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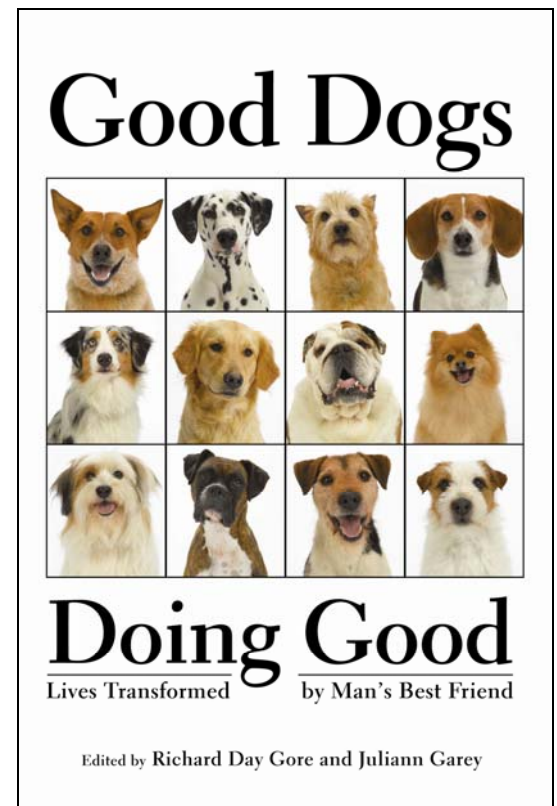


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Inspirational book—*Good Dogs Doing Good*—pays tribute to the special connection between dogs and humans

Tales of personal growth and recovery are made possible by the indelible spirit of canine companions

CHICAGO: In times of despair, humans reach for inspiration and support anywhere they can. Some naturally turn to beloved canine companions for assistance. Others, initially less aware of the power of the pup, end up forging dramatic friendships with dogs that enter their lives through chance. In *Good Dogs Doing Good : Lives Transformed by Man's Best Friend* (LaChance Publishing, December 2009), edited by Richard Day Gore and Juliann Garey, 29 personal essays elucidate the essential and rewarding nature of relationships between dogs and humans, and how dogs selflessly provide encouragement and motivation through the most trying of circumstances.



By turns humorous, heartwarming and Kleenex-worthy, these true stories, each accompanied by a photograph of the featured furry friend, trace how each dog helps its

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master cope with life-threatening diseases or chronic illnesses, drug addiction, death, abuse and life transitions.

Set in both urban and rural environments, encompassing owners of all ages and featuring dogs who have been chosen by their owners (as well as those who simply showed up on doorsteps), these essays capture the innate understanding character of dogs and the positive role they can play in people's emotional and physical recovery processes. Whether the dog is providing an impetus for getting out of an abusive relationship in "Pee Monster," pushing an aimless hitchhiker toward self-realization in "On Laughter," conveying a new perspective on empathy in "A Ray of Dogshine" or transcending mortality in "Winston's Boy," the stories comprising *Good Dogs Doing Good* illuminate and pay homage to the unique canine-human connection.

Dog lovers and those looking for a *Chicken Soup for the Soul*-like spoonful of clarity alike will find *Good Dogs Doing Good* an enlightening and touching read.

Richard Day Gore is Senior Editor at LaChance Publishing. A graduate of the University of Maryland, a writer and accomplished musician, he is the author of *Behind the Seams: Undressed, Uncool and Uninsured on Fashion Avenue*.

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