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Unlikely Heroes: 37 Inspiring Stories Of Courage And Heart From The Animal Kingdom (Unlikely Friendships)



Synopsis

In her heartwarming New York Times bestsellers *Unlikely Friendships* and last year's *Unlikely Loves*, Jennifer Holland revealed the surprising emotional bonds that exist between animals of different species. Her books spent dozens of weeks on bestseller lists and caught the attention of major media from CBS This Morning to USA Today. Why? Because she opened our eyes to the rich inner lives of animals, showing us that the power of love and friendship is not for humans only. In *Unlikely Heroes*, Ms. Holland uncovers and celebrates yet another side of animals that we often think belongs primarily to people—heroism, that indefinable quality of going above and beyond, often for altruistic reasons, often at great personal risk. These 37 inspiring true tales show animals whose quick acts have saved lives, like the pod of dolphins who protected swimmers in New Zealand from a great white shark by forming a screen around them. There are stories of animals who simply and unselfishly give, like Rojo the llama, who shines his very special light of lovingkindness on the elderly patients in an Oregon rehab center. And there are compelling stories of heroic resilience: like Naki, the abandoned puppy who lost all four paws to frostbite but found the grit not only to overcome that terrible hardship but to reclaim the joy of life—that's him, smiling on the cover of the book.

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Customer Reviews

Wonderfully compassionate and amazing true stories of animal heroes and their heroism. Makes you really appreciate the bond you have with your own hero pets. I read this on a day when I was

rather depressed and the stories brightened my day and made me feel so lucky to have such a wonderful dog and cat.

An eclectic collection of feel-good stories about animals that deserve to be called "heroic." The author has researched national and local data banks to present a genuinely varied assemblage of anecdotes paying tribute to pets and wildlife that perform courageous acts. The cast of characters comprises everything from companion and farm animals to jungle beasts like a hippo, gorilla and parrot. Some tales may sound familiar, such as the child who falls into the zoo gorilla display, but there's always something new you learn about the experience. Worth reading, especially at "coffee break times" when you need a respite from global headlines of death and destruction!

Wonderfully uplifting book. Highly recommend to any animal lover, or someone who needs a smile. We could all learn a lesson from these courages and caring animals.

If you're an animal lover or just enjoy hearing stories to warm your heart, you can't get a book more appropriate than Jennifer Holland's latest book, *Unlikely Heroes: 37 Inspiring Stories of Courage and Heart from the Animal Kingdom*. Her other books, are also amazing, but when you combine awesome animals with heroic stories, how can you not be *wow-ed*? Along with the dog stories that you might expect, there are many other animals; like a bunny working in a hospital, a Gorilla helping an injured child, hero horses, cows and even mine sniffing rats, all get some well-deserved recognition in this book. Regardless of which animal the story revolves around, all of these encounters are life-affirming and remind us that compassion can transcend all logic and physical bounds. The other wonderful thing about this book, and the other books this author, is that the stories can be read numerous times and they never lose their impact. This is one of those books that will get you through a day of *Blahs*, and, for less than \$14, this book makes an inexpensive gift that will lift the spirits of anyone who receives it.

A heartwarming book to warm your soul! I enjoyed this book immensely and would recommend any of Jennifer Holland's books; looking very forward to the next!

This was bought as a gift just hoping it would arrive on time. It arrived earlier than I expected. Beautiful book and stories.

Heroes, who ? Our animals from camels, rabbits, greyhounds, elk, elephants, otters and so much more. Inspiring read to learn from, these animals can teach humans a thing or two about courage, and loyalty. A read to soothe thy soul, not only mines but everyone who can relate to our four legged or fin friends. 37 stories of these heroic animals so moving and inspirational. Wonderful illustrated photographs to melt your heart. Lovely, lovely, lovely book. I won this book on Goodreads First Read Giveaway. Thank you, Darlene Cruz

Recovering from knee surgery, I picked up this book and enjoyed it from cover to cover in one sitting. The author writes in an appealing, intelligent style, using clever word quips that fit in the right places. The photos are also priceless. Worth every penny.

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