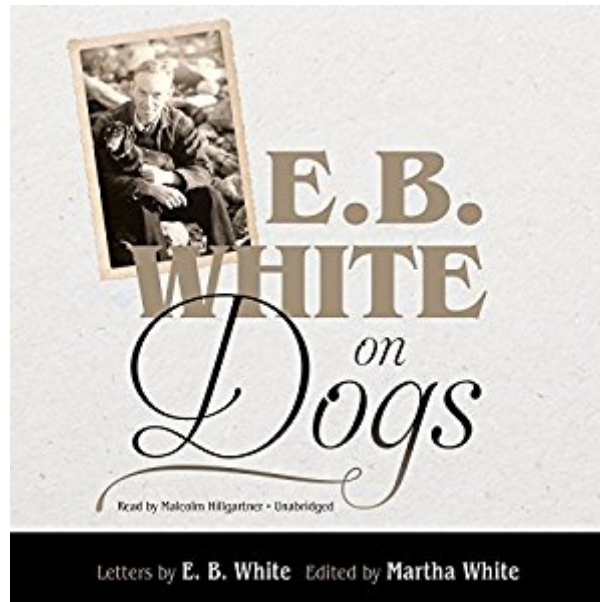




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E. B. White On Dogs



Synopsis

E. B. White is best known for his children's books, such as *Charlotte's Web*, *Stuart Little*, and *The Trumpet of the Swan*. A columnist for the *New Yorker* for over half a century and coauthor of *The Elements of Style*, White hit his stride as an American literary icon when he began publishing his *One Man's Meat* columns from his saltwater farm on the coast of Maine. In *E. B. White on Dogs*, his granddaughter and manager of his literary estate, Martha White, has compiled the best and funniest of her grandfather's essays, poems, and letters depicting over a dozen of his various canine companions. Included here are favorite essays such as "Two Letters, Both Open", "Bedfellows", and many others, as well as some of White's little-known notes and comment pieces covering dog shows, sled dog races, and the trials and tribulations of city canines. This is a book for those who recognize a good sentence and a masterful turn of a phrase; for E. B. White fans looking for more from their favorite author; and for dog lovers who may not have discovered the wit, style, and compassion of this most distinguished of American essayists.

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Customer Reviews

In addition to tongue in cheek assessment of dog attitude, in letters and essays the author takes the reader back to a time when humorists shared opinions in a diary of everyday self observations. As one of the book jacket reviews states, this is pre-blog blog. Although I once enjoyed the *New Yorker* cartoons, I felt the magazine articles were beyond me - they were inside jokes for Manhattan-ites. The selections in this collection are easy to relate to because sophisticated White is every person, living the farm life and experiencing hands-on animal care as well as animal foibles. The difference

of course is that he describes his predicaments in a style all his own.

I've earmarked nearly every page in this book so I can go back and reread favorite parts. Apparently they're all my favorite. E.B. White's writing is beautiful, funny, timeless and full of grace. I've read everything he's written and love having pieces on dogs all in one collection. It's not necessary to love dogs to love this book; an appreciation for excellent writing is the only requirement.

E.B. White is an interesting person. I enjoyed "getting inside his head". One reviewer, disappointedly, mentioned that the book is just a bunch of letters and articles. That is true, and at first I was a bit frustrated by this as well. However, by reading on I felt as if I was able to see a truer image of who E.B. White was. I admire his intellect and down to earth spirit. Of course, he loved dogs, as I do. It was fun to share that love with him, through his humorous and well-written pages.

For anyone who enjoys the writings of E.B. White this book displays his fondness for Dogs and for Nature, as well as sharing many of his views of the World in general. This is Vintage White.

One doesn't have to love dogs to love White's spot on observations of and devotion to them. They accompany him throughout his life, and he portrays them - along with his friends and neighbors - in every possible light and situation. His writing is not matched anywhere.

At his request, I bought this for my husband as he was recovering from a serious dog attack (he's a mailman.) He has enjoyed it immensely. Though I haven't read it yet, he's thanked me more than once for finding it on and getting it for him. That's high praise!

I'd recommend this to anyone who loves good writing, loves dogs and savors humor. White was a prolific writer and he wrote like an angel. He was also an astute and keen observer of life, human and canine. I feel like I know Daisy and Fred.....dogs who owned White at various times in his life. When I need a good belly laugh I reread Death of a Pig.

What a wonderful way to look back and the writing of EB White. His short essays are excellent models for beginning writers and entertaining to the rest. He captures the world of dogs and owners so well. I wish there were more pictures of his dogs however. Submitted by Linda Kurtz who received this as a birthday gift.

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