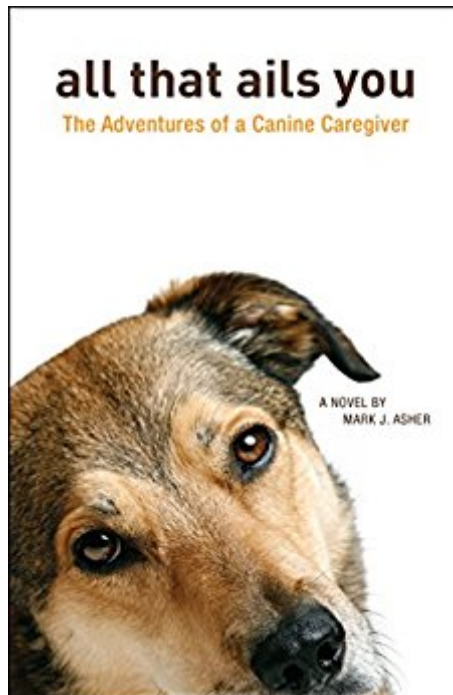


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All That Ails You: The Adventures Of A Canine Caregiver



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 Kepson 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 tale (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.

After experiencing the final time with both parents, this story made me feel and realize the love and

support that a dog can give to seniors who often feel that they have been deserted by the ones they need most. It has been a depression lifting experience to have canine visitors in these last "homes." This story presented from a dog's perspective is both heart warming and heart-breaking. It is filled with accounts of the positive and negative aspects of being with a dog attempting to both live with seniors and be a companion to them. It shares warm, loving experiences, difficult situations, and helped me deal with so many unsolved, remaining issues of being a child and family member filled with grief, regrets, sadness, buried feelings of shame, and such intense feelings of loss. This story presents a different and positive view of love and warmth at the end of life.

Set in an assisted living home, Wrigley the mutt dog, helps the residents and owners deal with life's troubles. The book is narrated by Wrigley so it's all from the dog's point of view. He has his favorite residents, knows who to sit by at Bingo (treats just fall on the floor) and helps everyone deal with the ups and downs of aging. Made me cry so many times I almost wished I had picked a different book to read but it was uplifting at the same time. Well done!

This is the first time I have read a book written for adults that was narrated by a dog. Wrigley is a dog who not just stays in a nursing home, but also interacts with the residents in a most unusual way. He is a true caregiver; giving love and companionship to all of the people with whom he comes in contact. His being leaves quite an impact on everyone's lives. It's so bittersweet. I really enjoyed it. Great story.

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