



## A Letter to My Dog: Notes to Our Best Friends

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**Robin Layton, Lisa Erspamer, Kimi Culp : A Letter to My Dog: Notes to Our Best Friends** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Letter to My Dog: Notes to Our Best Friends:

98 of 98 people found the following review helpful. Special deliveryBy ScarecrowI rarely read books on dogs, because they seem to all follow a tacit requirement that at some point, they must be profoundly sad. Several years ago, I picked up a book on a sale table entitled "Shelter Dogs" and it included a photograph and a caption that has haunted me to this day. I don't actively avoid sadness, I just don't seek it out. Watching "Ole Yeller" once was quite enough for me, thank you. But as I read through this book, I instinctively understood the "heartfeltedness" of the letters within. Writing a letter to a creature - whether canine, human, or otherwise - who will never read it brings out an honesty of emotions that most folks typically tend to repress. I suppose that's why some therapists encourage this sort of activity. You can almost feel that some of these letters were only written after agonizing effort; "What do I say? How do I say it? What words should I use, none of which effectively capture what I feel?" I wonder how many tried and failed. Like

many people who will read this book, I started a letter of my own, to my "old lady who is now fourteen and in the twilight of her life." I couldn't finish it. Words failed, and eventually blurred. If you are reading this review, you are a dog lover, and I am guessing you have been in this same place, and have seen your own words blur as you struggle to capture your feelings. That's a good thing. Even though I've never met you, I like you already. But perhaps even more poignant would be the "what if" thoughts that will surely spring to mind as you read this book. If your dog could write, if your dog could put pen to paper, what would it say to you? 18 of 18 people found the following review helpful. love it By dj This is the Best Book I have read about dogs... My dogs.... Book came in Great Shape and Fast. I think I am gonna write a letter to my 3 dogs. 33 of 35 people found the following review helpful. I LOVE LOVE LOVE THIS BOOK. ITS NOT A STORY, BUT SO SWEET By mike knutson AWESOME BOOK FOR THE ULTIMATE DOG LOVER. NOT A STORY, AWESOME PHOTOS HEARTFELT LETTERS TO PEOPLES DOGS THAT JUST MAKE YOUR HEART WARM AND SOMETIMES BRINGS A LITTLE TEAR TO YOUR EYE. NOTE: ONE OWNER WROTE EVERYTIME MY DOG STOPS WHEN HE IS OUT ON A WALK AND SMELL ANOTHER DOG OR ANIMAL I JUST LOOK AT IT LIKE HE IS READING HIS MAIL. SO NOW, I WILL GIVE MY DOG TIME TO STOP AND READ HER MAIL.

Dogs know how to talk to us they do it all the time. A pair of raised ears or a wagging tail can speak volumes to those in the know. In this heartfelt ode to the furriest of family members, dog lovers get the chance to say something back, sharing personal letters penned to their beloved companions. With gorgeous accompanying photographs by Robin Layton, this collection of letters and portraits features a wide range of dogs and their owners, including everyday people with remarkable stories as well as celebrities like Hilary Duff, Tony Bennett, and Oprah Winfrey alongside their pooches. Throughout, these tales of perseverance, love, and loyalty celebrate the deep and devoted friendships that humans share with their pups.

" a CRAZZZY good read! We know what's going to be on our Christmas list! " -TeddyHilton "This is a real must-have for your dog-lover friends" Columnist Liz Smith "Sweet, poignant, heartfelt--the love songs to the dogs are perfectly complemented by Layton's tender photographs." -Shelf Awareness "A Letter to My Dog: Notes to Our Best Friends features letters written by everyone from Oprah Winfrey to Tony Bennett to Willow Smith. Their stories celebrate belly rubs, endless games of fetch, fuzzy ears and waggy tails, and most of all-unconditional love. Complete with stunning photography by Robin Layton, A Letter to My Dog is the perfect book for anyone who considers their dog a part of their family. So cuddle up on the couch with your pooch, grab a cup of hot cocoa, and dive in to this unique and beautiful book." Tails Magazine About the Author Robin Layton is an award-winning photojournalist and renowned photographic artist. At the age of twenty-four, LIFE magazine named her one of the eight most talented photographers in America. Nikon calls her one of the best photographers in the world. Her exquisite work has been nominated for a Pulitzer prize and featured in the Smithsonian. This in-demand photographer's impressive client list includes President Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Sarah Jessica Parker, Jennifer Aniston, Sidney Poitier, and more. Robin lives in Seattle with her partner Shakti and their four very-loved adopted dogs. Kimi Culp's unique specialty is generating original ideas and concepts and bringing them to life across multiple media platforms. Her experience includes work as a producer and story developer for NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, ABC's Good Morning America, 20/20, and The Oprah Winfrey Show. She is a partner at Long Story Short Media, a production and creative consulting company. Based in Los Angeles, she loves spending time with her husband and two children, hiking, and playing at the beach. Lisa Erspamer, a dog lover since birth, most recently served as Chief Creative Officer and Executive Vice President of Programming and Development for OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network. Prior to OWN, Lisa served as Co-Executive Producer of The Oprah Winfrey Show, where she produced hundreds of shows and oversaw such memorable episodes as the biggest Flash Mob in history, the legendary car giveaway, Oprah's After Oscar Specials, Whitney Houston's final interview, and many others. Currently, Lisa lives in Los Angeles with her precious Yorkie, Lily. Lisa dedicates this book to her beloved boy, Louis, who sadly passed away this year.