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All Creatures Great And Small, All Things Bright And Beautiful, And All Things Wise And Wonderful: Three James Herriot Classics



Synopsis

James Herriot's timeless bestselling series is a delightfully fun look at a country veterinarian and the creatures that populate a charming English town. Perhaps better than any other writer, James Herriot reveals the ties that bind us to the natural world. Collected here are three of his masterpieces—*All Creatures Great and Small*, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, and *All Things Wise and Wonderful*—which have been winning over animal lovers everywhere for almost fifty years. From his night visits to drafty barns during freezing northern England winters, to the beautiful vitality of rural life in the summertime, to the colorful menagerie of animals—and their owners—that pass through his office, Herriot vividly evokes the daily challenges and joys that come with being a veterinarian. A witty and heartwarming, this collection of whimsical, dramatic, and touching anecdotes reveals the ties that bind us to the animals in our lives. This edition features a new introduction from the author's son and bonus archival photos. A

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Customer Reviews

I don't know if it helps to have seen the 1970s television series based on these books, but my

visualizing of James, Helen, Siegfried and Tristan was definitely drawing from the actors who did such a splendid job bringing the characters to life. The stories are by turns enchanting and uplifting with the odd, rare dip into tragedy. The style of the last book is a little contrived as Herriot is remembering his RAF life in episodes of him remembering his prior life in Darrowby. Awkward, a bit. But the contents are delightful and the price is definitely right. There are a few typos, surprisingly few, and the text flow is not bugged up by the limitations of the markup - which collapses vertical whitespace and ruins any of the author's careful breaks in narrative continuity by presenting the text as a solid splodge. Either the editors took the proper care when assembling this volume or the editing style eschewed the device in favour of traditional chapter markup. Whatever. The book is very readable in the kindle version. Recommended. A good beach read or train read or rainy day read.

James Herriot's books have been favorites of mine for many years, so I was pleased to find them available in Kindle editions. However, it seems no one proof-read these editions after they were converted as I have found many incorrect words, punctuation marks where articles should be, and other indications of imperfect OCR conversion. These errors are not few; there are multiples present in every chapter of every book in this series! While in most cases it was easy to figure out the correct word (especially since I have read the print editions many times), these mistakes detract from the reading experience. I wouldn't mind as much if I wasn't paying full price, but when I'm charged as much as or more than the print edition, I have a problem with this! Readers, if this is your first experience with James Herriot's writings, do yourself a favor and buy the real thing. You'll get the full stories as they were meant to be read, with no guesswork.

Herriot's books are a wonderful, humorous and heartwarming collection of tales of life as a Yorkshire vet in the 1940's' and are every bit deserving of the five star rating, more if it were possible. However, the editing on the Kindle version is awful. Spellcheck catches misspelled 'non-words' but won't spot misspelled 'words'. For example, rough instead of tough, or than instead of that, where the word is still a word but the wrong word for the sentence. There are many of these mistakes in the book, along with missing punctuation scattered throughout. I don't think I've ever read a book with this many editing mistakes.

I read all of James Herriot's books many years ago and decided to read them again. I am so glad I did! I read 5 of them in 4 days and enjoyed every minute of them. I was sad when I finished the last

one, they are that good. If you love animals, these are the best! Some stories make you laugh out loud, some make you want to cry, but whatever the story, the writing is excellent! What a great story teller! I would recommend all of his books to very animal lover out there!

As this reader approaches the end of six decades and pauses to consider the rescued dogs and cats that have shared his home and made their bed in permanent corners of his heart, I wonder if it was because my siblings and I devoured James Herriot's veterinary tales early in life. ('James Herriot' was the pen name of the real-life Alf Wight.) It wouldn't surprise. Such was the uncanny ability of Alfred Wight's eye to capture the immensely rich nuances of man and beast in the Yorkshire hills and dales of the earlier 20th century. Over a re-read that has lasted a year or two, I marvel at the patient and slightly awed love "I think that's the word" which fuels the gentle, acute conversations that are sprinkled across every page of *ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL*, *ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL*, and *ALL THINGS WISE AND WONDERFUL*. I'm not sure whether you need to adore animals in order to delight in these books. Perhaps so, but maybe the short chapters work their way into readers' hearts and *turn them* into animal lovers. And devoted readers. I can think of only one tribute to these readable classics that comes even close to giving them their due: I'll just have to start reading them all over again.

I read all three of these books when they first were published- almost 50 years ago. Touching, fascinating, and absolutely hilarious at times-laugh out loud with stomach hurting and tears running down my face! I remembered some of the scenarios, but most of this was like reading new books, and they were as wonderful as I remembered. I had been recently thinking about them, when I got an e-mail from inviting me to look into these books, since I am an animal lover. My husband and I recently became parents of a huge, goofy GoldenDoodle after almost 30 years without any pets. I read much of the books with my 80 pound puppy in my lap-made the reading so much more meaningful. Highly recommend this series of extraordinary stories by an extraordinary man.

These are absolutely wonderful stories: very touching, humorous, or both. Both the animals and the people are quite memorable. Now it is no mystery to me why these books are such classics. My only quibble is that the books could have used some more careful editing, especially when it came to punctuation. (I'm an editor, so I assume that I'm pickier about such things than most readers are.) However, assuming you can look past that flaw, you will be rewarded with some stories that you will probably remember forever.

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