



### **Why Dogs Are Better Than Cats**

By Bradley Trevor Greive; Photographs  
by Rachel Hale

Andrews McMeel Publishing, \$19.99

This is a book with a definite point of view, presented without apologies and with a large dollop of tongue-in-cheek. A mix of text, quotes, aphorisms and utterly charming photos of both dogs and cats, this hardcover, 224-page tome is a lot of book for the bucks (the three pages of numbered notes at the end are worth a read all by themselves). Greive, the man behind the phenomenally successful *The Blue Day Book*, says he suffers greatly from cat allergies, which may explain his perspective. Regardless, he readily admits that felines have their appeal. A good gift for your cat- and dog-loving friends alike.

### **Come Back, Como**

By Steven Winn

Harper, \$23.99

Dogs are, it is said, man's best friend. Alas for the author, Como, a small and strong-willed white Terrier mix he and his family adopted from a local shelter, didn't get the memo. Oh, sure, Como loved daughter Phoebe and wife Sally—but but Winn? Como would have nothing

to do with him. In the Winn household, the dog was exclusively woman's best friend. This well-told tale of pursuit and rejection and ordeals endured is oddly inspiring and surprisingly smile-inducing. The author doesn't flinch from revealing his own inept moments, nor does he pretend his heart wasn't involved in the chase for Como's affection. The book is a good reminder of the many ways dogs occupy our hearts and lives.

### **Am I Boring My Dog?**

By Edie Jarolim

Alpha, \$14.95

If you're a stranger to the land of dogs, or if you've been visiting and think perhaps you'd like to move there, you'll find this book to be a helpful guide to the territory. Through detailed, well-researched answers to 100 essential questions about selecting, preparing for and living with a dog, Jarolim thoroughly covers the basics; even the experienced are likely to learn something.

### **Good Dogs Doing Good**

Edited by Richard Day Gore, Juliann Garey

LaChance Publishing, \$14.95 (December)

The subtitle, *Lives Transformed by Man's Best Friend*, aptly summarizes the theme of this touching book. Another in the series of "Healing Project" books, this collection of 29 stories will bring both tears and smiles. In small ways and large, dogs are the catalyst for much joy and comfort, as this book makes plain.