

A Dog's Life: Autobiography of a Stray

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Newbery Honor author Ann Martin's "heartwrenching and heartwarming" (Kirkus) dog story with After Words bonus material.

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Squirrel and her brother Bone begin their lives in a toolshed behind someone's summer house. Their mother nurtures them and teaches them the many skills they will need to survive as stray dogs. But when their mother is taken from them suddenly and too soon, the puppies are forced to make their own way in the world, facing humans both gentle and brutal, busy highways, other animals, and the changing seasons. When Bone and Squirrel become separated, Squirrel must fend for herself, and in the process makes two friends who in very different ways define her fate.

Ann M. Martin is the creator of The Baby-sitters Club, which has more than 180 million books in print, making it one of the most popular series in the history of publishing. Her novels include A Corner of the Universe (a Newbery Honor Book), Belle Teal, Here Today, A Dog's Life, On Christmas Eve, and the Main Street and Family Tree series, as well as the much-loved collaborations P.S. Longer Letter Later and Snail Mail No More, with Paula Danziger. Ann lives in upstate New York. Squirrel, born a stray dog, learns the hard way about survival. Starting from Squirrel's older years and looking back, Martin allows the reader to listen with concern, but not fear, as Squirrel tells of her life from stray puppy to well-loved pet. Wendy Dillon gives all the characters individual voices, which accurately portray George's impatience, Marcy's bewilderment, and Susan's kindness. Squirrel's voice is exceptional; it is clearly that of an older, experienced dog--husky and warm, steady and calm--and Dillon paces it slowly to enhance the sense of age, patience, and wisdom. The nuances in her voice create images that range from carefree to bittersweet. Squirrel's life story is told with acceptance and a poignant grace. W.L.S. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award [?] AudioFile 2006, Portland, Maine-- Copyright [?] AudioFile, Portland, Maine
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effect on our four-legged family member and puggle, Ruben. Ruben is an energetic fellow with many interests that now include classical music!" –Mary Sounds True's book and music series Through a Dog's Ear was featured in a segment on The Early Show on CBS.

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