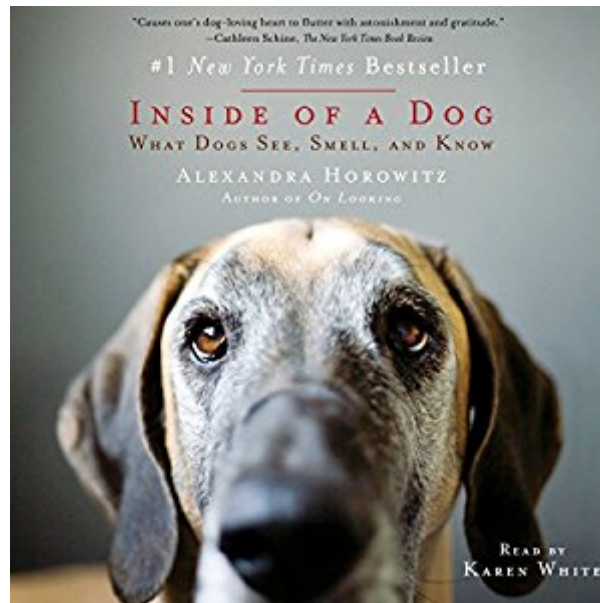




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Inside Of A Dog: What Dogs See, Smell, And Know



Synopsis

From an animal behaviorist and dog enthusiast comes an adorable and informative guide to understanding how our canine friends see the world based on the number-one New York Times best-selling phenomenon *Inside of a Dog* - now adapted for a younger audience! Have you ever wondered what your dogs are thinking? What they're feeling? Now you can finally know! The answers will surprise and delight you as scientist and dog owner Alexandra Horowitz explains how our four-legged friends perceive their daily worlds, each other, and that other quirky animal, the human.

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Customer Reviews

I'm rounding up a bit. I started reading this book as research for a novel for which I needed to know more about the abilities, senses, and internal experiences of dogs, and I found it extremely useful for that purpose. It was also just plain interesting -- very much so. I only wish I could remember more of what I read. (I let more than a month go by between reading the first and second halves, so I already know I've forgotten quite a bit.) The book can be a bit repetitive at times, but that is my only criticism.

This book does a good job of presenting current knowledge of the scientific understanding of dogs, with comparisons to other mammals, and perspective on what is and what is not well understood. It is, as other reviewers have pointed out, not a training manual, rather it is a good example of science writing for an inquisitive and educated non-scientist. It covers a wide range of subject matter, and

does a fairly good job of giving life to the material through example and personal history. And importantly, the book is well referenced and replete with an extensive list of further sources. Like any good scientific report, it makes no claim to being the last word or infallible, but rather the starting point for as much delving into what makes dogs tick as the most curious of us could want.

This is a very interesting book. For the first time as a dog owner I had the chance to have a scientist present a scientific view of "the dog". The constant faithful companion who is essentially family... but, despite sometimes being like a human, is not. This book is factual, interesting, well presented as a scientific work, yet not overwhelmingly so and often times reads much quicker than you would expect a technical text to read. Good job.

Or, rather, what would it be like to BE a dog? This book will cause any dog owner to look at his companion with new eyes, indeed...and maybe nose as well. This is not a how-to training book, and it's not about Lassie. Ms Horowitz has done a careful and heart warming investigation of the many things we misunderstood about dogs, or never knew to begin with. Several times while reading this book, I looked at my Lab, Sophie, and rather wondered what SHE thought about ME. Then I got on the floor and looked at things from her point of view. She didn't say anything, but she did give me a careful licking and put her paw on my hand. A good conversation.

My husband and I enjoyed this book and will give it as a gift to a friend who is about to get a new puppy. We are on our 5th dog, which tells you something about our age, and we found insights we could have used with all our dogs. We have had a Dachshund, a Basenji, a pure bred Lab, a rescue Lab mix, and now we have a Labradoodle. Our experiences have been very different, based on the breed and perhaps gender, although the female Basenji's closeness to the wolf probably should have been obvious to us! We liked the general sketch of dogs, knowing from the get go that dogs differ in intelligence, personality, and temperament. We are college professors, and so we found Horowitz's conversational tone much more attractive than the usual academic approach to such a subject. Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell, and Know We did buy the book from , and we will send a Kindle version to our friend.

When my dachshund Watson went blind I freaked out. He was already deaf by the time I rescued him and having him lose another sense was something that terrified both of us and made me consider even to put him down to sleep. I was already reading this book, and I would say that by

doing so I took the decision to look closer my dog and find out if he still could make it (and be happy) under this unfortunate circumstance. He is still alive, still my roommate and still wagging tail. This book helped me to understand him better and make it easier for himself by applying this understanding of his world to our everyday.

Enjoyable read though, at times, a little dry. A number of interesting topics and ideas are brought up. Good for someone starting out trying to understand rudimentary dog behavior, etc. but a bit simplistic for anyone who has done a lot of thorough reading or research on the subject. A good starting point for understanding the canine umwelt.

Good read so far. It's interesting to learn how dogs process their thoughts, so now I can hopefully understand my dog by the time I'm done reading this book.

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