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Free Days With George: Learning Life's Little Lessons From One Very Big Dog



Synopsis

A New York Times Bestseller...!! ã ã A heartwarming, true story about George, a rescue dog who helps his owner rediscover love and happiness. Marley & Me meets Tuesdays with Morrie and The Art of Racing in the Rain--get your tissues ready, animal lovers! After Colin Campbell went on a short business trip abroad, he returned home to discover his wife of many years had moved out. No explanations. No second chances. She was gone and wasn't coming back. Shocked and heartbroken, Colin fell into a spiral of depression and loneliness. Soon after, a friend told Colin about a dog in need of rescue--a neglected 140-pound Newfoundland Landseer, a breed renowned for its friendly nature and remarkable swimming abilities. Colin adopted the traumatized dog, brought him home and named him George. Both man and dog were heartbroken and lacking trust, but together, they learned how to share a space, how to socialize, and most of all, how to overcome their bad experiences. At the same time, Colin relived childhood memories of his beloved grandfather, a decorated war hero and a man who gave him hope when he needed it most. Then everything changed. Colin was offered a great new job in Los Angeles, California. He took George with him and the pair began a new life together on the sunny beaches around L.A. George became a fixture in his Hermosa Beach neighborhood, attracting attention and giving affection to everyone he met, warming hearts both young and old. Meanwhile, Colin headed to the beach to rekindle his love for surfing, but when George encountered the ocean and a surfboard for the first time, he did a surprising thing--he jumped right on the board. Through surfing, George and Colin began a life-altering adventure and a deep healing process that brought them back to life. As their story took them to exciting new heights, Colin learned how to follow George's lead, discovering that he may have rescued George but that in the end, it was George who rescued him. Free Days with George is an uplifting, inspirational story about the healing power of animals, and about leaving the past behind to embrace love, hope and happiness. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

"Without hesitation I wholeheartedly recommend this book (especially to any animal lovers). It will make you smile, laugh, and cry as the twosome adapt to their new lives together." ---Edwards Book Club --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

COLIN CAMPBELL has worked as a marketing executive in both the United States and Canada for the past twenty-four years. He has held senior roles with MacLaren McCann, MKTG and the National Hockey League Players' Association. He has created and managed marketing and branded content programs for Nike, Mattel, Kraft and General Motors, among others. Colin's syndicated radio show on Junior Hockey Magazine has aired across Canada for the past twenty-four years. Colin and George live in downtown Toronto and escape as often as possible to the beaches of California and Nova Scotia to get their surfing fix. From the Hardcover edition.

I was looking for my next great read and I found it right here with George and Colin. This is an easy read type of book that draws you in and makes the book difficult to put down. I could relate to Colin's story and also to George helping Colin find his way to living joy again. Furry friends are truly an amazing gift to all of us if we really take the time to listen to them. :) I look forward to seeing what happens along their path. Truly a nice read and yes, the dog is alive and well! :) If Colin and George end up near your area, go and meet them! Be ready for a kiss from George! Sweetie!

This book IS SO WORTH reading!! It is a true story of the author's struggle with a relationship and the realization he doesn't know quite how to get his act together. George, a 140 pound rescue Newfie, turns out to be the perfect answer and the adventures and trust they develop with each other is funny, enlightening, and makes a profound difference to them both. Real photos of them included in the book really complement the story!!

if you're a dog lover, this is a very fine read - touching, with humor and no sad ending. The owner was very gentle in his approach/training in the beginning, allowing George to acclimate to his new life, friends, and surfing.

I have two oversized pups (one who was rescued and wouldn't let me hug him for the first few months), and this book captures the love and freedom dogs can bring to life. I'm a teacher, and my first year teaching in a rough school was the hardest year of my life. Every day I came home though, they licked my tears and encouraged me to make it through another day. Campbell's story is relatable and real to any true dog lover. Definitely worth the read!

I read this book in four days, and couldn't put it down! It is a truly heart-warming story, and an easy read. I loved the pictures included in the book, and I felt as if I really got to know the characters. As a fellow large breed dog-lover, I could really relate to the human-canine connection. My only regret is that it's over, I didn't want it to end! You have to read this book!!!

One of the best books I have ever read. very emotional with all the good and bad life has to offer. In this case good won out over bad. "George" was a special dog, including being VERY LARGE, he had soul, spirit and heart. Together they found what each needed and freely gave it and thus became better for the risk.

Free Days with George was a delightful read! A funny and uplifting book that proves, again, those we think were rescue, really rescue us.

This book captured me from the beginning. Very well-written and engaging, the story is one that anyone with his/her own "George" can recognize and appreciate. Thanks so much, Colin, for sharing this lovely story that is also a candid look at the human condition.

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