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When Briggs, a Boston terrier, is stolen from his family's deck and shoved into a waiting car, a chain of events unfold that shakes the city. *The Stolen Dog* follows Tricia and Josh, Briggs' owners, as they fight a force unknown, enduring death threats, psychic interventions, false leads, fake set-ups, and the threat of dog fighting. A heart-wrenching yet ultimately uplifting story of love, fearlessness, and hope — a captivating view of the best and worst of humanity — *The Stolen Dog* will make you hug your pets closer. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to animal rescues. *The Stolen Dog* is a true story.

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Bert says

Today I needed something upbeat, to fight the blahs brought about by week after week of bone-chilling cold, ice, and snow. So I decided to download a Kindle version of this "dog book." I wasn't sorry that I did. It's a nice easy read, about "Briggs," a Boston terrier. Stolen from his owners' yard, he becomes the subject of an exhaustive search effort. Finally he mysteriously returns, after another Boston is rescued by them in the process. Heart-warming, refreshing, and good with a roaring fire and a hot toddy.

Bonnie Ferguson says

Wow! What a story!! This story hits you emotionally & and doesn't let up until the last page. If you have ever loved an animal you need to read this book! This book shows heartbreak, the power of social media, and finally joy as Trica & Josh are reunited with Briggs the Boston Terrier and welcome a new family member. What a book!

Debra Daniels-zeller says

I originally picked this book because I like dog stories and this one is intriguing. It's a quick read and I debated giving the book a three star because "flyering" is not a word. I found it irritating and the author should have done at least a spell check to find and replace bloopers like this. Also at times I felt like the author went on too long about details but the question do they get their little Boston Terrier back or not kept me reading. It's also a cautionary tale for pet owners. In the back yard may not be as safe as you think.

Mary Mullane says

I am a sucker for animal stories, especially dogs, and this one is true. I totally understood the pet parents' reaction to having their precious pup stolen--all my furry and feathered critters have been my kids, my family. I was getting upset when reading Tricia was thinking about rehoming the gray rescue puppy who was so obviously attached to her, but so thankful this book has a happy ending! I challenge all animal lovers to read the last couple of chapters without needing some kleenex! Happy tears for a good read.

Sean Peters says

Just a quick read, and as an animal lover a great read.

Sadly this opened my eyes to how bad people can be when a reward is involved, but also how fantastic some people can be.

Tricia explains so well the depth of despair and pain as each day goes by without finding their dog, but also the pain of the nast phone calls.

How important close friends are, and who are your true friends.

Not quite the ending I expected, but a great story and just a nice light read.

Cathryn Wellner says

Having spent months searching for a missing dog (a highly trained, very valuable Border Collie) and having suspected all along he was picked up on our rural road and simply kept (in spite of his chip and pedigree), I was prepared to be moved by this book. I was, instead, intrigued but not at all moved. The story could have been told in an essay but did not really provide enough of a meaty read to justify an entire book. The best part of the book is the last, when the O'Malleys welcome a stray into their home and begin the healing process. That's where I moved the book to a 3-star read.

What intrigued me about the book had to do with the O'Malleys' fears about going into the risky neighbourhoods where they figured (but never proved) their beloved dog had been taken. I've lived in Oakland, California, before and recognized those Milwaukee neighbourhoods and the people whose lives play out on their mean streets. Beyond the fears lies a systemic racism that haunts American society and will never be solved by carrying guns.

Tricia O'Malley was dogged and gutsy in pursuing her beloved dog. That made the story worth the few hours I spent on it. The story could have been big enough for a book, rather than an article, had the first part of it given us the story of Briggs and his life with the family. Then the theft would have been more shocking, the story more compelling.

Victoria says

Doglovers--read it and weep. Some sad tears, some happy tears.

Jamie Marfurt says

I don't want to be mean because the most important thing is the dog & family being reunited, but this was sort of a boring book. Based on true events, but nothing ever really happens - no real suspense. The dog is stolen, they paste fliers around town, receive a lot of phone calls, and the dog magically reappears in the end with no explanation. Just my opinion, but it would have been better as a short story or even just an online blog post or article.

Lori says

I read this on my kindle. The title says it all what this book is about. Briggs a Boston Terrier is stolen out of

his own yard. the author, Tricia O'Malley writes about the extent they took to find their beloved dog. starting out with lost posters around their city on Wisconsin. eventually putting in out on Facebook, radio shows. it was touching how many people came together to help Tricia and her husband find their dog Briggs. I read this in two days because i had to know if this had a happy ending. It did! I especially liked along the way they ended up adopting another Boston Terrier so Briggs ended up with a brother. won't give away how they got the other dog or how long it took before they got their Briggs back. anyone who loves dogs and wants the happy ending may like this book.

Peggy Tibbetts says

Briggs, a 2-year old Boston terrier was the light of Tricia and Josh O'Malley's lives. The day he was stolen from their deck in broad daylight in a Milwaukee neighborhood, their world was turned upside down. Tricia wasted little time shifting into high gear. She made use of her savvy marketing and social networking skills. She enlisted the help of friends to distribute thousands of flyers through Milwaukee neighborhoods. She broadcast Briggs' plight on Facebook. As the word spread, radio and TV stations contacted her. From then on the stolen dog story went viral.

Throughout the author's 17-day ordeal, she seemed to be led on a sort of spiritual journey, in which she witnessed human energy and psychic energy cross paths in some fascinating and unusual ways. Though she endured thoughtless deeds from all directions, a random act of kindness always appeared around the next corner. She surrounded herself by people who believed in her cause and she never gave up hope even when faced with a detour.

On a discouraging day that began with a park ranger chewing her out for posting flyers along the lakefront, Tricia was contacted by a man who said he found a Boston terrier that might or might not be her dog. She didn't find Briggs that time. But she did find a frightened young Boston terrier in dire need of rescue – and an emotional dilemma. Would helping the rescue pup take away from her search for Briggs?

Even though Briggs is absent from the scene, O'Malley affectionately peppers the narrative with enough memories of his quirks and habits to get readers rooting for him. But the little rescue pup totally steals the show. "The Stolen Dog" is an inspiring true story of one woman's spunky determination to step through invisible, inner-city cultural barriers to bring back her beloved Briggs.

helen francis says

Heartwarming good story

Anyone who is an animal lover knows how close you can get to your pet. It is so gut wrenching when something goes wrong. The tenacity of this couple to find their dog, and the good fortune they had in all the wonderful and giving people that helped them, makes this a good story. They never gave up.

Connie Pollock says

A good and quick read, set in my city, Milwaukee. What I found interesting is what people do in these

situations when a reward is offered. You see the good in some people and the bad in others.

John Vitek says

THE STOLEN DOG is a captivating book that I just couldn't put down. (Thankfully, it's also a relatively quick read.) It is a heart-warming tale of a lost dog found, and the physical and emotional journey the author, her husband and friends (old and new) went through in finding him. O'Malley's prose is wonderfully conversational, like listening to a friend tell you this amazing story that you can't believe they went through, and draws you in so that you feel for all the characters, humans and dogs. A plus is the sense of increased social awareness of the author as she ventures into poorer sections of Milwaukee.

Colette says

I'm not real sure why this book is rated so high. It's a "nice" story, but a rather bland one that I didn't feel any real emotion from. First of all, yes I am a dog lover and own 2 dogs and I would be devastated if either of them were ever stolen or lost, but a whole book on a woman's desperate search was a little much. It was interesting to read about human nature, from those that pitched in, spread the news and did everything they could to network to help her find her dog to those scam artists and jokers that called to either harass her or try to scam her and further her misery but there are so many more good "dog" stories out there that this book would not be among those I could recommend.

Jack says

It's about a Boston terrier. Nuff said
