband, then cared for him for six years despite her visual impairment. At first, there was a glimmer of hope that Bill would walk again, but when therapists gave up on him seven months after his second stroke, Taylor resigned herself to being a permanent family caregiver. She discusses learning to dress him and transfer him from one place to another, sitting up with him at night when he couldn't urinate or move his bowels, and dealing with doctors and bureaucrats to obtain necessary equipment and services. There were happy times, like when she played the piano or guitar and sang his favorite songs, or when they went out to eat or to a concert. She also explains how she purchased a wheelchair accessible van and found people to drive it, so they wouldn't always depend on the local paratransit service's limited hours. In the end, she describes the painful decision she and Bill made to move him to a nursing home when he became too weak for her to care for him in September of 2012. He seemed to give up on life and passed away a month later. Abbie

Johnson Taylor lives in Sheridan, Wyoming and is the author of three previously published books.

A dog describes being mistreated by a cruel master but then later being taken in by a kind family.

She emerged as innocent as any newborn. The party of starbursts and sparkles came to a standstill. In awe, millions of heavenly beings paused. Shine Star, Princess of the Universe, was the most precious and rare of all creations. As an expression of perfect happiness, thus was the king's daughter born. A magical love story unfolds in Vikrant Malhotra's wondrous debut, *The Stories of Goom'pa: Book One*. Meet Goom'pa. He is a Poofy, a small furry creature who resides on Earth in a place called Palidon, on the edge of the Miron National Forest. His world is a quiet one-until he spies Shine Star, a glorious star in the sky and the daughter of Prime Ray, the king of the universe. Enchanted by her elegance, Goom'pa knows he is willing to do anything to win the love of this celestial beauty. As the two meet and fall in love, Shine Star's father worries about his only daughter. Exploiting that concern is the Star Lord, Rath, who wants nothing more than to wrestle control of the universe away from Prime Ray. Will Goom'pa and Shine Star find a way to be together? Or will Rath's evil plan doom them all?

The true story of how Rattie the Hawaiian Rat reaches out in friendship to humans and finds a loving home. The adventure begins with Rattie alone and lost. She encounters a group of cats, eats her way through a watermelon, and must travel across an island to find the perfect home. Story, photos, and book design by author, artist, actress, and mentor Faith Fay.

An anthology of essays, newspaper articles, magazine stories written by Michael Brick with added commentary by colleagues and acquaintances.

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