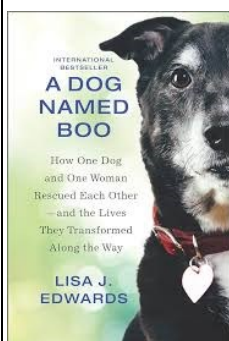




Discussion Guide

About the Book



A Dog Named Boo

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Questions for Discussion

1. **What were your general impressions of this book?**
2. **What were the limitations/disabilities/gifts/idiosyncrasies of the dog named Bo? How did those issues help and hinder him in his life and interactions?**
3. **Have you ever experienced this in your own life or with others, that limitations/disabilities become gifts, weaknesses become strengths? Explain.**
4. **Have you healed from trauma in your life? If so, did dogs play a role? Why or why not?**
5. **What was your favorite pet as a child? What interactions do you remember and to what extent was their presence in your life important?**
6. **As an adult, what pets have you had as companions? How would you describe their role in your life?**
7. **What has been your experience with assistance animals and/or therapy dogs? Explain.**
8. **After reading this book, are you more or less likely to have a dog? Would you like to have your dog trained as a therapy dog? Why or why not?**
9. **Read over the MAMs comments on this book. With whom do you agree/disagree and why?**

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Marie Show (6:27)

Bo on Mary Knoll visit (15:00)



NANCY: A well-written autobiographical journey of healing wrapped around a dog named Bo and several canine siblings, who changed lives. This book reminds me that animals know more, experience more and can relate to us more deeply than I usually imagine. Edwards introduces to the wonderful world of therapy dogs.



ABIGAIL: Yes, this book reminds me that animals have emotions, sometimes similar to ours. Lisa's journey opened me to possibilities in my life. Maybe Seamus and I should get a dog. What do you think? The only problem I see is that we like to spend time in Ireland. Could we take the dog along? Would that cost a lot?



SALLIE: I loved the reading to a dog program. I can see how valuable that would be. Kids need a non-threatening atmosphere to practice reading and a dog provides just that nonjudgemental attention they need. I wish they had had this program when I was teaching. Maybe I should get a dog and do this at schools!



PRISCILLA: This book reminds me how much I loved having a dog as a child. I haven't had one in my house for years. I always think it would be too much for me as a single person. I can't even fathom having 3 dogs, but maybe I should consider having one, or two.



MOLLY: I loved the story that explains that these therapy dogs can transcend boundaries. There was a dog that visited the nursing home where my mom lived at the end of her life. She loved that dog. I love how the dog helped children with disabilities. I mean helping that one boy speak for the first time? How cool is that.



JANE: I was thinking we need to rewrite that thing you always hear—"Dog is Man's best friend." How about "Dog is a woman's best friend." Of course I'm admiring the author who made quite the business out of all this that supported her family. Way to go Lisa!



KATHARINE: I would say this is a good book for college psych classes. I knew about assistance animals and that dogs can provide companionship for people, but what the author does takes it to a whole new level. I would think this should be required reading for counselors, teachers and those in the medical field.