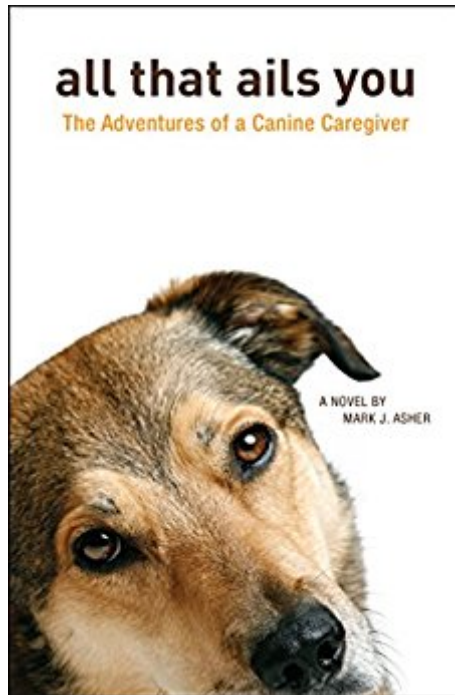


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All That Ails You: The Adventures Of A Canine Caregiver



Synopsis

Every dog deserves a forever home, and after being mistreated and given up several times, Wrigley has finally found his. The good-natured, smart mutt now spends his days as the house dog at SunRidge Assisted Living, comforting and doting on forty-five seniors. Wrigley has free run of the place "going where he senses he's needed" but his preferred spot is beside his favorite resident, Marjorie Thompson. A big shift comes to SunRidge when a cranky curmudgeon named Walter Kepsen moves in across the hall from Marjorie. Having arrived reluctantly at the urging of his son, Walter can't stand Wrigley or anything else for that matter. But a dramatic event is about to occur that will shake SunRidge, and make the old man see the house dog in a very different light. Told in Wrigley's voice, *All That Ails You* is an endearing story about the power of a dog's love, when we need it most.

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Customer Reviews

Mark J. Asher has the writing talent of a human and the soul of a dog. Never did I think I could read a book narrated by a dog and be so captivated by it. He tells the story with a reality that is magnificent. I really felt like this is what dogs must think and feel. A story told from the perspective

of a dog about loss and grief was especially moving. While there are a variety of books on the loss of a pet, this is the first book where I saw the story from the other side, and had to stop and think that dogs feel a sense of loss and sadness when they lose people they love the same as people grieve at the loss of a dog. It is the absolute perfect balance - I laughed, I cried, and my heart enveloped a dog named Wrigley. Bravo, Mr. Asher! I can't wait to read your next book.

• All That Ails You • is a heartwarming story narrated by Wrigley, a dog who you instantly come to love and understand, and his adventures as he warms his way into the hearts and lives of the staff and residents of the assisted living home where he has happily landed. The sign of a good book is when you find yourself still in the story and involved with the characters long after you stop reading. This is one of those books. It is elegant in its simplicity and an absolute pleasure to read.

What a truly heartwarming and enjoyable story. It made me smile but also brought tears to my eyes. The characters were all loveable, even old Walter. Wrigley's love for the residents and their love for him is priceless. I highly recommend this book, you won't be disappointed.

This heart warming tail (pardon the pun!) could and should be read by all age groups. Mark J. Asher's ability to make you believe that the "puppy" is actually telling his story is perfect. You cry... you laugh... you gain insight to the mind and heart of "man's best friend" and after reading this wonderful story you become a true believer that your canine buddy is just that. The only thing I didn't care for was the fact that the story ended.

Wrigley the dog began his life being shifted from pillar to post until the Peterson's adopted him as the care dog in the assisted living home they owned. And does he ever fit in! Like Garth Stein's great novel about Enzo ("The Art of Racing in the Rain"), Wrigley tells a marvelous story, revealing his thoughts, his feelings and the joy of being in a dog in a place where most everyone likes him, and the one person who seems not to, finally gives in. That said, Wrigley is a "keeper", and will be for anyone who reads about him. This book belongs on a best-seller list, and I hope it ends up there. Buy a copy or two or three for gifts for this Christmas season. Children will love it, and so will adults.

As an almost Senior Citizen and dog lover, I would have to class this as a "near miss" for me, but I would happily donate it to the Assisted Living community where my dog and I go to visit. The author doesn't quite enter the mind of the dog, but then how would I know? He is tolerant and

compassionate about the Seniors who live in the facility and I think all such residents and their families would enjoy this book. I certainly did.

This is the story of a caregiving dog in a nursing home, told from the dog's point of view. He wouldn't let someone disappear in their own self pity and depression. The resident's love for this dog will leave you with the feeling that you know the dog. A book that has been needed for a long time. I feel that all nursing homes and assisted living homes need a dog. Dogs sense people's feelings and loves them anyway. They have the time that nurses and their aids don't have.

I couldn't put this book down, I felt like I was really reading a story written by a dog. This book just reminds me of just how unselfishly loving dogs are. Many parts of the story reminded me of events with dogs I have known in my life, including the snake part. I highly recommend anyone who loves dogs to read this book. It truly amazes me how perceptive dogs can be and know when someone needs them, and this book emphasises that.

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