

A Dog's Journey

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A Dog's Journey, by W. Bruce Cameron, is the sequel to *A Dog's Purpose*, also written by the same author. It is about a dog who searches many lives for its purpose. In the span of the two books, it seemed to love only two characters the most: Ethan Montgomery and Clarity June Mahoney (CJ).

My favorite part of the book was when the dog (at the time, called Toby) lived in a hospice and was owned by nuns. He comforted the weak, frail, and sick people, making their feelings happier. He also gave guests' families and friends warmth, so they won't feel worried or sad. I liked this particular part because in all the other ones, the characters were always in pain, whether mentally or physically.

One of the main characters was the dog, whose names in this book were: Buddy, Molly, Max, and Toby. The dog devotes its life to protecting CJ, and later everyone around him. Another main character is Trent, who was good friends with CJ, and the two eventually married each other. In the previous novel, *A Dog's Purpose*, the dog's goal is to protect Ethan.

I thought this book was okay, but not the best I've read. I liked it because it was told from a unique perspective of a dog, the main character, and I also enjoyed reading the different stories about the dog. But one thing I would say that this book should improve on is its speed. The story went unusually fast, as if the author was trying to finish the book, and it was more like this toward the end. Time would go by very fast, and there would only be slight connection between two paragraphs.

This is a lengthy novel suited for audience ages 11-15 and especially for readers who own dogs or are dog lovers. I highly recommend reading it to learn more about what our dogs think of us, and the answer to one simple question: Do we really take care of our pets, or do they take care of us?

Recommended Titles:

A Dog's Purpose - W. Bruce Cameron

Emory's Gift - W. Bruce Cameron

The Art of Racing in the Rain - Garth Stein

Marley and Me: Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog - John Grogan

Old Yeller - Fred Gipson