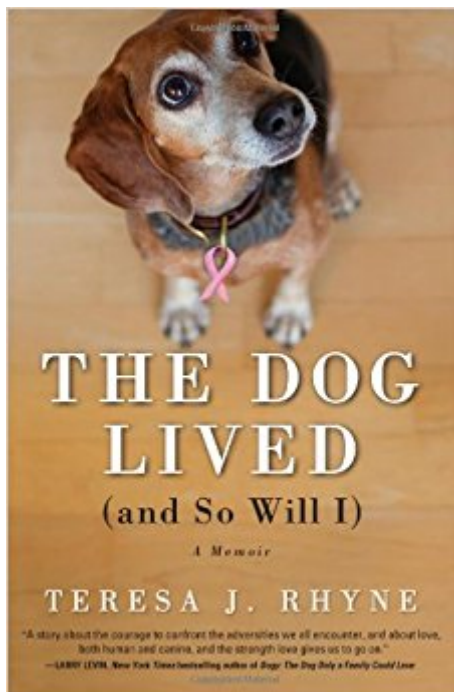


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The Dog Lived (and So Will I)



Synopsis

The #1 New York Times bestseller
The #1 Wall Street Journal bestseller
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"Funny, smart, uplifting, and fun, *The Dog Lived (and So Will I)* reminds us that animals are among our best teachers, our most powerful healers, and our most steadfast friends. I loved it!" -Sy Montgomery, author of *The Good Good Pig*

The tale of a dog who wouldn't let go and the woman who followed his lead. Teresa Rhyne vowed to get things right this time around: new boyfriend, new house, new dog, maybe even new job. But shortly after she adopted Seamus, a totally incorrigible beagle, vets told Teresa that he had a malignant tumor and less than a year to live. The diagnosis devastated her, but she decided to fight it, learning everything she could about the best treatment for Seamus. Teresa couldn't possibly have known then that she was preparing herself for life's next hurdle - a cancer diagnosis of her own. She forged ahead with survival, battling a deadly disease, fighting for doctors she needed, and baring her heart for a seemingly star-crossed relationship. *The Dog Lived (and so Will I)* is an uplifting and heartwarming story about how dogs steal our hearts, show us how to live, and teach us how to love. A heartwarming, hilarious book about dogs, relationships and surviving life's challenges with humor and grace is perfect for fans of *Marley and Me*, *The Middle Place* and *A Dog's Purpose* will love this touching memoir.

Other books by Teresa Rhyne: *Dogs Were Rescued (And So Was I)*

What readers are saying about *The Dog Lived (And So Will I)*: "infused with emotional moments and even more so with humor. The book is a wonderful mixture of it all." "As much as this book is about thriving, not just surviving, during cancer, it is also a love story written to the beagle." "A wonderfully poignant memoir straight from the heart" "like *Marley and Me*", but much better." "INCREDIBLE - heartwarming, sad, funny, stressful and comforting all at once." "A true gem for any dog lover and anyone who either has had cancer or knows/has known someone with cancer - which let's face it - is everyone." "THIS MEMOIR IS WHAT ALL OTHER MEMOIRS SHOULD ASPIRE TO."

What reviewers are saying about *The Dog Lived (And So Will I)*: "This poignant and fast-moving memoir...is proof that even a hard-charging lawyer is no match for a big-hearted beagle." -Martin Kihn, author of *Bad Dog (A Love Story)* "...encouraging tale of finding love and love in unexpected places..." -Publishers Weekly

"A book that dares to be honest and sad and hilarious all at once." -Susan Conley, author of *The Foremost Good Fortune*

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Customer Reviews

Rhyne adores beagles. Having lost two previous dogs within months of each other, she was not sure she was ready for another dog. But when a shelter called with a beagle ready for adoption, she fell in love again. She was also beginning a new relationship, and when new man, dog, and she settled into a family, all seemed right with the world. But then Seamus™ groomer discovered a lump, which when biopsied turned out to be an aggressive, one-year-to-live cancer. As Rhyne and her boyfriend dealt with Seamus™ surgery, chemotherapy, and behavior issues, he had become a spoiled brat. Rhyne discovered a lump of her own. This breezy, heartfelt, and funny memoir walks the reader through all of the emotional and medical stages of cancer, both canine and human, making an awful situation infinitely readable and hopeful. Give this one to anyone going through cancer treatment. The title alone tells it all. --Nancy Bent

"A story about the courage to confront the adversities we all encounter and about love, both human and canine, and the strength love gives us to go on." - Larry Levin, New York Times bestselling author of *Oogy: The Dog Only a Family Could Love* "Funny, smart, uplifting and fun, *The Dog Lived (And So Will I)* reminds us that animals are among our best teachers, our most powerful healers, and our most steadfast friends. This unforgettable story of an irrepressible beagle, a tough lawyer and her unlikely boyfriend will make you cry a little and laugh a lot. Whether you're facing a scary illness or just a blah Monday, this book is good medicine. I loved it." - Sy Montgomery, author of *The Good Good Pig* "This poignant and fast-moving memoir of Teresa and Seamus -- both definitely Type A personalities -- is proof that even a hard-charging lawyer is no match for a big-hearted beagle. Their mutual triumph over terrible trials is a testament to the healing power of dogs. Four

paws up!" - Martin Kihn, author of *Bad Dog (A Love Story)*"This encouraging tale of finding love and hope in unexpected places is full of small yet valuable life lessons that any animal-lover would appreciate." - Publishers Weekly

"This book does a great thing--it shows us how to make room in our lives for disease and then to get on with the important business at hand--falling madly in love and spoiling a beloved dog rotten. It's a book that dares to be honest and sad and hilarious all at once. It will help inspire many people to respond to the unexpected in their own lives with humor and grace." - Susan Conley, author of *The Foremost Good Fortune*

"This delightfully wisecracking memoir will renew the spirits of cancer survivors as well as dog lovers. For health and pet collections." - Library Journal

"The title gives away the ending, but, as always in life, it's the journey that matters. Teresa and Seamus battle their diseases, giving each other love-and the grace that makes life worthwhile." - Cesar's Way

"This is a wonderful memoir allowing the reader to experience the highs and lows of both author Teresa Rhyne's and beagle Seamus' cancer battle. " - Red Room

"Her book is a great read, humorous, real and interesting, and I am pretty sure you do not have to be a cancer survivor to enjoy it. " - But Doctor...I Hate Pink

"When you read *The Dog Lived and So Will I*, you will make a new friend in Teresa, only you'll feel like you're one of Teresa's oldest and dearest friends as you get to know her. Reading this book is like sitting down in your jammies with one of your best friends as you catch up on what each has been up to over a bottle of wine in front of the fire. " - Fit As Fido

"This breezy, heartfelt, and funny memoir walks the reader through all of the emotional and medical stages of cancer, both canine and human, making an awful situation infinitely readable and hopeful. Give this one to anyone going through cancer treatment-the title alone tells it all." - Booklist

"A rollicking tale of how hound and owner beat the odds and thrived." " - More.com

"A memoir celebrating friendship, hope, and the incredibly powerful human-animal bond, *The Dog Lived (and So Will I)* is a remarkable story that you'll adore from start to finish. " - Tails Inc.

"Breast cancer survivors will surely appreciate the humor and strength found in this story" - Life After 50

"Author Teresa J. Rhyne had plenty of reason to whine throughout her cancer months; in fact, considering what she endured, readers could be forgiven for wondering how much one woman can handle. The good news is, Rhyne bears it with a grin that's infectious. Her book is filled with have-to=laugh-or-you'd-cry moments and is refreshingly lacking in Poor-Me. That makes it readable, enjoyable, and surprisingly supportive to cancer patients, both two-legged and four-legged." - Bookworm Sez (Leader Times)

"Teresa's memoir is sad and hilarious all at once, showcasing the love a human can have for their canine best friend and the attitude that can make or break a life -- or, in this case, two lives." - Anokhi Magazine

In this memoir, lawyer Teresa Rhyne, recently divorced, finds herself wanting to live a simpler life. One she calls her alphabet life: A for Alcohol (Wine), B for Books, C for Coffee, and D for Dogs. Notice there is no M for Men, because she thinks a time-out would be a good thing in her life right now. But sometimes life has a different plan for you than the one you were busy planning. Enter Chris, 12 years younger, who, like Teresa, enjoys wine and books, but less so coffee or dogs. Enter incorrigible beagle named Seamus, who steals Teresa's heart with his incessant howl and big, brown eyes. Now place Teresa, Chris, and Seamus in the same room, add food, and see what hilarity unfolds. Add canine cancer, and see the determination of a beagle that will later guide Teresa through her own battle with breast cancer. Add family conflict, at times disapproving, and rejoice as acceptance and understanding is found. At times laugh-out-loud funny, at times emotional, and all the time heartwarming, *The Dog Lived (and so will I)* is the happier side of Marley and Me. The title gives away the ending, but it won't stop you from wanting to journey along with Teresa, Chris, and Seamus as they navigate through the landscape of cancer and delicate relationships to form a new family of three. At the essence, it reminds us of how dogs frequently rescue us more than we rescue them. Highly recommended for memoir readers, dog lovers, and anyone who loves a story of overcoming adversity and succeeding.

This book is amazing! Anyone who had to deal with cancer, lost someone to cancer, or is fighting cancer should read this book. You also should read this book if you are a dog lover! So glad this author is completely candid. She does not hold back and for that I am grateful because she is going to help others laugh, cry and give some who feel like they have no hope that extra nudge to keep on keeping on. Teresa Rhyne ROCKS!! Oh, and of course the beagle in the book, Seamus, ya he is FAMOUS!

I first purchased this book on a whim at Target simply because it had a Beagle on the front cover. Being the crazy Beagle lover that I am, I was a little worried once I read the back cover, thinking it may end up being a tear-jerker. I was very pleasantly surprised that it really wasn't! Teresa's honesty and humor as she described several very difficult situations in her life made the book nearly impossible to put down. I've since read the book twice more, and I've purchased several copies to send to fellow dog lovers. Teresa and Seamus have made a very large impact on my life, and I am beyond grateful that Teresa was willing to open her life up and share her experiences. Do yourself a favor and buy the book! And go make some fookin' toast to share with your pup.

When I got this book I failed to read the jacket or other reviews that were posted (which I usually do). I'm not sure what I thought the book was about but I definitely didn't think it was about cancer. If I had known that it was about cancer I'm sure I would have passed it over. I lost my much loved father to cancer & my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer when she was 24, she is now 83!! I can honestly say that this book was not only enjoyable, hilariously funny and at times sad, but I thoroughly loved it. I am an animal person, I live on a farm with many animals plus I have a 3 1/2 pound service dog who goes everywhere with me. I also have a St. Bernard & an English Mastiff of which both are rescues. Teresa Rhyne captured her dog's personality in such a way that could actually see Seamus as I read this book. She infuses a difficult and scary life altering situation with humor. This is a book that deserves to be read by all. I enjoyed it more than I thought I would and giving it 5 stars doesn't seem quite adequate.

I am a proud dog owner of a mini schnauzer so I have a tendency to have a soft spot for animal books. I will also freely admit that I am biased to 3+ stars when rating animal books! With that said I was easily drawn into the story initially simply because it involved dogs, but fell in love with this book because of the resilience, love and inspiration found not only in Seamus but within the owner (author/Teresa) too. As a wife of a cancer survivor I know the bouts that cancer patients face and found myself crying and laughing mutually for both Seamus and Teresa. The writing is done in a way that draws the reader in resulting in the inability to not care deeply for the outcome of both - dog and human. Teresa found a way to describe not only her journey but painted Seamus' journey beautifully without him ever uttering a word in a human language to her. I found that part especially heart warming and further solidifying for me the bond between dog and owner by way of all of the unspoken words that crosses between the two species. This is a book, in my opinion, of love, surrender, survival, and hope. Bravo Teresa! Well done!

I didn't think a story about cancer could possibly be this funny or endearing! I was hooked almost immediately and couldn't put it down. I'm not a fan of the F-word...be prepared, it is used, but in the most tasteful way I've ever seen. Leave that to the Irish! Thank you so much, Teresa, for sharing your journey with us. I feel like I could hang out with you and Chris and Seamus and have a grand time and laugh the whole time. I appreciate that you were able to take a very serious topic and make it relatable and even enjoyable. Not that I will ever sign up for what you went through, but knowing that the dog lived, and you did too, would definitely give me hope if I did encounter it around me somewhere. I loved this memoir, so glad I bought it, would do it again, and I think that's

the highest compliment I can give!

I loved this book. I've had a beautiful dog that had cancer of the brain at 13 yrs old. We had to put him down after months of medical bills. But this little guy lives and he's adorable even with all his howling. I won't go into the second part of the book, but I've been there with breast cancer and felt like Teresa took me down that long road with her again. Excellent book, very well written, loved her boyfriend Chris, loved Teresa & Seamus.

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