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In *The Puppy Diaries*, Jill Abramson perfectly captures the experience of having a balanced and fulfilling relationship with her canine friends--Buddy and Scout. She tells her story of life-time companionship in such a meaningful and emotional way that we all come to know them. Throughout her journey we experience the laughter and the difficulties of a young puppy, as Jill describes in intimate and relatable details the impact of Scout on her home, her family and herself. Through her insight into the canine human bond, Jill's story illuminates the role that a dog can play in helping us to rediscover who we are, no matter our stage in life.

Jill weaves her personal story of the emotional rollercoaster of bringing a new puppy into the home with informative investigations of the practicalities. Like many of my clients, Jill is an incredibly accomplished professional in her working life, who struggles to maintain that authority and be a pack leader when faced with the big brown eyes of young Scout. The Puppy Diaries chronicles her attempts to control Scout as easily as she manages the newsroom at the New York Times. Jill applies her investigative journalism skills to research various training methods, which are discussed and examined through trial and error. Internationally renowned dog behaviorists (including myself!) are consulted throughout Jill's quest to raise the perfect puppy. Jill also takes her wry eye to the many services available for proud puppy parents in bustling New York. I cheered when Scout visited the local dog pool for some much needed exercise in the city, and laughed at prices for pet hotels and day cares.

This book is for anyone who has ever known the pain of saying goodbye to their beloved best friend and the joys of eventually welcoming a new one into their lives.

Cesar Millan is the host of National Geographic's Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan.

Review

"A golden retriever of a memoir. Unaffected, unironic, and lovingly goofy... it should hit the wide, heart-shaped mark cultivated by dog fanciers everywhere."—Alexandra Styron, *The New York Times Book Review*

"A worthy addition to the crowded so-called dogoir genre... Ms. Abramson writes with intelligence and grace and never descends into the saccharine... [Her] voice is bighearted and surprisingly down to earth as she and her husband forge a stronger bond with Scout at their side."—John Grogan, *The New York Times*

"Jill Abramson had me at 'woof'... Scout is a doll, all right, but Abramson lives up to her resume as one, um, dogged journalist... It shares so many fears, frustrations, misapprehensions and joys with child-rearing that you could drop a kid's name in some passages instead of 'Scout' and it would make perfect sense."—*The Los Angeles Times*

"Part memoir, part manual, the *New York Times* executive editor's account of her beloved golden retriever's first year is like a good dog trainer—affectionate and instructive."—*O, Oprah Magazine*

"In this wonderfully engaging narrative, Abramson documents the ups and downs of Scout's first year... The story of how she molds Scout into a compliant, city-dwelling creature will give hope to anyone who owns a problematic pooch. Along with humorous anecdotes and can't-be-beat memories, Abramson offers sound counsel on breeding, adoption and diet, making this an invaluable guidebook as well as a sweet valentine to a lovable canine."—*Bookpage*

"A pleasant mash-up of memoir and light journalism tracing Abramson's journey from the death of her previous dog, Buddy, to the full acceptance of Scout as his replacement."—*Slate.com*

"In addition to the simple, sweet pleasure of reading about the love between people and dogs, *The Puppy Diaries* offers a few more sophisticated treats."—*Newsday*

"In this book, based on her popular *Times* blog, [Abramson] chronicles her first year with her new puppy, Scout, and... consults with dog authorities like Cesar Millan of The Dog Whisperer, clicker-training Diane Abbott, and animal behaviorist Temple Grandin... Puppy owners will enjoy her account of the trials and joys of raising a puppy and will benefit from her balanced look into the contentious realm of dog-training methods."—*Publishers Weekly*

About the Author

Jill Abramson, a bestselling and award-winning author, is the executive editor of *The New York Times*. An unabashed dog-lover, she has long been fascinated by the complex relationship between dogs and their owners. She, her husband, and Scout live in New York City and Connecticut.

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