

Beloved Dog

Maira Kalman

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46 of 46 people found the following review helpful. Of Dogs and Love for themBy Vivek TejujaDogs have always been very integral to my existence. From being scared of them to loving them unconditionally, life has come a long way. They are there, always, playing a role in some way or the other, dispensing wisdom in their own way and ensuring that they never let you know. Kalman picks on these qualities of dogs and talks about them through illustrations, her life, the dogs she has encountered and how they have featured in almost every book of hers. "Beloved Dog" is a dedication to our canine friends all over the world. The book is of course as usual beautiful illustrated and that is what makes it so special are her personal thoughts on dogs and how she got about getting one even though she had grown up getting scared of them. It all started when her husband passed away and a dog came into their lives (her children and hers) and changed everything for them. The book is a mirror of who we really are and who we become when we love our dogs unconditionally. There are so many lessons in here for all of us. The book is essentially New York and how we think and feel with them even more than people. If you have ever had a pet or have one, then you know this book, you know it inside out. There are poignant layers of philosophy in the

book that are almost cautiously hidden by the beautiful illustrations. "Beloved Dog" is all about the love you have for your pet, and when the pet becomes a lot more than just a four-legged creature. Dogs do not go anywhere, even after they have gone in the physical sense, they linger, forever reminding you that it is so important to have them in your life. 11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Awesome and unique By Robbin A quirky, strangely familiar and fresh take on our deep and essential connection to dogs. Utterly charming and inviting, the best book I have lived this year. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Strange in a Wonderful Way, A Fitting Tribute to Our Beloved Best Friends, Amazing Illustrations By Natalie I do believe that I have finally found a book - and maybe an author - as weird as I am. I completely loved this illustrated book. Not only does it provide a story about a "Beloved Dog," just like my boy who I have been grieving for the last 2 months, but it also includes parts of the author's many other works. Every piece is quirky, funny, slightly off in lovely ways, superbly illustrated, and lovingly constructed. I felt such love for my beloved dog as I read this book. It is not the usual kind of book that helps you deal with the grief of losing your beloved best friends, but it gives you a different point of view and it will appeal to those of us who are strange enough to respond to it.

Maira Kalman, with wit and great sensitivity, reveals why dogs bring out the best in us Maira Kalman + Dogs = Bliss Dogs have lessons for us all. In *Beloved Dog*, renowned artist and author Maira Kalman illuminates our cherished companions as only she can. From the dogs lovingly illustrated in her acclaimed children's books to the real-life pets who inspire her still, Kalman's *Beloved Dog* is joyful, beautifully illustrated, and, as always, deeply philosophical. Here is Max Stravinsky, the dog poet of *Oh-La-La (Max in Love)*-fame, and her own Irish Wheaton Pete (almost named Einstein, until he revealed himself to be "clearly no Einstein"), who also made an appearance in the delightful *What Pete Ate: From A to Z*. And of course, there is Boganch, Kalman's "big black slobbering Hungarian Beast." And that's just the beginning. With humor and intelligence, Kalman gives voice to the dogs she adores, noting that they are constant reminders that life reveals the best of itself when we live fully in the moment and extend unconditional love. "And it is very true," she writes, "that the most tender, complicated, most generous part of our being blossoms without any effort, when it comes to the love of a dog." From the Hardcover edition.

"Maira Kalman's *BELOVED DOG* captures in glorious washes of color and equally riotous, reverential text the bodies and souls of her dogs, and memorable others and their owners." —Elle Magazine About the Author Maira Kalman is an illustrator, an author, and a designer. She is the author of *And the Pursuit of Happiness* and *The Principles of Uncertainty*. She is the illustrator of Michael Pollan's *Food Rules* and the bestselling edition of William Strunk and E. B. White's *The Elements of Style*. Kalman's work is shown at the Julie Saul Gallery in Manhattan.