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The loss of a beloved pet breaks your heart in a way that animal lovers know all too well. Author, Mark Asher experienced losing his German Shepherd/Chow mix in the worst of ways: while out of his care, at a boarding facility. At the time, Mark had just finished work on his first book, *Old Friends*, a loving tribute to senior dogs, and his dog, Humphrey, had been the inspiration. The sudden and devastating loss sent Mark into a debilitating state of anger, grief, and guilt, wondering what he could have done to prevent the incident.

Lost and empty without his four-legged companion, who had seen him through a divorce, relocation to a new city, and a new job, Mark decided to go to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah, to volunteer and find his way through the pain. *Humphrey Was Here* is about how one carries on after the death of a pet that means the world to them. It is an emotional and cathartic story of grieving and recovery that will deeply touch any dog lover.

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Sarah says

This was a great book! Very endearing & heartwarming! I laughed & cried. Very touching! It also helped me see that I will survive my two dog's eventual trips to the Rainbow Bridge :-)

Sylvia Martinez says

I love dogs and I had recently lost my dog too. So I picked up the book with compassion and understanding. The books begin about a man and his close companion Humphrey's. As his owner describes him I could see what a wonder dog Humphrey's is. Then the story gets sad. His owner describes that terrible event when Humphrey passes away. As I read on the character Mark Asher remind the reader how people discard their animals like yesterday's fashion. Very sad, but then the book took a turn for the worse. As Humphrey's owner is recovering from his loss he begins to volunteer. But then he starts to think maybe he should get a dog and this is when I didn't like the book anymore he plays on the affection of the dogs. He takes a dog home and then decides he is not ready. He does this about three more times. I forced myself to read on in hopes that he gets a dog, but he does not. I was disappointed and annoyed with the book. I got this book for free from bookbub.com. Glad I didn't spend my money on this one.

Sarah says

Not being a hardcore dog fan (I dont mind them just dont want one) I picked this book up only because it was a freebie, well I was pleasantly surprised at how quickly I was pulled into the story and wanted to continue reading from cover to cover, a couple of times tissues were required and by the end I rally wanted to go to the animal shelter/retreat the author went to to come to terms with losing his dog - I take my hat off to you Mr Asher - you actually made me care about your dog, your photography and your coming to terms with your grief even though I dont know you. I really wish you all the best and hope that life treats you and your pets kindly from now on.

Lori says

Got this on my kindle. A touching devotion to a dog named Humphrey. this one starts off with the dog dying at the beginning of the book. very sad really Humphrey is dropped off to be taken care of a pet care type center and he dies suddenly while there. a part of this book is trying to find out what happened, how guilty and heartbroken his owner was. Now he shared his life with this terrific dog. a nice touching homage to the dog he loved. this a part sad and even funny at times describing his life with Humphrey. a pretty nice read. I picked this book out to read because we recently lost our own dog "Molly" who died at 16 years old. We miss our girl a lot. Last week we adopted a dog at the local shelter. A Jack russell, chihuahua mix. we named "Roxie"

Mary Mullane says

Yes, I cried, thinking of my beloved dogs who are at the Rainbow Bridge. Best Friends has long been one of my "causes", & I do have a memorial there for my Lab-mixes, Simon & Schuster. I was fortunate they both lived long lives (Simon, 14 & Schuster, 15). When Simon turned 10 I no longer traveled because I knew if something happened while they were kenneled I would be devastated.

Mark's journey through his grief was touching. I wanted to know if he adopted another dog, but understand why that wasn't included in this book. Because this was, rightly so, about Humphrey.

Pat Christie says

Ebook

A wonderful story about his dog and how it feels to lose him. Dog lovers can relate to the love and the pain.

Lori Henrich says

If you have ever had a pet you have probably experienced the grief of loss. This is a touching story of how one man's best friend touched his life and how he moved on when he lost that friend. I am an animal lover and have experienced that loss on several occasions. I teared up several times while reading this book.

It is well written and its words will ring true to all of the animal lovers out there who will take the time to read it.

Christina says

I laughed, I cried, I cried some more. Extremely well written, honest, emotional, and touching

julie morse says

Truly a good read

Sorry for the loss of your dog. There's always hindsight as this book points out but in the end we all die. He put the loss of a pet into words and his actions on how he coped. Your second book is one I'll be looking out for too.

Pam says

Good reading

it was interesting the way the author told of his feelings sorting through the death of his dog. Made me remember my pets I had in the past.

Kathleen says

This book touched me deeply like no other I have ever read. The raw emotion that Mark shares with the reader is so strong that I felt my heart breaking and missing Humphrey too. If you are a dog lover and even if you're not, this book is a must read. It will stay with you long after you put it down. And you will not be putting it down until you finish it, wanting desperately to know how it ends and how Mark goes on without his best friend.

Margaret says

For all dog lovers, this was an amazing book. The author really captures what it's like to lose a beloved pet. He's a great writer. This is the second book of his I read. I love his writing style.

Robin says

This was a wonderful book! I found it very emotional and touching. Everyone who's ever lost a pet / best friend understands Mark's pain but its what he did afterward that makes him an amazing person in my eyes. Mark volunteered weeks of time in Utah at the largest no-kill shelter in the US, aptly named, "Best Friends". Mark worked with dogs broken both in body and soul. His heart ached for them and for his Humphrey but as time passed, he healed too. I think Mark did such an honorable thing in a very humble way and lucky for us he has a gift with words so he could share his story with us. Thank you Humphrey and Mark for touching my heart with your story.

April Cothorn says

very good book. sad but very good

Heather says

Great read

Heartwarming read. Anyone who has ever suffered the loss of a dog will love this book. A must read for dog lovers everywhere
