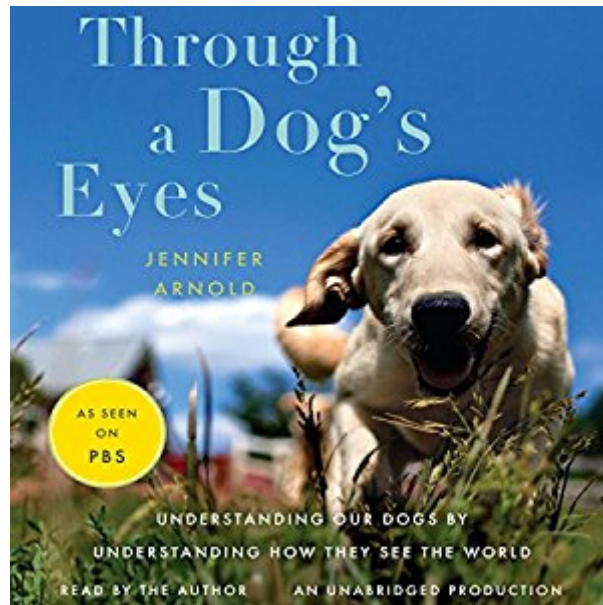


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Through A Dog's Eyes



Synopsis

Few people are more qualified to speak about the abilities and potential of dogs than Jennifer Arnold, who for the past 20 years has trained service dogs for people with physical disabilities and special needs. Arnold has developed a unique understanding of dogs' capabilities, intelligence, sensitivity, and extra-sensory skills. Her training method is based on teaching dogs to make choices-as opposed to following commands-through kindness and encouragement rather than fear and submission, and her results are extraordinary. To Arnold, dogs are neither wolves in need of a pack leader nor babies in need of coddling; rather, they are extremely trusting beings attuned to their owners' needs and they aim to please. Relationships between dogs and humans go awry when we fail to understand our dogs and when we send them confusing, mixed signals. Arnold's firsthand experience-from what moved her to start her exemplary nonprofit and how she developed her methodology-guides this book and gives it a powerful emotional heft. Stories drawn from Arnold's life and the lives of the dogs who were her greatest teachers are convincing, unforgettable, and compelling testimony and make this book a heart-warming, captivating listen that will forever change the way you see your dog by showing you the way your dog sees the world.

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Customer Reviews

[This review is based on an Advanced Reading Copy]"Through A Dog's Eyes" is an insightful, humane and knowledgeable journey through the mindset of man's best friend. The author, Jennifer Arnold is the founder of Canine Assistants, a service dog school based in Milton, Georgia. At Canine Assistants Jennifer and her team rescue, rehabilitate and train dogs to become service dogs

providing aid for children and adults who have physical disabilities, epilepsy and other special needs. Spending her entire life with dogs the author clearly has a compassion for them that transcends all boundaries of emotion. Although sometimes her feelings border on odd there's no denying her passion for animals, especially those within her care. Here are my feelings on this thought provoking book;

Pros+ Empathetic and passionate view on how to train, teach and understand your dog.
+ Author clearly outlines and explains the basic behaviors, senses and emotions of dogs in an easily understandable and common sense way.
+ Believes the popular dominant/alpha male role of the owner is incorrect. Arnold explains that trust and positive reinforcement through training should be the foundation of the relationship between owner and dog, not fear and submission. She further explains that the alpha male role should be reserved for wild animals (wolves) and not domesticated dogs and their human partners.
+ Speaks out against the use of physically and emotionally harmful training devices such as shock, choke, citronella collars and invisible fences.
+ Quick and informative read with its heart in the right place.
+ Great cover art

Cons- Author's message can sometimes come across as condescending and overly emotional.

Jennifer Arnold's book offers a giant step forward in the humane treatment of dogs as feeling and thinking beings. No doubt about it, required reading if you have a dog or are thinking of getting one. Through a Dog's Eyes offers clear insight plus a one-page chart on how to assess both dog and human personality. On a scale from 0 to 28 each individual falls into four main overarching categories: Analyticals, Drivers, Amiables and Expressives. This book offers sound methods for getting the right dog personality for you and your family. Choice Teaching, a method Arnold successfully uses to prepare Canine Assistant dogs, fills an entire chapter. She details how to employ this method with specifics on what to do. Plus she summarizes this Choice Teaching method in Appendix A. Charts provide spoken cues, physical cues and teaching tips. Given the fact that dogs lack vocal cords and cannot speak in human words, patient teaching brings the best results. And Arnold shares inspiring true stories of the choices and the "thinking" Canine Assistants dogs do. Read this book before you get a dog. Read this book first before you choose a training method. Read this book immediately when you take in a new puppy or dog. Spare yourself and your four-legged friend harsh training methods. Jennifer Arnold once thought methods of dominance and negative correction were necessary, but her dogs at Canine Assistance taught her otherwise. For twenty years, Jennifer Arnold has adopted, raised and taught service dogs for people with special needs. She has learned to "teach" dogs to make choices not to simply "train" them to follow commands.

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