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Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul spoke directly to the hearts of all readers whose lives have ever been changed by the love of a pet. Now the coauthors bring readers this volume, honoring the unique and enduring love that people share with their cats and dogs. Like its predecessor, this book is a joyous and inspiring collection--sometimes poignant, sometimes amusing, always filled with the special and incredibly unconditional love only cats and dogs can give.

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# **From Reader Review Chicken Soup for the Cat & Dog Lover's Soul: Celebrating Pets as Family with Stories About Cats, Dogs and Other Critters for online ebook**

## **Melissa says**

Ok, admittedly after awhile these all start to run together. I mean the collection of Chicken Soup books is just humongous. But I'm a sucker for anything involving animals, so I decided to delve into this particular collection of short stories.

If you're not familiar with the Chicken Soup series, they are a bunch of books, usually themed that contain lots of short stories that are meant to be uplifting and inspirational. This particular book, for the Cat & Dog Lover's soul, is about animals. But not just cats and dogs, in a little side note in mentions other critters too, although with the extensive amount of books I'm not sure why they just didn't make this one about cats and dogs; but I digress. Some of those stories will rip your heart out, because let's face it, a lot of these stories are about losing a special animal, while others are meant to be inspiring, like those animals that rescue humans from their burning houses. The Cat Who Needed A Night Light was one of these such stories, involving a guy and his heroic cat who saved his life.

There are a wide variety of animals in here, and some really aren't even that remarkable. The majority of the stories actually seemed to deal more with people's feelings about their pets than about the animals themselves. It was about emotions running high when pets were in danger or dying or when the person themselves was losing a battle, be it physical or mental. I'm more of an animal lover than a people lover, so I would have to say that I wished the stories were a little more about the pets themselves.

And so many sad tales. I sometimes wonder if the Chicken Soup authors aren't in league with the sellers of tissues, as they seem to make you want to cry in every book. There's always someone or something dying and it gets a little depressing after awhile. A book full of happy stories would be just terrific. And yes I know I can skip the sad ones, but I find it hard not to read a book straight through so I always end up with a tissue in hand reading the rest of the books. And a lot of the stories are faith based, this is a Christian publication after all, but they are not in your face about it, so just about anyone can enjoy these tales. Since it's broken up into short stories you can read this in one sitting, or split it up into as many different reading times as there are stories.

An ok collection. All unique stories when compared with the other books in the series so you won't be rereading too much. And great for animal lovers, regardless of what kind of animal they're fond of.

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### **Unclebill says**

So many wonderful stories and in quickly readable short stories format. Perfect for me!

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### **Nikki DeMc says**

Overall, I enjoyed Chicken Soup for the Cat and Dog Lover's Soul , but didn't love it. Don't get me wrong, it is worth the read for animal lovers. However, perhaps it is best suited to be read at leisure like a devotional, one story a day upon waking up. The stories proved to be helpful therapy for me as I dealt with the grief of losing my own beloved pet. But, they just didn't tug at my heart strings like I envisioned they would and I think this has to do with the mediocre writing.

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### **Erin says**

This book taught me so much about growing up with animals and how much they effect everyone that has them I loved this.

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### **C. says**

Finished this in one sitting, and very much enjoyed these short stories.

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### **Theresa Bearegard says**

Great little stories. Very inspiring. However, I could not get through the "saying goodbye" section. I choked up on each story. I have been there.

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### **Novia says**

I have just finished reading my first and probably the only Chicken Soup book. Books about searching for soul enlighten is not my kind of read. I finally read one Chicken Soup book because it talks about pets, and you can see from my turtles' blog how much I love my pets.

This book is already translated into Indonesian Language. I borrowed it from my friend who has at least 10 cats, she is such a cat lady :) . Because it is already translated into Indonesian language, I might be wrong in re-translating some titles back into English.

There are 9 chapters in this book. continue reading>> <http://bokunosekai.wordpress.com/2010...>

My own chicken soup story >> <http://kamekroten.wordpress.com/2010/...>

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### **Judy says**

Inspirational and entertaining collection of short animal stories that will leave readers with better understanding of "creatures great and small". Whets all emotions from laughing to tears but never leaves you lacking for more true tales.

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### **Gillian Paulus says**

A very pleasant read for an animal lover. Short stories about dogs, cats, and the occasional random other animal. Especially a good book to sit down with when you only have a few mins to read, such as right before bed. I didn't love the chapter about loss (well written stories, but sad), but you can skip that one.

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### **Angie says**

It's a chicken soup book... how could it be bad?

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### **Brenden says**

This book is about stories of cats and dogs doing good in the world. It just tells you a whole bunch of stories about dogs and cats helping people with a varitey of things. It is really just chicken soup for the soul.

I like this book because some of the stories really speak to me and show me how good the world can really be. I can really relate to a cat named Otto, he was a ugly smelly kitten who grew up to be a handsome intelligent cat not that i'm not stunning and smell good already but he is a nice cat who stayed by a girls mother in the time of death and the mom did not die like she was suppose to because the cat gave her something to live a little longer. I would recommend this book to anyone who needs a cheering up or likes to be inspired.

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### **Halle Bentley says**

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By: Jack Canfield

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Non-fiction

Everyone has a great love for their pets and it's always fun to hear everyone's cute stories about their pets. Chicken Soup for the Cat & Dog Lovers Soul is a collection of heart-warming and hilarious stories of people and their pets. The title may say cats and dogs but the stories include other cool pets. One of the most common would be horses. If you really love pets, than this is a perfect book for you.

I gave this book three stars because the stories were cute, but some of them were long and boring. Most of them were very interesting though. My favorite one was of a little boy, whose mother and father had just bought a horse but the little boy was too young to ride it. Though the boy couldn't ride the horse, he and the horse developed a special bond. The horse would roam around the backyard at night and then nudge its nose in the little boy's bedroom window. One day, when the boy's mother went to check on him during his nap, she found he wasn't in his bed. The mother checked everywhere and then she decided to go outside. Out there she found nothing. She saw the horse lying down and jerking its head in a funny way. She kept looking outside. The horse jerked its head again. The mother went over to see what was wrong with the horse. There she found her little boy tangled up in the legs of the horse. The horse was jerking its head because if it stood up it would send the boy tumbling. I love that story! I recommend this book to any animal lovers or pet owners. You may discover how important your pet really is.

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### **Tania says**

Though it's a tear-jerker, it's filled with hope and happiness and most importantly, love. Reading Chicken Soup for the Cat & Dog Lover's Soul reassures you that you were right all those times when you thought your pet was amazing, or in tune with your feelings, or whip smart. This collection of stories brings to life the bond between pet and owner, the amazing feats our loved and furry companions are capable of, and how much humans and animals can gain from each other.

Filled with short stories that are well organized into categories, I am very thankful that the author did not make the chapter "Saying Good-bye" the last one, because that nearly wrecked me and I really needed to finish this wonderful treasure off on a good note. There are great quotes and adorable cartoons sprinkled throughout the narrative. Dogs and Cats are the main feature, but there are plenty of other animals included as well including burros, horses, geese, snakes, and hamsters.

If you love animals, you'll love this collection of short stories that honor them.

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### **Delores says**

Highly recommend.....what an awesome collection of stories about pets and their love for those they chose and/or chosen to be loved. Give this book a try.....it's a guarantee you will not be disappointed.

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### **Nine says**

Inspiring and touching, a great collection of short stories.

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