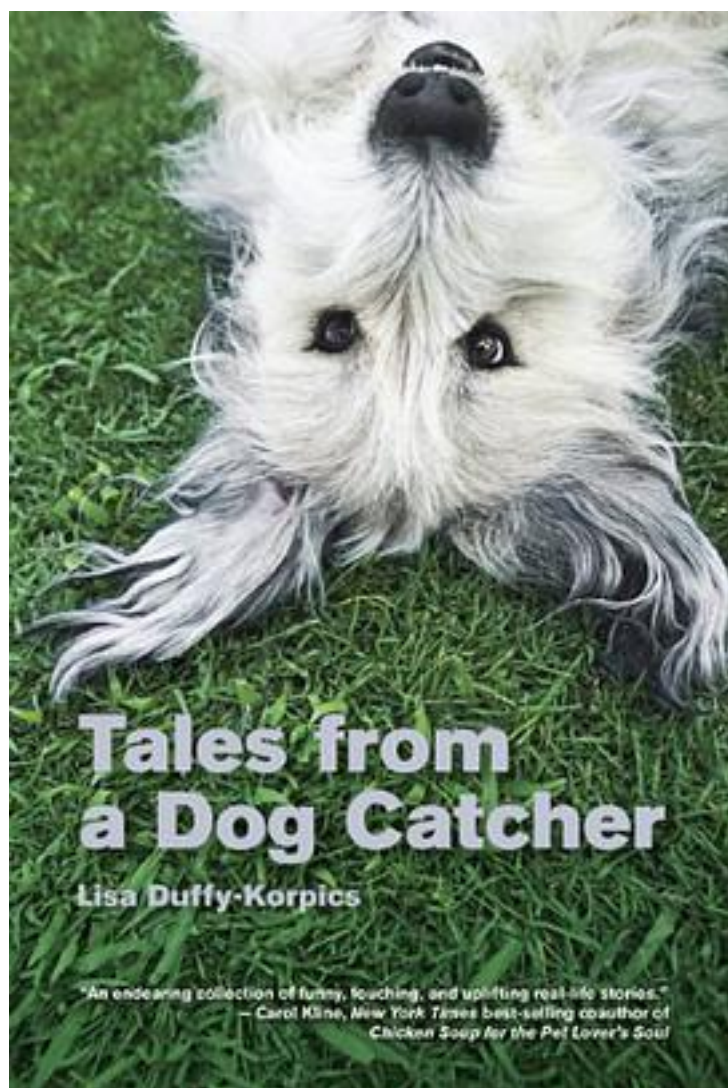


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The Cold War had recently drawn to a close, and Lisa Duffy-Korpics's career as a dogcatcher would soon be history, too, but for very different reasons--and, indeed, with infinitely more pleasant memories. In "Tales from a Dog Catcher," she brings together these experiences in a magical book that is funny, touching, and heartrending by turns. Set in a small, Hudson River town north of New York City, this book comprises twenty-two real-life stories about people and their experiences with animals, stories that both entertain and charm, and feature all creatures great and small--from plenty of dogs and cats and "peeping Tom" raccoons, to a duck and a turkey and an (imagined) mountain lion. Animal lovers of all kinds can read how: O A decades-long feud between two longtime enemies who use each other's dogs to hurt each other culminates in a dramatic courtroom battle where they unwittingly end up helping each other. O A call on an elderly woman to surrender twenty-three cats provokes a surprising revelation. O A language and culture barrier yields a situation where a woman ends up watering her cats like plants. All ends well, save for some damp kittens, but the laughter continues for miles. O The police chief forces the animal control officer (ACO) into a presentation at the local high school--for students with behavioral problems. After a few awkward moments, the ACO finds herself at ease. Drawn to these engaging teenagers, she realizes that sometimes what you are meant to do in life is not always something that you choose. Sometimes it chooses "you." In the tradition of James Herriot's "All Creatures Great and Small" and John Grogan's "Marley and Me," Lisa Duffy-Korpics's "Tales from a Dog Catcher" is an unforgettable look at the lives of everyday people (and animals) who, whether by accident or design, come into contact with the sad, comical, and often profound world of an animal control officer.

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