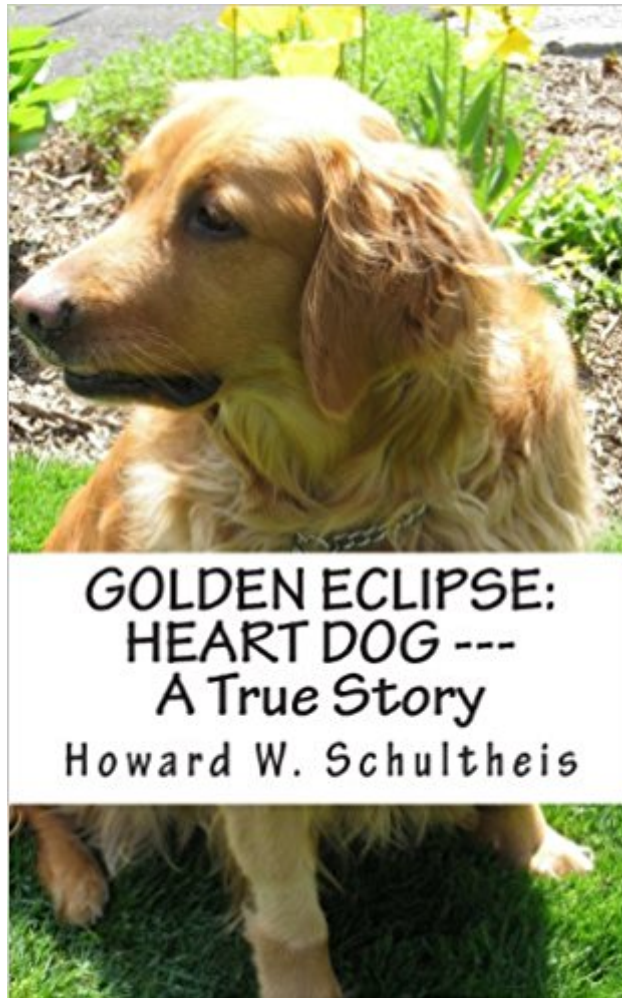




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Golden Eclipse: Heart Dog --- A True Story



Synopsis

Once in your life you may have a pet that is so much more. This animal will become one with you. Their heart and soul, and yours, will somehow join. Without words you both instinctively know what the other's needs are, and you will live to take care of them. This is the true story of my "Heart" dog, Eclipse. Originally written as a way of expressing my grief over her loss, it was meant to be read only by myself. She was such an amazing girl, that I felt her story needed to be shared. All proceeds from this book will be donated to animal rescue. Please do not feel that this book is one that will make you cry throughout. Yes, tears may be shed. (Nothing wrong with that. It saves you money on eye drops) Eclipse's story will also bring many smiles to readers of her story. It's hard for one to hear of the joy she brought to the world and not be touched by it. This amazing rescued golden retriever came into my life at seven years of age, with cancer. She was used for breeding, and then went to a second owner. I had the honor of being her third, and "Forever Home!" She was to become a registered therapy dog, who worked in Hospice and nursing home settings. This book gives concrete examples of her amazing nature, what I consider to be her philosophy of life, and the absolutely tremendous difference she made in the lives of those she met, including myself. You will read of such heart touching moments, as when she attended wakes, memorial services, and even a funeral mass. You will even get to meet Mozart. Yes, he lived with Eclipse!

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Customer Reviews

I almost didn't read this book. I've read enough dog books. Too many have made me cry, or made

me mad, or were just plain stupid. Not this one. It's genuine. It's not about a dog really...although it is. It's got a sad moment or two, but it's not a sad book or about being sad. It is more than anything about love and life, from a human perspective. If you are dealing with the loss of someone you love read this. Maybe my personal experience with losing someone close to me to a fatal disease made me see this book differently...I don't know. This book is about love, the bond between living beings...human or animal, and connecting on a spiritual level. It's as much about the author as it is about dogs. I hope everyone will be able to take always something positive from this book.

I love this book. Howard's anecdotes are hilarious, he has a wonderful sense of humor. As for Eclipse and Mozart, I bawled my head off with each of their passings, esp. Eclipse. What a dog! and thanks Howard for letting us share in your journey with this amazing creature!

As you might guess, I am an old, retired, former biker. Being I didn't take care of my body as good as I should have, I am pretty well beat up. Being that the case, there are not a whole lot of things I can do at age 73 so I read a LOT. There are a lot of things I can say about this book after reading it but I will keep it short. Five minutes after I read the last page I looked at my little Chihuahua girl Bella and the tears came. I mean I cried harder than I have ever cried in my long lifetime. Don't ask me why, just read the book. I will say that my little Bella tried as hard as she could to console me, she licked the tears from my eyes, she put her little paws on each side of my head and hugged me in her own way. Needless to say, all her efforts made the tears come harder. My wife was so worried she was about to call 911. How often do grouchy old dudes bawl uncontrollably like a baby? Do yourself a favor and buy the book. You will never regret it.

First of all, let me say how much I appreciated the straight forward, down home and friendly way this book was written. I felt like I had known Howard and his wife or had them for neighbors for years! Their love of animals and belief that they communicate with us and know us in an intelligent and perceptive way as well as their tradition of including their animals as members of the family coincide with my own beliefs so nothing Howard said, felt or theorized about seemed strange or far out to me in any way! I felt like I really got to know Eclipse and Mozart and fell in love with them both right from the beginning. I loved and appreciated the pictures shared in the book. Through Howard's heartfelt writing I felt the sorrow and loss in a profound way. I learned a lot from Howard, Eclipse and Mozart. Bless them and keep them!!! I would recommend this book to anyone who loves animals as well as to anyone who wonders why people love animals.

Normally, if an author announces that he hasn't done much more than run a spell-checker through a book, and you'll just have to ignore any grammatical mishaps, I'd be off to another book. Not this time. In a warm conversational style Howard tells the heartfelt story of the dogs in his life, and most especially one very special dog: Eclipse. Howard narrates their 'love affair', and the love affair Eclipse had with just about everyone. Her service as a therapy dog in a Hospice, her visits to the grieving families left behind, her gentle, uncomplicated approach to life and to everyone she met. This is a loving tribute to dogs in general and to one in particular. Beautiful and from the heart, even better proceeds from this book go to the Long Island Golden Retriever Rescue organisation. Thank you Howard for sharing this story.

If you love animals this story will warm your heart. This story was written 6 months after the beloved dog passed away and the final chapter added after their second family dog joined her. You can feel both the happiness and sadness in every line of the story. The author shares the happy days of their dog being a therapy dog, as well as the sadness of putting these much loved dogs to sleep to avoid having them suffer from their medical problems. The story is sad, but also therapeutic and uplifting. Ali Julia review

This is one of the best Dog Books I have read. I did not realize Golden Retrievers were such awesome Dogs and that they are very smart Dogs. I laughed and cried. There are parts of the Book you will want a box of tissues because you are going to need it especially towards the end. If you are not a Dog Lover you will be by the time you are through. They are such beautiful Dogs. Thank you for writing a beautiful and warm book. I gave it 5 Stars.

This is a love story to a very special Golden Retriever who was a very caring canine! This dog had a very special heart!

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