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If you have ever looked at a dog waiting to go for a walk and thought there was something age-old and almost human about his sad expression, you're not alone; Charles Darwin did exactly the same. But Darwin didn't just stop at feeling that there was some connection between humans and dogs. English gentleman naturalist, great pioneer of the theory of evolution and incurable dog-lover, Darwin used his much-loved dogs as evidence in his continuing argument that all animals including human beings, descended from one common ancestor. From his fondly written letters home enquiring after the health of family pets to his profound scientific consideration of the ancestry of the domesticated dog, Emma Townshend looks at Darwin's life and work from a uniquely canine perspective.

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