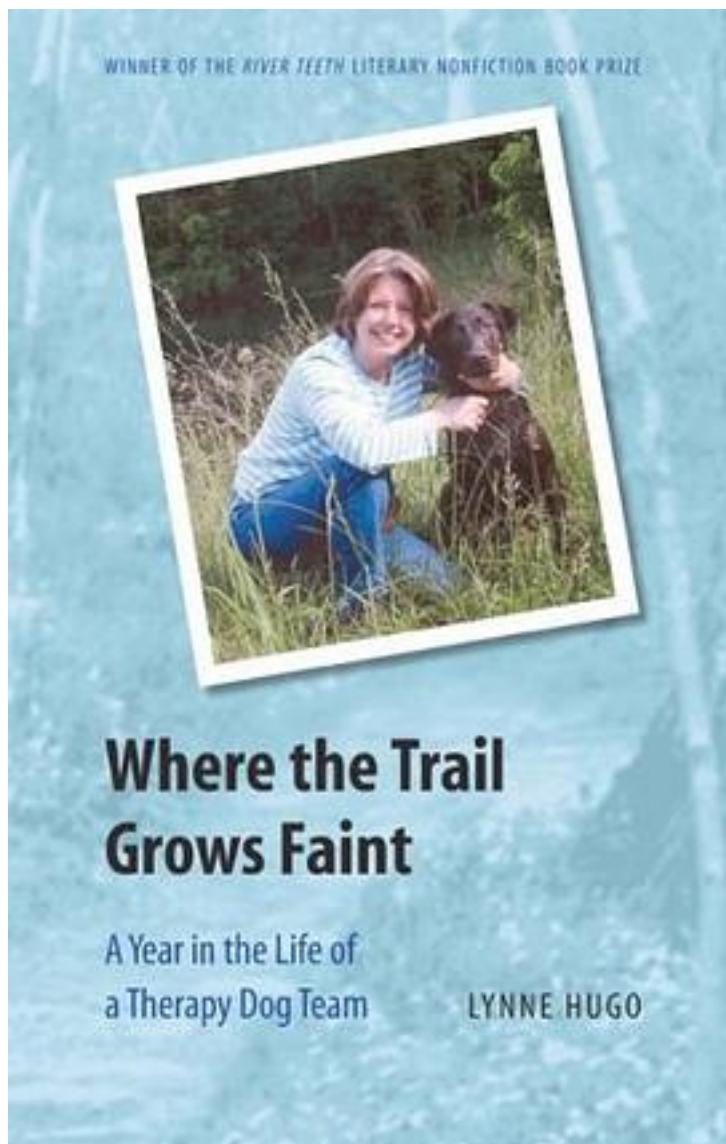


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'This is Hannah', Lynne Hugo introduces her chocolate Labrador retriever to an aged woman in a wheelchair at the Golden View Nursing Home. 'Would you like to pat her?' 'I don't know', she responds warily. 'Dogs are complicated'. So, of course, is life, especially as the years accumulate and the body declines. In fact, the most painful complications are those that Hugo hopes to ease with Hannah, her exuberant therapy dog. What Hugo receives in return, unexpectedly, is an outpouring of stories as the residents respond to Hannah's antics and affection. As Hugo's involvement deepens, she begins to see her own life and her care for her elderly parents in a new perspective. Interweaving the elders' tales - of old loves and ancient dreams, abandonment and loneliness, and the struggle for dignity - with her own family's story, she creates a richly textured collective portrait of the often-hidden world of the aged. At the same time, she crafts an eloquent meditation on the fundamental human need to nurture and remain connected to other people, to animals, and to the natural world. Lynne Hugo is the author of two poetry collections, "The Time Change" and "A Progress of Miracles" and is the coauthor with Anna Tuttle Villegas of two novels, "Swimming Lessons" and "Baby's Breath".

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