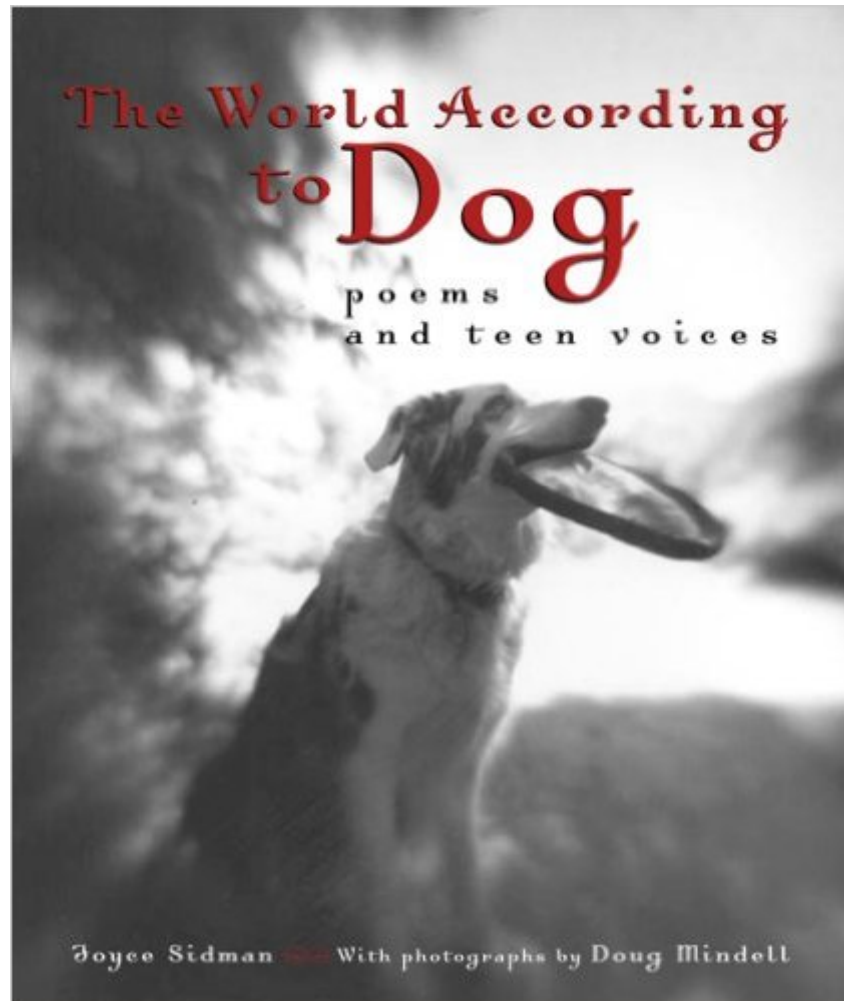


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The World According To Dog: Poems And Teen Voices



Synopsis

Illustrated with striking, blurred black-and-white photos, this collection muses on canine wisdom and charm. "Booklist" Dog lovers will likely lap it up eagerly, budding writers will snuffle it with interest, and teens who combine the two tendencies might even roll ecstatically. "Kirkus Reviews" Funny, comforting, and surprising, the words in this book explore our lives with dogs: dogs who befriend us, and dogs who annoy, perplex, and accept us. Teens speak for themselves in honest and forthright essays, and Joyce Sidman's insightful poems further express the bond between dog and teen.

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What does the world look like according to a dog? It's all about noses, squirrels, stink, sleep, and love. The dogs of our worlds are not only the ones we turn to when we need love, but they are also our sources for laughter, philosophy, and for helping us feel as though our own lives have meaning. The poems and short essays in this book represent the feelings of dog lovers and dog owners of all ages; yet, it is the words of young writers in the form of reflective essays that add the unique perspective to this book. Some highlights of the book include the advice poem, "Always Take a Dog," which reminds you how to have a better morning walk and "The Usual Spots," the title of which refers to the places in the home where the dog waits in the different seasons of the year. What will strike the reader first is the beauty of the book-the cover is inviting (making it okay to judge this book by its cover), and the high gloss, cleanly designed pages make each poem appear unique

unto itself. The photographs on each page--some clear, some blurred, all black and white--are beautiful representations of the emotions of the poem; they were taken by Doug Mindell in response to the writing. Non-dog lovers may have a difficult time understanding the big deal given to moments like when a puppy nibbles on your toes, but the beautiful verse and descriptive word choice will not be unappreciated by anyone. Verses like, "I want to / gather you back / midair / that handful of puppy / you once were / keep you curled / in my palm," are sweet and sentimental, and they're sure to cause the reader to let out a little, "A[...]"

This book was incredibly eloquent. The poetry that Joyce Sidman wrote makes all of my fellow dog-lovers teary-eyed: the poems really capture the essence of the bond between a dog and its owner. The essays are also unique and heartfelt. They really contradict the common stereotype of shallow and immature teenagers. The photographs complement the writing in a simple and touching way. I recommend this book to anyone!

This book was excellent. Teens offer such a unique perspective on dogs. Joyce makes me see both my dog and the world in a new light.

This is a lovely book of poetry and prose by owners of dogs. The various writers obviously love and appreciate the innate intelligence and loyalty of their canine companions. Someone said, and I believe it is true, nobody loves you like your dog.

What do you get when you combine children and dogs? Yes, you get "awwww", but you get much more as well. You get a fresh upbeat perspective that shatters a jaded world. The excellent b&w photography by Doug Mindell greatly amplifies the warmth of this book.

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