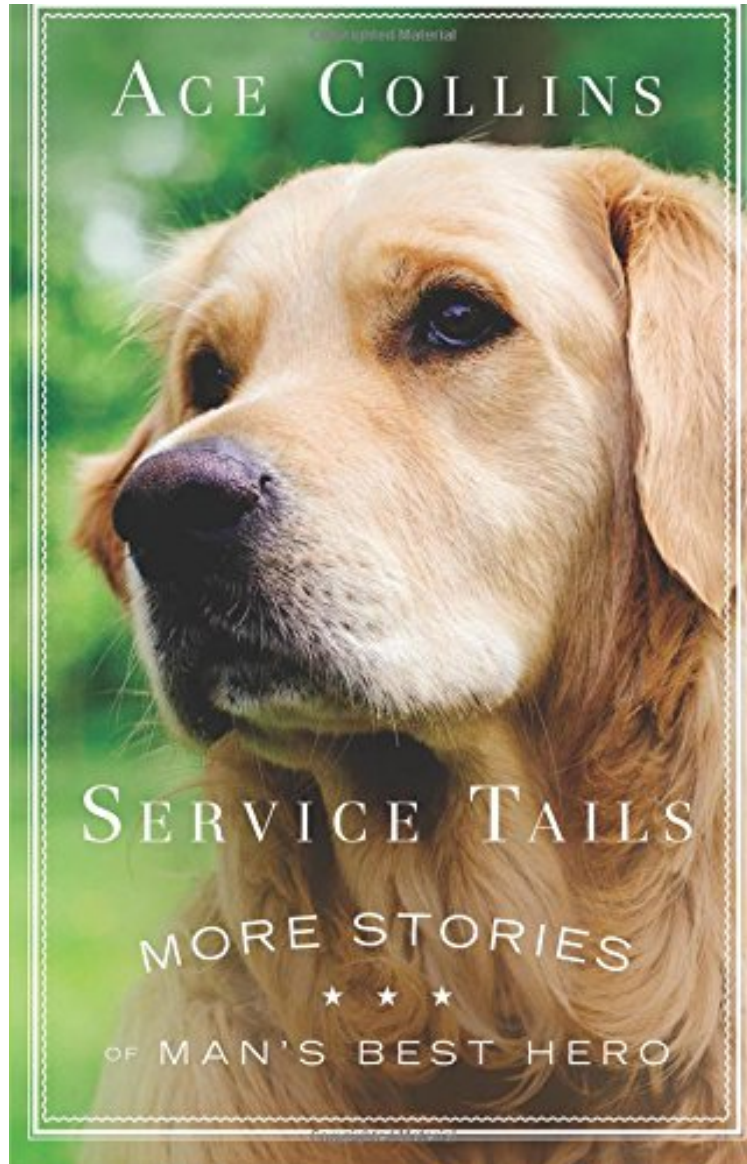


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Ace Collins : Service Tails: More Stories of Man's Best Hero before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Service Tails: More Stories of Man's Best Hero:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A tribute to all service dogs and their remarkable intelligence, courage, love, and loyalty! By Judith D. Collins From the author of *The Color of Justice* (2014), *Hollywood Lost* and *The Fruitcake Murders* (2015) comes: A beautifully written collection of stories, from talented storyteller, Ace

Collins SERVICE TAILS a tribute to all service dogs and their remarkable intelligence, courage, love, and loyalty. In doing their specific jobs and individual roles, each dog stretches the way we see both canine and human potential, leading the way to independence for people whose disabilities were supposed to limit their lives. More than heroes, servants from a swiss German shepherd who came to the US in the late 1920s to initiate a movement that would touch and impact millions of lives and change the perception of a nations view on disabilities. A collie that began life as a mobility animal and grew into a womans guide, Alzheimers disease. A Lab who led a blind woman through college and guided her into marriage. A golden retriever mix that opened the door to life for a child locked in a world of solitude and misunderstanding. From devotion to duty, unconditional love and acceptance. All the stories are contemporary, except for the initial chapter (very interesting history). From middle school to a woman in her nineties. Unforgettable emotional and moving stories. Miracles and faith. Inspiring! The author tells of stories of canines special abilities, to free these people from disabilities as well as societys misconceptions. People trusting dogs. How these people relied on a dog to help them gain their independence. A spark of greatness exists in all people, but only by touching that spark to adversitys flame does it blaze into the force that fuels our lives and the world. I particularly enjoyed the story of Trevor, of Charlotte, NC (my hometown) blind and a guide dog for his hiking companion, Tennille. A dog teaches a man. She became a better partner than most humans. They became a team. Completing one of the most dangerous treks in the nation. The marriage of a dog and man. Incredible adventures. They protect, lead, and love. Collins once again delivers an outstanding account of many ways and history of service dogs and how they have been an integral part of helping millions of disabled saving lives. Not only will dog lovers adore these stories, the book is insightful and thought-provoking. As an owner of the best golden retriever (love Goldens) in the world for 15 glorious years, (miss my Golden Duke), daily. There is nothing quite like the special love of a dog. These remarkable service dogs should be honored for their years of service and their selfless actions. As the author mentions, it takes a village. It takes a dog. Once you read these unique "tails" you will likely agree that a dog can literally take us anywhere. A special thank you to Abingdon and NetGalley for an ARC in exchange for an honest review. JDC MustReadBooks 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I was crying by page 18 touching and heartwarming (except for the last chapter that one made me MAD) By TooManyHobbies Get a hankie handy before you start reading this book I was blubbering by page 18. Service Tails is a compilation of stories about people and the service dogs that saved them. But unlike Ace Collins book: Mans Best Hero, the dogs in this book provide just as much emotional saving as physical saving. Yes the dogs are trained to guide the blind, be the ears for the deaf, or assist the weak, but they also give hope to the hopeless and build bridges to the isolated. When the people in these stories are at their lowest, when they are ready to give up the fight, the service dogs allows them to knock down the mental and physical barricades and realize that life is still full of endless possibilities and opportunities. Im a big dog lover but also a history buff, so my favorite chapter in the book was the first. The first chapter briefly explains how the service dog movement started in the US. The topic was so interesting I would love to read a whole book on just that topic. My least favorite chapter was the last Service Forgotten. That one made me want to scream in anger and beat someone to a bloody pulp, but it also has me looking into adopting a retired service dog. So if you love dogs and want more proof that they are the most selfless creatures on earth read this book. It is touching, inspiring, and very educational. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Angels with Tails By ShannonOnTheLakes If you're looking at this book, you are probably a great lover of animals already. That means once you start reading, barricade yourself somewhere private, with a box of tissues. Or two. It begins with the first organized service dog movement, and how it changed attitudes about disabilities at a time when social stigma ran rampant and when outcomes were bleak for those that were differently-abled. Add into that a culture where animals were considered to be unintelligent and lacking the qualities and thinking skills required of a 'nurse-companion'. The heroes are not only the dogs, but also those humans that paved the way for service animals. Humans that through no fault of their own were dehumanized by their own community. A woman who suffers from horrible seizures as well as a myriad of other challenges. She is viewed as stupid, disgusting, and a disgrace. She is fat. It would appear that no one, even herself, can truly see beyond her outward challenges. And then, a miracle. She meets the dog that will be her medical companion. Dogs smile as no other animal does, and that dog smiles when seeing her. That dog sees her challenges and is trained to assist, but most importantly, sees her heart. And if that isn't enough to break out the tissues, the dog's focus on caring for her evolves into an ability to get her to safety BEFORE a seizure starts. That's just a teaser. It is a short read, but each story is so special. It would make a nice gift for any animal lover.

Not all heroic dogs wildly toss themselves into lifesaving situations. Some save lives simply by their incredible commitment to duty and service. Some lead the way to independence for people whose disabilities were supposed to limit their lives. In Service Tails: More Stories of Mans Best Hero, prolific author Ace Collins introduces us to leaders whose entire lives are wrapped in the banner of service. Their stories are remarkable snapshots of the value of vision and teamwork, as well as devotion to duty and unconditional love and acceptance stretching the way we see both canine and human potential. Their training was intense, their loyalty unquestioned and each step of the way they constantly adapt to better serve those they lead. These unforgettable dogs are more than heroes; they are models from

which we can learn how to love and serve unconditionally.

About the Author Ace Collins defines himself as a storyteller. He has authored more than sixty books that have sold more than 2.5 million copies. His catalog includes novels, biographies, childrens works as well as books on history, culture and faith. He has also been the featured speaker at the National Archives Distinguished Lecture Series, hosted a network television special and does college basketball play-by-play. Ace lives in Arkansas. Learn more about him by visiting AceCollins.com.