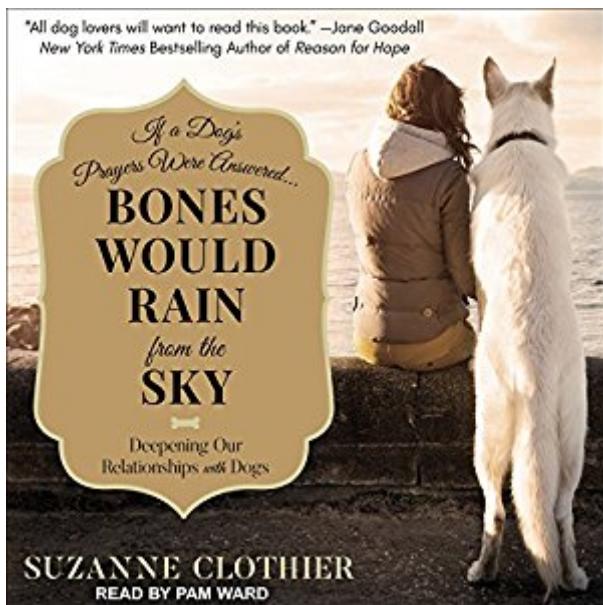


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Bones Would Rain From The Sky: Deepening Our Relationships With Dogs



Synopsis

In Bones Would Rain from the Sky, Suzanne Clothier takes a radical new direction in understanding our life with dogs...and our mutual love. Drawing on a lifetime of experience with dogs, this nationally renowned dog trainer brings us astonishing new lessons about our animals - and ourselves. Gently, with intelligence, humor, and unfailing patience, Suzanne Clothier guides us to truly comprehend another creature's mind and heart. You will discover how our dogs see the world from their uniquely canine perspective, how we can meet their deep need for leadership without using force or coercion, and how the "laws" of canine culture often put our dogs at odds with us and our very human world. Clothier's unparalleled insights into aggression in dogs can help prevent a tragedy, including the unnecessary destruction of a pet. As in no other "dog book" or training manual, in Bones Would Rain from the Sky an extraordinary woman shows us how to find a deep connection with another being and to receive an incomparable gift: a profound, lifelong relationship with the dog you love.

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Customer Reviews

I appreciate the author's insights into the human-canine partnership. She has not only found the keys to success in this area. Her ideas are well-grounded in the reality of how and why the interdependence of the two species works best. I have had a good deal of hard-won experience with this relationship, and can endorse her ideas entirely. I find her presentation of these ideas nearly unreadable, though. Her editor has done her no favor by allowing repetitive sentences and

paragraphs to take up valuable space. I plowed through nearly a third of the book while wishing for clarity of expression, and finally gave it up. Careful editing could make this book both more helpful and more understandable.

It's very clear the author has a deep knowledge of dogs. And her motive for this book is clear- to deepen your relationship with the dogs in our lives, to illuminate the 2 way street of communication between us and our beloved creatures. I love that she also discusses the role and responsibility we have in owning a dog, that we must set boundaries to protect, guide and love them. My only critiques are that her voice can be a bit long winded at times (if that can apply to a book) and , though this is not a technique book, there is very little in the way of guidance to finding the proper techniques/tools that can help people who need them. People need to understand WHY there dogs need them to be a pack leader and that being a leader does not require a bully, "ALPHA " approach. The truth is, learning to be a leader for many people is trial and error. This book does a beautiful job of illustrating the zen of life with dogs, that we set our intention to be the best owner that we can be, that we work at it, that we make mistakes along the way, and yet our dogs forgive us and we can forgive ourselves.

Read this book and you'll gain insights that have taken me 15 years of living with dogs to realize: listen to the dog, trust the dog, see the dog as it is rather than as you think it is, how to be an ethical and effective leader, how to set limits, what to emphasize in training, how to approach the end of life. Without this book, you will gain these insights slowly and haphazardly, depending on your dogs' personalities and your ability to observe. If you already have some understanding of these concepts, the book will add clarity and depth to your knowledge. The book gives a great foundation for training and solving problems with your dog. If you are new to having dogs, I strongly agree with other reviewers' recommendations to read this book before any book on training. It will really help you to separate the wheat from the chaff and also to identify a good trainer. Finally, the author is an excellent writer. Having lived with GSDs, I loved this line from a discussion of different dogs' communication styles: "German Shepherds, on the other hand, like to spin long, drawn-out Gothic tales full of dire warnings meant to impress puppies (or maybe just bore them) with the importance of respecting your elders."

Writing is superb, Suzanne definitely is a dog whisperer. I've purchased this book 15-20 times

because I loved it so much I give it to everyone I know who has a dog, or who wants to deepen relationships w/anyone. I have 3 copies, one in each office & home and I often open it to any page and read when I get a spare minute.

This well-written and insightful book offers many valuable lessons on love and life. Reading it has begun to transform my relationship to my dog and maybe to my human companions as well. Focusing with my puppy on communication and relationship rather than performance, I have been experiencing to joy of a close connection and thus a qualitative difference in the bond we are forming and the more understanding and loving ways we can now relate to one another. This is not just a change; it rises to the level of a miracle. I so appreciate and enjoyed this book and have already given it to others.

This book was recommended to me by a dog trainer friend. In working with my 2nd service dog I felt we had a disconnect. I would call her and she would s-l-o-w-l-y turn around and walk away. At her suggestion I started doing some very basic work - back to repair a foundation that had broken. Within a few weeks we've made incredible progress. However, this is not a dog training book, it's a look at dog/human relationships and how to honor the needs and speed of the dog we live with.

This is my favorite dog "training" (it's so much more than just training, believe me) book by my favorite dog "training" expert (yes, I've taken an in-person class with her). If you love your dog .. if you want to understand your dog .. if you want to be a better person for your dog .. if you just love dogs in general .. please, I implore you, read this book!

Good book.

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