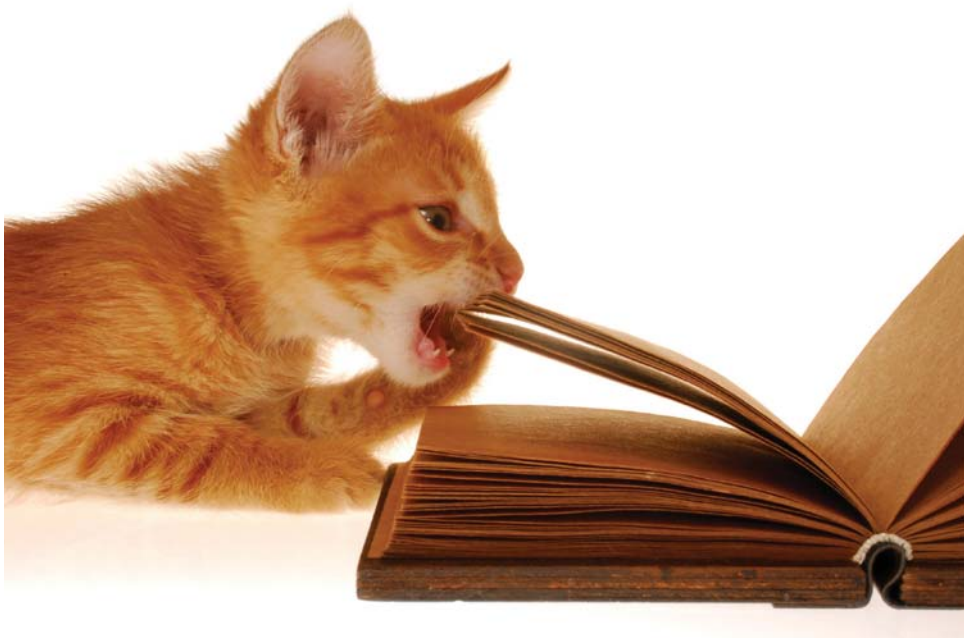


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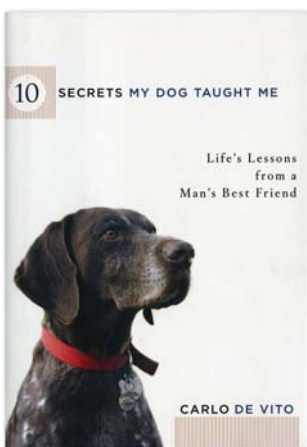


10 Secrets My Dog Taught Me - Life's Lessons from a Man's Best Friend by Carlo De Vito

This young man wants a German Shorthaired Pointer bad and despite some advice to the contrary, the author finally adopts rescue dog Exley. In this charming memoir, De Vito takes us through some of the more memorable and hilarious experiences together. From being a carefree bachelor to the realities of marriage and the sobering responsibilities of fatherhood, this book captures the love and loyalty between a man and a dog.

"We were constant companions. We could annoy the heck out of each other, groan, grump and moan at each other. I laughed off his manic reactions to squirrels, and he ignored my violent ravings at the New York Giants on Sundays in the fall. We shared a deep love of the woods, and long walks in fields and forests. We both loved beer and most foods. He never understood my occasional love of cigars, and I never understood his insatiable appetite for garbage cans. That said, we were perfect friends."

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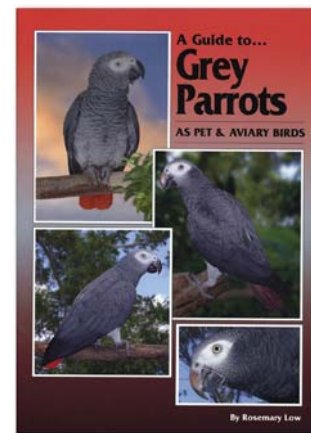
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By Rosemary Low

This particular breed of parrot is believed to be one of the most intelligent and this guide is an invaluable reference to people wanting to understand more on their background and care. ABK, short for Australian Birdkeeper publications are dedicated to publishing informative reference books on avian care. The guide explores in depth the characteristics of the Grey, its origins, dietary needs and general care. Like their many other titles, ABK cover the health problems associated with poor diet, diseases and breeding.

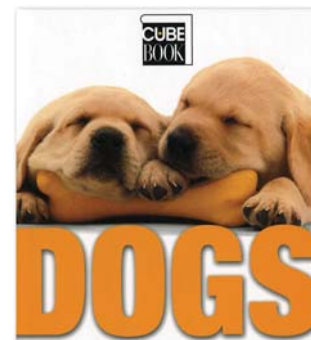
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DOGS - Cube Book

Over 700 pages of Dogs of all breeds are contained in this book—from Afgans to Yorkies and some weird ones in between. It's designed as being a photographic look at common and uncommon breeds. Although there is some information on the breeds featured, this book does not contain comprehensive information about the origins or temperament of each breed.

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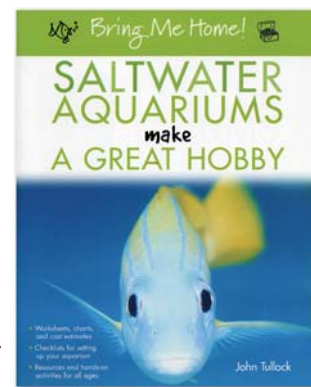
Saltwater Aquariums Make a Great Hobby

By John Tullock

From the Bring Me Home! Series comes this title that is intended for the first-time aquarium owner or those looking to 'upgrade' from freshwater to the trickier saltwater environment. So much is covered from creating and setting up the habitat, understanding the physical and chemical cycle of the habitat, selecting the right fish and invertebrates and the continued health of the fish and habitat.

Helpful worksheets are included so that you can make check lists on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. Recommended diets are also covered for various species of fish and the book reinforces the need for constant monitoring and maintenance of the habitat. After reading this book, you may decide that a saltwater aquarium requires more work and commitment than you anticipated or can afford. However, for those hobbyists with the time, dedication and finances to dive into this hobby, then this book will prove to be an invaluable resource.

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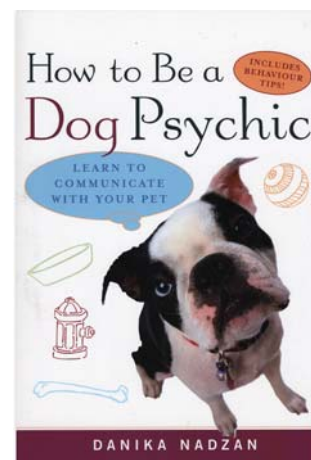
How To Be A Dog Psychic - Learn to communicate with your pet

By Danika Nadzan

Cue the spooky opening theme music from the X-Files. This book explores the human animal bond that much further with the aim to make you make a psychic communicator to your pet. The book delves into behaviour and how to correct problems in practical ways—most of this subject matter can be found in titles dealing with this in more depth. But it goes several steps further in claiming that dogs do not only read facial expressions and body language, they also communicate psychically and telepathically between themselves and with humans.

Author, US based Nadzan, is a writer and has practiced communication with pets for over ten years helping clients understand what they're pets are trying to tell them. She draws on a lot of information and studies from such writers as Stanley Conran, Rupert Sheldrake and dog behaviouralist, Cesar Millan. I want to believe.

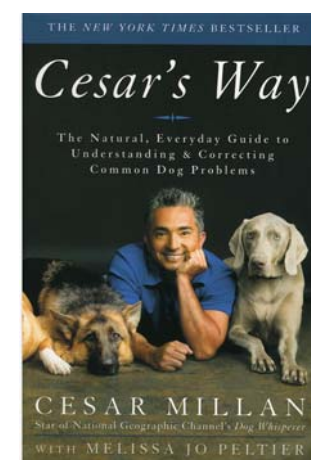
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Cesar's Way - The natural, everyday guide to understanding and correcting common dog problems

By Cesar Millan with Melissa Jo Peltier

'Dog Whisperer' is such an overused term and it's what Millan's television program is called. It's produced by National Geographic in the US, is in its second successful season screening weekly on the pay TV channel. It had a brief and scattered run on free to air here in Australia but as yet hasn't taken hold on our screens.



This book looks at his training techniques and approach to 'rehabilitating' dogs with problems. Looking closely at his TV program and reading his book, it's clear to see that the people who come to him need the re-training. Millan works with dogs who've developed behavioural problems from their environment and often the people who own them. He places great emphasis on the position of the 'pack' and defining what dogs need to have a fulfilling and happy life. This includes clear and strong leadership and rejects the notion that dogs need gizmos, expensive products and should be treated like children in dog suits. Millan also believes that there are no problem breeds just problem owners.

This is one of the more practical, no nonsense and intelligent books written on the psychology of dogs. It may annoy those that believe their dogs are little children and need to be wheeled around in dog prams but this didn't make the New York Times Bestseller list because of a cute cover.

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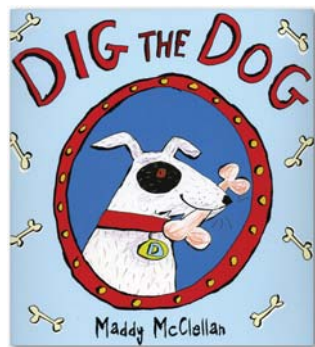
And for the kiddies....

Dig The Dog

Illustrated by Maddy McClellan and written by Alison Maloney

Join the digging, doggy adventures of Dig The Dog and Doug the Dog and the fate of the Beefy Bone. Sweet illustrations and the concept of sharing is dished up in this softcover for little ones. Under fives will enjoy searching for other critters in the scribbly style illustrations.

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Space Dogs – a novel with bite!

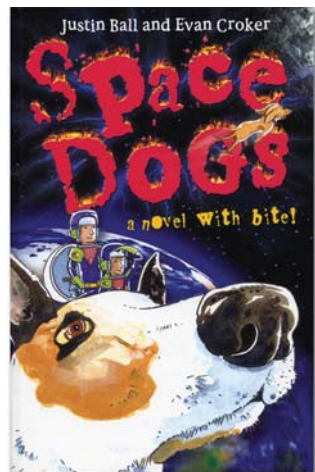
By Justin Ball and Evan Croker

In 1957 the Russian space program launched a probe carrying a small terrier named Laika. The little dog was never to return to Earth and no doubt the scientists back in Russia had no idea that she would end up on the planet Gersbach. Gersbach is a little known planet inhabited by small people—about the height of Laika's paw.

Curious as to Laika's origins and faced with planetary destruction by a mysterious force, the Gersbachians decide to launch their own space expedition in their dog-shaped vehicles. They land in the front yard of an Australian Suburban family and from there the extraterrestrial adventure begins.

This home grown adventure will appeal to imaginative kids (9+) and some adults will get it too. We can't wait for the sequel and the movie.

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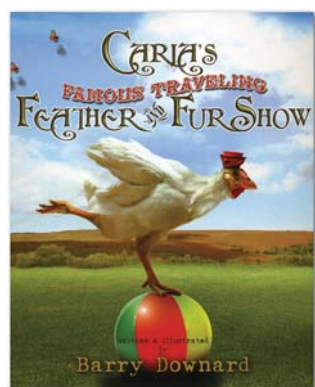


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