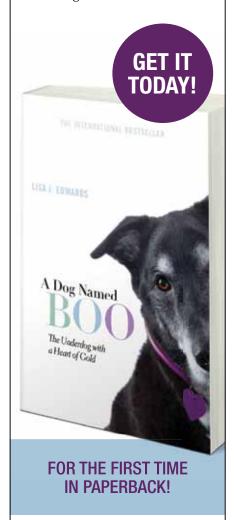


She thought she was rescuing an abandoned puppy.

Turns out, he was rescuing her.



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Ask Bob

By Peter Gethers (Henry Holt) Before there were dog "love" stories, there was the irresistible The Cat Who Went to Paris. Peter Gethers

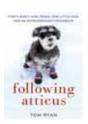
is back with a charming novel about Bob, the type of vet we'd all love to have. There is also a cast of lovable and amusing characters, including a romantic interest who was a little too unyielding for my liking. The animals, both patients and those who are part of Bob's family, are well drawn, and observations such as "Pet weight is one of the most delicious feelings in the whole world...it is like an extraordinary security blanket," make *Ask Bob* a gem of a book.



Short Leash: A Memoir of Dog Walking and Deliverance

By Janice Gary (Michigan State U Press) Pema Chodron has said that the best way

to deal with fear is to lean into it, diffusing its effect by letting it inform you and staying present. Suffering the aftereffects of traumatizing attacks, Gary and her dog Barney leaned into their fears and in doing so, freed themselves from them. An inspiring and uncompromisingly honest story.



Following Atticus

By Tom Ryan (William Morrow) Start with New Hampshire's White Mountains, add a small dog and an

overweight and out-of-shape reporter on a mission, and what do you get? A truly uplifting account of the adventure of a lifetime and a partnership built on mutual trust. A book of "life, growth and redemption."



Weekends with Daisy

By Sharron Kahn Luttrell (Gallery Books/S&S)
Suffering from canine deficit disorder,
Sharron Luttrell signed up to be a NEADS/

Prison Pup Partnership co-caretaker, the person who familiarizes an assistance-dog-in-training with daily life on the "outside." In doing so, she learns to let go and to plumb the depths of her own compassion for the benefit of others.



Dogtripping

By David Rosenfelt (St. Martins) Best known for his "Andy Carpenter" mystery series, Rosenfelt recounts

a real-life adventure in this book, something those of us who fret over preparing for a weekend in the country with our dog will find truly daunting: moving 25 dogs across country, from California to Maine, in a caravan of RVs. With typical self-deprecating humor, Rosenfelt not only journals the move, he also shares how he and his wife got involved in rescue work, and the stories of some of the dogs they saved.



All that Ails You

By Mark J. Asher (CreateSpace) This novel is narrated by Wrigley, a most attentive caregiver: emotionally attuned, good-natured,

resilient—just what's needed in an assisted-living facility. Sure, he's a dog, but that's a plus in an environment where it's sometimes hard to remember that life was once joyful. As *All that Ails You* makes clear, dog power can be a perfect antidote to illness and loss.

—Susan Tasaki