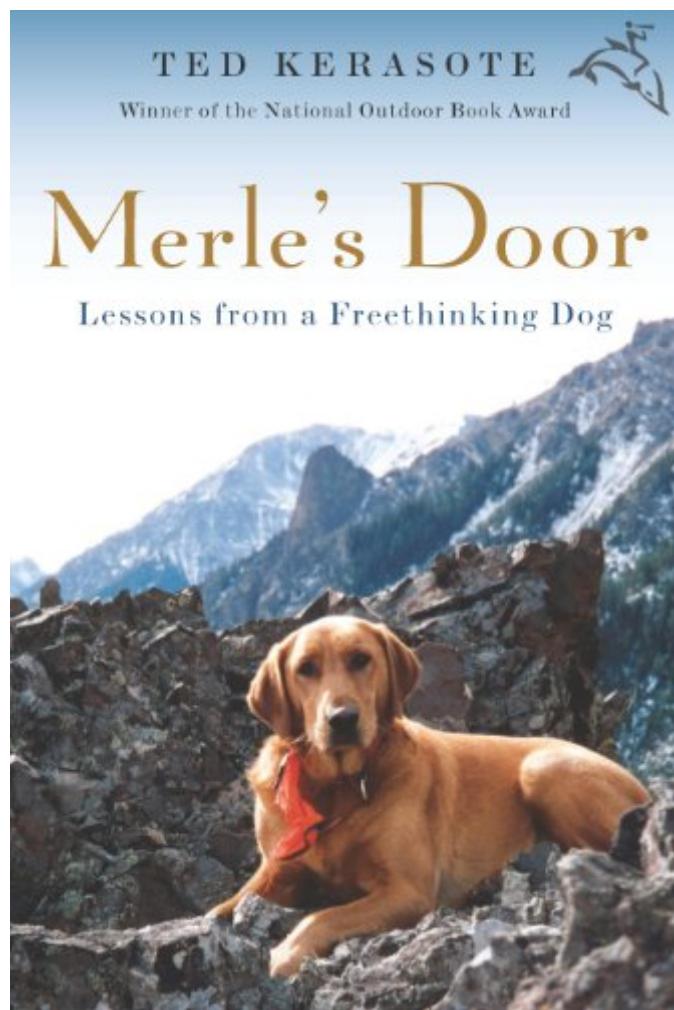


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Merle's Door: Lessons From A Freethinking Dog



Synopsis

Now including a wonderful new photo insert chronicling Merle's life, this national bestseller explores the relationship between humans and dogs. How would dogs live if they were free? Would they stay with their human friends? Merle and Ted found each other in the Utah desert. Merle was living wild and Ted was looking for a pup to keep him company. As their bond grew, Ted taught Merle how to live around wildlife, and Merle taught Ted about the benefits of letting a dog make his own decisions. Using the latest in wolf research and exploring issues of animal consciousness and leadership and the origins of the human-dog relationship, Ted Kerasote takes us on the journey he and Merle shared. As much a love story as a story of independence and partnership, Merle's Door is tender, funny, and ultimately illuminating. Now including a wonderful new photo insert chronicling Merle's life.

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Customer Reviews

A truly wonderful book. Kerasote provides well written scientific evidence when discussing a dog's

potential cognitive skills. His ideas are not merely those of a layperson providing simply his own interpretation of cognition, of how his dog sorts out its life, but provides scientific reasoning, with sources cited, for feeling as he does. The central theme is his wonderful relationship with, and love for, his dog Merle. A great read.

Ted Kerasote has written a wonderful story of his companionship and time with Merle, his dog of 14 years. Merle comes alive on the pages of this book. But even more importantly you will begin to think about and review your relationships with animals in your life, especially dogs, as you read about Merle and Ted. Kerasote is more than a so-called animal whisperer. He's a dog advocate, a spirit healer and a dog lover. You will be with your own animals in a different way after reading this book. You will talk to your dog, "listen" for your dog's responses in his behavior and dog habits. Merle will stay with you long after you finish this fine story.

This book is a truly outstanding one that describes in detail the fluke introduction between the author and a great, great dog. The story goes into detail the human and scientific sides of a relationship with a dog. It was entertaining, very-very informative and touching as well. The author did an outstanding job with this, can't recommend it enough!

Beautiful story about the relationship of a man and his dog who has been given the freedom to come and go and to think on his own. Ted captures Merle personality in print while he psycho analyzing his dog behavior. The death of Merle was too much. I felt bad for both of them. Bad because Merle kept trying to carry on for the sake of Ted. Sometimes when you love someone or something you just have to give them permission to let go. Nevertheless Merle was one lucky fella when he found Ted. Will I read Pukku probably not. Enough Dog drama for one year!

A book which grabs you and takes you on a journey of joy, enlightenment and in the end understanding and sorrow. A touching tribute to a very dear four legged friend. A book which puts to rest the issue of souls within our animal friends and opens the door to sharing of our experiences with them and the realms of nature.

I loved this book and the audio is even better. I think how Merle and Ted lived in their area of the United States is aligned to their lifestyle. Where I live in an urban area in East Texas, my Golden Retriever lives inside of a 6' wood fence on about 1/2 acre. We live very close to an asphalt road

where Goldie can not be free ranging as we also have coyotes, foxes, and wild boar since we back up to The Sabine River. We have a Deer Cam that has shot pictures of some very scary animals cruising through our back property. Goldie goes on a 2 mile walk every day and gets to smell everything that has crossed the road. When we adopted her, she was a free roaming dog on about 100 acres and the couple that owned her said they often could not locate her and that she was kind of mean to their black lab. They were on their way to take Goldie to the local animal shelter when a facebook friend from Alaska messaged me that they would gladly bring Goldie to our house so we could adopt her. She is micro chipped and current on her vaccines. It was the best day ever. Goldie is now two years old, gorgeous, happy and loves living as an only dog with two kitties. Life Is Good.

If I could give this book 10 stars I would. First, let me say I am a dog lover. But this book is about so much more than dogs. First off, it teaches us the ability that dogs have to think freely if allowed the environment to do so. I was amazed each time I read it at how a dogs brain works. The author sites studies worldwide to back up what he believes is the reason behind current societies mis-understanding of dogs behavior, and the lack of ability they have in getting on in the world more independently. This book is so much more than a book about dogs. It's a best friend story. It's one of the best love stories I've ever read or maybe ever heard. Its unconditional love bypasses that of most humans. If you are a dog lover this is a must read. If you like love stories it's a book you should read. If you enjoy adventure it's a book you will enjoy. I recommend this book to people all the time. I don't want to give away to much so I won't write more. Please, if you are considering reading this book stop considering and just do it. You won't be sorry.

Not as much as "A Dog's Purpose", or "Amazing Gracie" - but I did love it. What a character Merle was! A Rock-Star in the town where he lived -- knew everyone in his town and everyone knew and loved him! I really enjoyed reading about their many travels and the people (and dogs) that came and went in their lives. And then, as all stories do, this story had to end! Broke my heart. I say this with every Dog Book I love... read it with your Dog-friend close at hand so you can pet them while reading and get/give lots of doggie-kisses during the sad parts. I think it will take me a long time to forget the unforgettable Freethinking Dog named Merle!

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