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Editorial Review

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What a wonderful gift, to see E. B. White's writing on dogs published in one volume. White brought to dogs the same brilliant qualities he brought to his writings about life--his gentleness, perceptiveness, and rich, sometimes biting humor. He got dogs, loved them dearly, saw them clearly, wrote about them brilliantly. This is a necessary work for any dog- or animal-lover. --Jon Katz, author of the new collection of short stories, *Dancing Dogs*, and many other books, lives at Bedlam Farm

Impossible to resist! ----Joe Coomer, author *The Loop*, *Pocketful of Names*, *Apologizing to Dogs*, and other books

E. B. White, dog enthusiast and keen observer, liked to opine about what made his many dogs do what they did. Predating the blogosphere by nearly a century, White's personable storytelling retains its freshness and immediacy and will charm and enlighten a new generation of dog-lovers. ---Claudia Kawczynska, Editor in Chief, *The Bark*

From the Inside Flap

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Martha White, granddaughter of E. B. White and manager of White Literary LLC, edited the updated *Letters of E. B. White* (HarperCollins, 2006), as well as *In the Words of E.B. White: Quotations from America's Most Companionable of Writers* (Cornell University Press, 2011). As a contributing writer and editor to *Yankee Magazine's Old Farmer's Almanac*, White wrote two weekly syndicated columns and was the author of *Traditional Home Remedies* (Time-Life, 1997). Her essays have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Boston Globe*, *Country Journal*, *Down East*, *Early American Life*, *Family Circle*, *Garden Design*, and many other publications.

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