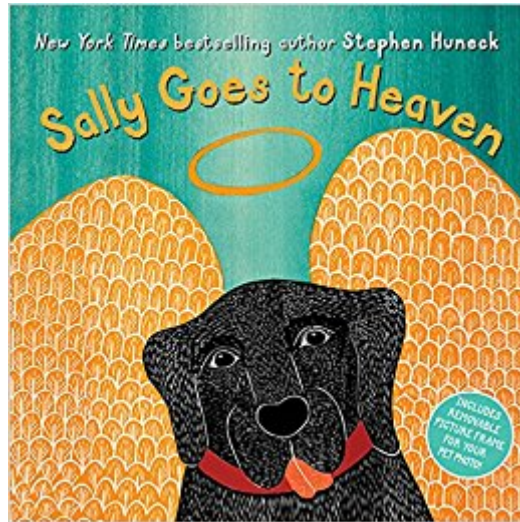




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# Sally Goes To Heaven



## Synopsis

Sally Goes to Heaven is a wonderful, joyous book to help provide gentle insight into the natural cycle of life of a pet, or to share with young children who have recently experienced the loss of a beloved animal. In this book, Sally passes away and goes to heaven, where she lives happily and helps her family on Earth find a new pet. The book includes a removable magnetic photo frame that readers can use to hold a picture of their own beloved pet. **Â Praise for Sally Goes to Heaven** **“Any family who has ever loved and lost a dog will find comfort in Sally Goes to Heaven. Stephen Huneck’s beautiful illustrations and simple text evoke an afterlife that is everything we could hope for our dogs and ourselves.”** **Ken Foster, author of The Dogs Who Found Me and I Am a Good Dog** **The final entry in the late Huneck’s series about Sally the black Labrador is a touching account of Sally’s death from old age and her joyous experiences in heaven.”** **Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW** **Huneck’s instantly recognizable woodcuts make each scene feel iconic, and his plainspoken prose will provide grieving young pet-owners with a measure of relief.”** **Publishers Weekly, STARRED REVIEW** **This title can help children remember the good times in both Sally’s or their own pet’s life.”** **School Library Journal** **The folk art style woodblock illustrations, in their directness and simplicity, are as comforting as the text.”** **Booklist**

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## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 • In this final story about Sally, the black Labrador realizes that she is too tired to eat and lies down in the sun. The next morning, she wakes up in heaven. The remainder of the story relates the cheerful activities available to her in her new surroundings. No longer feeling pain in her joints, Sally can now "pounce and bounce" with other animals and enjoy her favorite treat of ice cream. She comments on these explorations in the same simple sentence structure evident in the previous books. While this tale is not as eventful as the earlier books, fans will still appreciate the attractive folk-art woodcuts. Done in black, tan, red, and green, they enhance both the solemnity and tranquility of Sally's afterlife. The text is again in a bold black design on a white background, usually at the bottom of the page, which will aid those children who are just learning to follow words on a page. A picture frame is included on the final endpapers • it can be easily removed for library circulation. This title can help children remember the good times in both Sally's or their own pet's life. • Blair Christolon, Prince William Public Library System, Manassas, VA

Huneck, who died in 2010, takes Sally on one last adventure, a trip to heaven. There she finds her aches are gone, there are piles of dirty socks, and there are no fences or animal shelters. Games and ice cream cones and lots of tummy rubs are also part of this new world. The folk art style woodblock illustrations, in their directness and simplicity, are as comforting as the text. An author's note explains how the illustrations are made; the hatching of Sally's coat adds texture while the backgrounds are minimal, focusing on the dog's activities. Sally is usually in profile, suggesting her movement from one heavenly delight to another; in her final scene, she gains wings, and she continues to fly on the endpapers. Young readers will be reassured that Sally expects to meet her human family in heaven someday, but in the meantime, she hopes they will find a dog to adopt who will look after them. Pair with Judith Viorst's *The Tenth Good Thing about Barney* (1971) for an equally comforting book about the loss of a pet. Preschool-Grade 2. --Edie Ching

It's wonderful to see some new Sally books being published even though Stephen Huneck is no longer with us. The book designer did an excellent job of producing this fine book from Stephen's prints. Having just lost a dog who was much loved by my grandsons, I was worried that it might be too sad for their tender feelings. But, Sally's death and her owners' sadness are handled in a way

that cause only a moment of sadness and many moments of happiness.

Bought this for my 2.5 year old son after we lost his grandparents dog that he was very fond of. It was so nice to have a story to read through and discuss what had happened to their dog. Puts it in an uplifting and sweet perspective as the dog enjoys everything in Heaven.

Helpful and consoling during time we lost our pet lab to lymphoma, which was devastating. Made my 4 year old understand a little of what she saw occur, and made my older daughter and I tear up a little, but feel somewhat uplifted with its positive message at the end.

The book is for pet lovers of all ages...I love my dog even after she was put to sleep I wish Stephen Huneck were alive so he could carve and write more dog stories

Love this book! Helped me explain where our beloved dog went a little better. I appreciated it as an adult that lost a family member as well.

Beautiful book about a sad subject. I bought this after we lost our 13 year old Black Lab named Seymour last month. I still tear up when I read it.

Bought this for my grandchildren, since our old black lab Sam won't be with us much longer. So glad I did, helps explain the hard stuff. Arrived well packaged.

This is the best book I've come across that deals with the death of a family pet. It brings tears to my eyes but it has a happy ending.

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