

A Book, A Story (And A Dog) You Will Never Forget



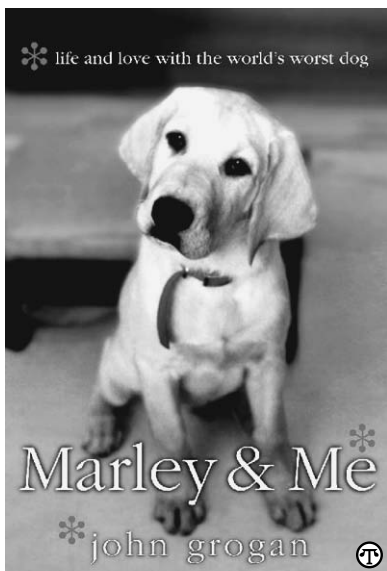
Life And Love With Marley

(NAPSA)—John and Jenny Grogan were just beginning their life together. They were young and in love, with a perfect little house and not a care in the world. Then they brought home Marley, a wiggly yellow furball of a puppy. Life would never be the same.

Marley quickly grew into a barreling, 97-pound streamroller of a Labrador retriever. He crashed through screen doors, gouged through drywall, flung drool on guests, stole women's undergarments, and ate nearly everything he could get his mouth around, including couches and fine jewelry. Obedience school did no good—Marley was expelled. Neither did the tranquilizers the veterinarian prescribed for him with the admonishment, "Don't hesitate to use these."

In "Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog" (William Morrow, \$21.95), John Grogan has created a funny and poignant memoir about the wildly neurotic Lab—and how he and his wife came to learn what really matters in life. The book, described as "Dave Barry meets Willie Morris," recalls a dog who lived a big life. Some might say Marley lived with reckless abandon, but those smarter would recognize it as reckless love.

Just as he couldn't stop himself from sliding through the Grogans' screen door for the 10th time, Marley had no brakes on his loyalty, exuberance and passion. Whether comforting the Grogans following a devastating miscarriage, landing the lead role in a feature film, shutting down an entire beach, or guarding a 17-



A family's relationship with a rambunctious Lab helped teach them important life lessons.

year-old neighbor in the aftermath of a brutal stabbing, Marley was a dog like no other. He taught the Grogans what it means to share a life, what it means to stay true, what it means to honor a friend.

John Grogan, the Pennsylvania columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer, found that it may be possible for humans to discover the key to happiness through a bigger-than-life, bad-boy dog. "Marley and Me" is a tribute to lessons learned. It will have you laughing out loud until its inevitable, heart-breaking conclusion.

**"Marley and Me" is available
wherever hardcover books are sold.**

