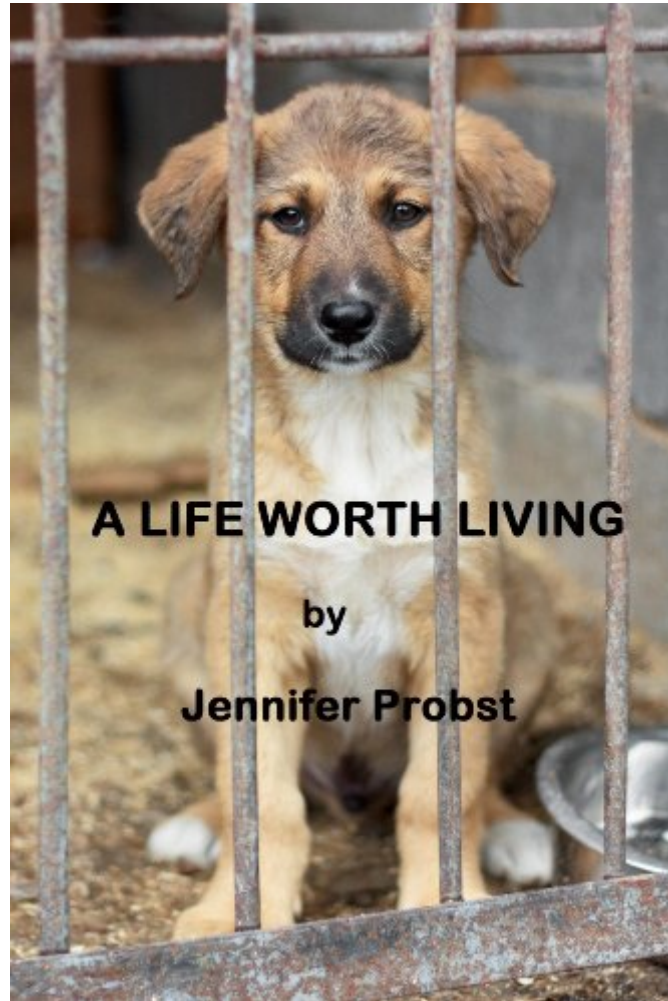




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# A Life Worth Living



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## Synopsis

A short story for dog lovers, this touching memoir of a shelter dog shares his experiences in his own voice, taking readers from his days of abuse, to the shelter, to a home filled with love. Follow him on this extraordinary journey and fall in love with a new hero. Note: ALL proceeds will be donated to the local animal shelter.

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## Customer Reviews

Short story giving good insight into the life of far too many animals in puppy mills and hoarding situations. PLEASE ADOPT, don't shop! I share my life with two adorable rescue dogs that I adopted when they were rescued as adults from puppy mills. One was treated horribly like Lester. Now she is happy and sweet but still suffers from memory of her early years. Stand up against cruelty of all kinds, Please!

What a beautiful story that communicates the value of even "the least of these." Written from the point of view of the dog, the story details the emotions he experiences at the hands of an abusive

animal hoarder, then at a rescue facility and finally in a forever home. It breaks your heart to think that such a dog would actually worry about whether he had been good enough, and if somehow that made him deserve abuse. Some would say it's ridiculous to think dogs even have emotions, much less that they would analyze them the way Probst does. But those of us who love these furry critters (and who possibly anthropomorphize just a bit), know that they do have emotions. Whether or not they're capable of the kind of analysis displayed in the story is irrelevant, Probst puts you in the place of the dog experiencing his life and it's believable on all levels. I'm a laid-back, mild-mannered, soft-spoken person who rarely experiences a violent thought. But I really wanted to knock the abuser in this story upside the head, however fictional he might have been!

Made me cry. How can humans be so cruel ? I adopted a dog that became the love of my life. I was told that she was abused. When I brought her home, she was so frightened. She cowered if I even raised my voice. Eventually she came to trust us. I had her for 12 years and I am certain that she would have followed us through fire if I asked her to. I miss her every day. I can't imagine what she went through before I got her. She was so grateful to have a loving home.

I am a dog person, I love dogs and try to help rescue shelter dogs and help them find a forever home, This book is excellent in showing the the true heart of a dog who ends up needing a little help from people. This is deeply insightful and should be required reading for every middle school kid. I hope those who read this book realize there is a way they can help these dogs out of the shelter and into a loving home, They are worth saving, They do have " A LIFE WORTH LIVING"

I am a sap for these animal stories. This is a heartwarming short story about a shelter dog - in his own voice. Having owned shelter dogs (and cats) this guy tugged at my heart strings. Shelter dogs make the best pets because I really think they DO remember and are forever grateful. They can endure all sorts of neglect and abuse - and still have hearts full of forgiveness, loyalty and love. Got my 99 cents worth and then some. Plus half the proceeds go to an animal shelter.

Having had to put several animals down that I loved very dearly, it really touched me to think that maybe they were ready to go and leave the pain behind. I don't know that there is a Rainbow Bridge, but I like to think there is. The book is a work of fiction but a sweet one. It also makes you aware that there are a lot of mistreated animals in rescue shelters just waiting for that special person to come pick them out and give them a loving home.

First of all, I work for animal control, and as such, I have a tough exterior and have emotional walls built up to block out sadness in order to be able to perform my job effectively. This book, however, made me cry. I say that NOT to dissuade anyone from reading it, but to emphasize that it was extremely heartfelt and well-written. The main thing that I loved about the book was that the point of view was from the dog. I recommend this book to all animal lovers!!

What a wonderful story. I wish it had been a bit longer (only took maybe 15 minutes to read it). The story is told from the dog's perspective. Starting off pretty sad, it picks up speed and turns out to be what every dog lover hopes for. The story was definitely worth the small price they charged, plus she donates half of it to a shelter. Good for her!! If you wish to read another good story told from the dog's perspective try reading *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein.

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