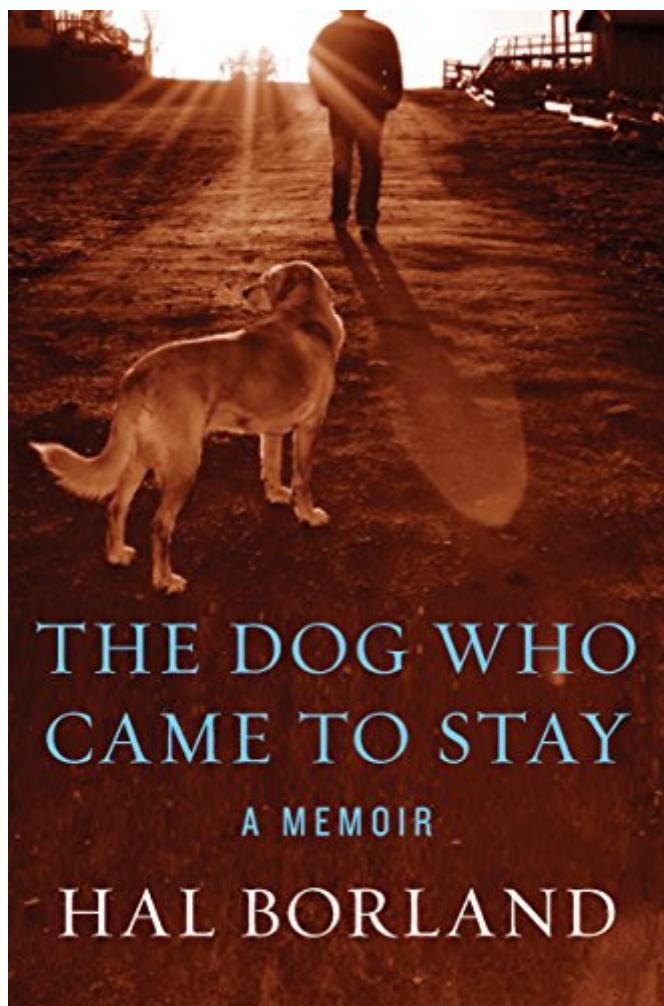


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# The Dog Who Came To Stay: A Memoir



## Synopsis

The memoir of a transformational friendship between a New England outdoorsman and the scrawny foxhound who came to his door one snowy winter day. In the midst of a blizzard, late one Christmas night in the 1950s, author Hal Borland heard a howl at the back door of his home on a hundred-acre farm in the Housatonic Valley of northwest Connecticut. Resistant at first, he called around trying to find an owner whose dog had gone missing "with no luck. Finally, with the encouragement of his wife and haunted by memories of his childhood collie, Borland brought some scraps of leftover steak outside. This was his introduction to Pat, a miserable, half-starved, but deeply trusting black-and-white foxhound mutt. Pat would soon become a member of the family, accompanying Borland on hunts and terrorizing the local woodchuck population "and teaching him that sometimes our most immediate connection to the natural world is through the animals we live with. A longtime journalist and a winner of the John Burroughs Medal for distinguished nature writing, Borland tells the tale of the time he shared with Pat in this touching true story that will appeal to many sportsmen and to all people who have ever been closely attached to a dog. (The New York Times Book Review).

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Hal and his wife, Barbara move to Conn. to live in a secluded valley. They want to live off of nature and have the peace and quiet to devote to their profession, writing. One wintry night during a blizzard two dogs sleep on the covered porch. Neither of them want to own a dog but over time one of them (a black and white foxhound mix) becomes Pat. He is a natural rabbit dog and also kills woodchucks. Through the next 7 or 8 years both respect and love between Pat and the humans develops. It is a good dog story.

I like how much you fell for the dog and also that the dog was part of country life and was treated like dogs I knew on the farm. It reminded me of how the farm dogs patrolled and watched out for the family out in the country. This dog has duties and responsibilities, he was part of the family but also a working dog.

I loved this book, a little too long to read in one go, but certify made ma have good go doing it. Lovely, emotional and also wonderful how the need of the dog is respected, not something most people would do unfortunately. fantastic reding for a dull weekend.

I loved this book! I love dogs and the stories about Pat and Mike and the writer were wonderful. The writing was so clear and interesting I didn't want to put the book down. As I progressed through the book I was more in love with that cool dog with each page. When I finished the story and realized it was written in 1961 I was surprised as it is so relevant now and then. Great book if you love dogs and country side/nature!

I spent a lot of my adult years in Connecticut and that influenced my decision to read this memoir. It was a good decision. The book is timeless in the sense that the love of a good dog is similar from generation to generation, since humans and dog first accompanied one another, I suspect. Yet it also describes an earlier time in the mid-twentieth century. I thoroughly enjoyed it and recommend it.

Our last dog was a rescued dog and, although IÃ¢Â™m overly fond of cats, we took in a needy stray. I understood, appreciated, and identified with Hal BorlandÃ¢Â™s and PatÃ¢Â™s slow

process of learning to trust and understand each other, having gone through this process with two animals. It is a charming story of Borland's wisdom to accept Pat, quirks and all, and of the life and people in their Connecticut valley. Warm, sometime funny, heartfelt, and well written.

A very easy read. Enjoyable and lighthearted. Anyone who loves animals, especially those who love dogs will enjoy this book and the evolvement of relationship between human and animal. Though I am a cat lover I thoroughly enjoyed this "dog"read...recommend !

well written this book is so real that I can my self relate to it with my love for dogs and how aware they are of people . and also the relation of the husband and wife.

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