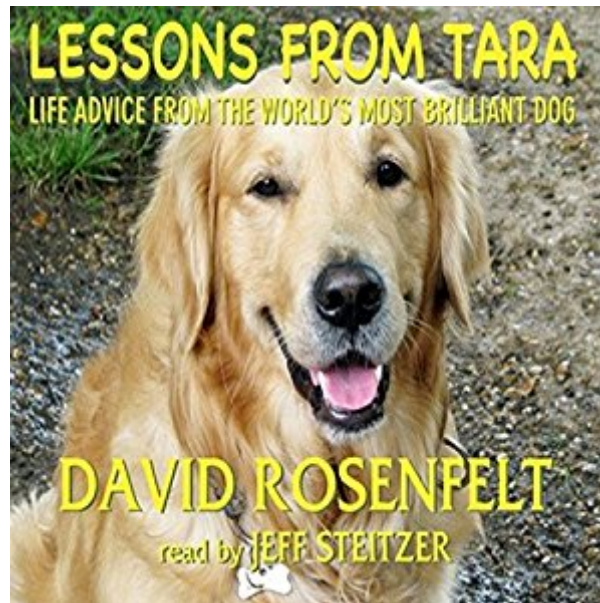


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Lessons From Tara: Life Advice From The World's Most Brilliant Dog



Synopsis

David Rosenfelt's loyal followers of the Andy Carpenter series are familiar with Tara, the Golden Retriever sidekick. Many also got to know Tara from Dogtripping, David's tales about becoming a slightly nutty dog rescuer and the dog that started it all. Here, finally, is a book all about the inspirational canine who taught David everything he knows. Well, he did know how to tie his shoes before he met and came to love Tara, but that's about it. Through Tara, David learned about dating, about being able to share his emotions, and also about everyday stuff like who gets to use the pillow if several dogs are sleeping in your bed (clue: It's not the human) and why random barking will never be something that can be eliminated. Lessons from Tara is infused with David's trademark wry and self-deprecating sense of humor, and will move listeners to tears and laughter.

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Customer Reviews

I love this author's books. All of them. I think his mystery books (Andy Carpenter and Tara) and the other stand alone books are great reads. Own them all / have read them all. But when this author writes about dogs--his own dogs and his rescue dogs -- he is golden.(Pun intended). Starting with Dogtripping which made me laugh out all through the book and showed me that people (certain ones who can accept us as we are even if that means we come with 20 or more dogs of various sizes, usually large) are generous and open with their love. Urges me to stop FOREVER worrying about what people think. David and his wife have so much love to give these unloved, mistreated dogs. It makes me teary. Then comes Lessons from Tara. I loved the book so much I didn't want it to end. The instant love that happens between them and each new helpless dog that they find is

amazing. They take dogs from horrible situations and either help the dog fit in with their own huge pack or the dog stays at the Tara Foundation until adopted by their forever family. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND both Dogtripping and Lessons from Tara. All his books are simply book candy. Or...mind candy?

When I started reading this at the drs, I was loudly laughing out loud. All the nurses hurried in to find out what was wrong. And thus 4 more copies of Lessons From Tara were sold. I only have 5 dogs but I see so much of my life in these pages. And there is nothing better than the unconditional love of a dog or two or three. Especially if they are rescues.

Mr. Rosenfelt puts to words the feelings we all have as dog lovers - especially lovers of rescue dogs. I highly recommend this book for the humor and the heart warming stories. Like Dog Tripping, Lessons from Tara is an honest account of what it must be like to be a "dog lunatic." A total joy to read, even the parts that made me cry.

Five stars just aren't enough for some authors. I will never tire of reading about dogs who get the happy ending they all deserve. It is extremely rare for me to find an author who can move me and make me laugh on the same page, and all of Rosenfelt's books, fiction and non-fiction, have done that for me. It is extremely rare for me to care enough about an author to go read his Facebook page, but his posts always make me smile. This book isn't a corny collection of sayings that you've seen in 100s of other dog books, even though I sort of enjoy that type of writing too sometimes. This book isn't about one perfect dog, so the title may be misleading. I think Lessons from Debbie and the Pack might be a more accurate title. You'll never find more realistic advice about how to find the courage to adopt and then say goodbye to an elderly dog. Read this one, then go find all the others. I think you'll be reading the Facebook posts before long too!

Love this non-fiction book so much, I bought this copy for a friend involved with Natl. Great Pyrenees Rescue. Author David Rosenfelt and his wife Debbie Myers got involved with dog rescue after their beloved Golden Retriever, Tara, died of cancer. While they lived in southern CA, they volunteered at a shelter before they started their own Tara Foundation and found homes for 4,000+ dogs. They never had less than 20 dogs in their own home; their max was 44. "Lessons from Tara" describes what they learned from Tara and their other dogs. Rosenfelt is such a great author - within 10 minutes his readers could be laughing out loud and then crying. I've read ALL his books

and look forward to the next in his Andy & Tara fiction series.

Every dog lover will find love, humor, sadness and lessons about living with the dogs they love in this book. Sadly some people treat dogs as disposable property they can dump when the dog is no longer healthy or becomes an inconvenience in their life. David and his wife Debbie have rescued 4000 dogs, and usually have 25 or more dogs sharing their large home on acreage in Maine. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. I laughed, cried and shared many passages with my dog loving husband. We have recently added a Golden Retriever puppy to our home...which already had a spoiled five year old Golden as king of the house. We both related to many parts of this book. I learned a lot! Thank you David, Debbie and Tara.

I will never get enough of his books. I especially enjoyed his non-fiction books because they tell of his love of dogs, especially goldens, and the rescue work he & his wife have done for many years. I absolutely love the Andy Carpenter series but I hope he plans on writing more non-fiction about their rescues.

I can relate to a lot of the lessons David Rosenfelt includes in this very special book, although I have only had 3 dogs at a time and not 37. I laughed and cried all the way through it. If you are a dog lover, give it a try -- you will not be disappointed.

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