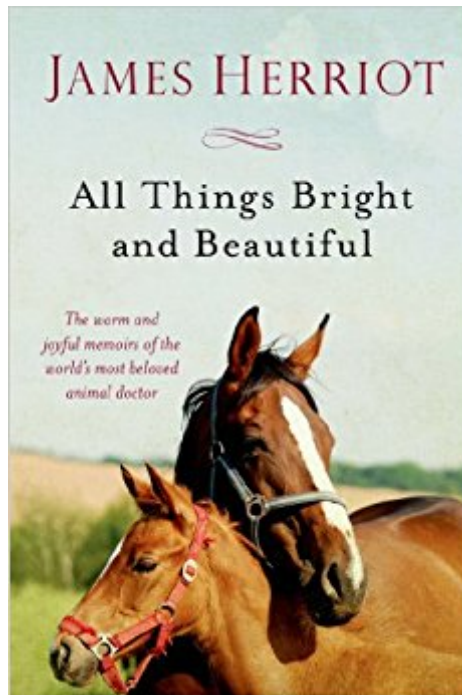




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All Things Bright And Beautiful (All Creatures Great And Small)



Synopsis

The second volume in the multimillion copy bestselling series Millions of readers have delighted in the wonderful storytelling and everyday miracles of James Herriot in the over thirty years since his delightful animal stories were first introduced to the world. Now in a new edition for the first time in a decade, *All Things Bright and Beautiful* is the beloved sequel to Herriot's first collection, *All Creatures Great and Small*, and picks up as Herriot, now newly married, journeys among the remote hillside farms and valley towns of the Yorkshire Dales, caring for their inhabitants---both two- and four-legged. Throughout, Herriot's deep compassion, humor, and love of life shine out as we laugh, cry, and delight in his portraits of his many, varied animal patients and their equally varied owners.

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Customer Reviews

“James Herriot found a gentle, wise and often humorous way to write about animals and to evoke a beautiful but fading way of life in those Yorkshire Hills. He showed me how to focus not just on the animals, but on the people who lived with the animals, and their loving, sometimes difficult and very wonderful connections with one another. While he is known for his wonderful writing about animals, I often think of his ability to capture people. From the first, I've tried to capture that feeling, that uplifting and heartwarming style. I can't say that I have ever quite matched the writing of James Herriot, but he has always inspired me and given me something to aim for. He often makes me smile, sometimes makes me cry, you can't really ask more from a writer than that.”

—Jon Katz, New York Times bestselling author of *Second Chance Dog*, *A Dog Year*, *A*

Good Dog, and many others. “I recall reading *All Creatures Great and Small* many years ago, while working as a veterinary technician for a mobile vet in Los Angeles. We worked with cats and dogs, of course, but with farm animals, too, and apes and monkeys and angry pet raccoons, burros, crows, macaws. The variety of pets in Los Angeles was limitless. During that wonderful time, I’d be beaten senseless by a kangaroo, held hostage by a love-struck chimpanzee, chased by angry hogs, and sat on by a miniature horse inside of a well-known celebrity’s home. It was a magical time, and it made perfect sense for me to read Herriot in the evenings, a grand fellow who’d roam the English countryside making veterinary house calls, effortlessly moving from draft horses to kittens, healing, telling stories. I felt a kinship with him and his magical world, and marveled at his talent for drawing me into his cast of characters. Later in life, when I too would write of my experiences with animals and their people, I would hearken to Herriot’s Yorkshire Dales, and to prose so genuine that it would help inspire my own career as a writer and pet behaviorist. Herriot to me remains a superhero of sorts, who, in visiting home after home like some veterinary Santa, taught me how simple, heartwarming prose about people and their animals could rise above the commonplace, and become art.

• Steve Duno, author of *Last Dog on the Hill*, *The Everything Cat Book* and *The Amazing Dog Trick Book* “The kind of book that makes an evening seem a little warmer and your pet a bit more important.

• The Philadelphia Inquirer “A very warm, very engaging read . . . the reader falls totally under his spell.

• The Associated Press “Whether sad or glad, each story shows his affection for animals and people . . . this man is a celebrant of life.

• Chicago Tribune “Herriot is both tender and wise . . . *All Things Bright and Beautiful* is a book to be happy with.

• The Boston Globe “You had better read this book yourself. It’s a treat, a rare one, and God knows we all need all treat these days.

• The Washington Post “Human beings just naturally respond to a writer as lovable, wholesome, eloquent, humorous and well-stocked with anecdotes as James Herriot. He offers a mastery of both the comic and the tragic.

• Chicago Tribune “*All Things Bright and Beautiful* is like a visit to a loved place inhabited by dear friends . . . certainly the happiest book so far this season.

• The Plain Dealer (Cleveland) “Humour, realism, sensitivity, earthiness; animals comic and tragic; and people droll, pathetic, courageous, eccentric. All of whom he views with the same gentle compassion and a lively sense of the sad, the ridiculous, and the admirable.

• The Columbus Dispatch “James Herriot has served up another warm, witty, wonderful book in *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.

• The Indianapolis News “It is impossible to speak of this second book without thinking strongly of

the first. For it is truly a repeated 'miracle' as *All Creatures Great and Small* was described. Whatever joy one found in the first is in the second, only even more joyous; whatever laughter rippled from the throat in the reading of the first, finds even greater gusto in this one. It is funny, wry, simple in its story but as deep and perceptive of life's truths as the superlative sensitivity of the writer and his talent can make it. Best seller list, look out!

—*The Hartford Courant*

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—*The Columbus Dispatch*

“Superb, a book to be enjoyed in one sitting or in bits and pieces to make it last longer.”

—*Library Journal*

James Herriot (1916-1995) is the bestselling author of memoirs including *All Creatures Great and Small*, *All Things Wise and Wonderful*, *The Lord God Made Them All*, and *Every Living Thing*. At age 23, Herriot qualified for veterinary practice with the Glasgow Veterinary College, and moved to the town of Thirsk in Yorkshire to work in a rural practice. He would live in, work in, and write about the region for the rest of his life. Though he dreamed for years of writing a book, his veterinary work and his family kept him busy, and he did not start writing until the age of 50. In 1979, he was awarded the title Order of the British Empire (OBE).

This is the second book and I enjoyed it as much as the first. It is amazing to learn how much progress there has been made in animal care and health maintenance over the years and it is nice to know that there are still things they keep learning just as in human health care. The person life has also made strides and continues to change as time goes by, but the love for nature and animals continues to be the big attraction in the story.

I thoroughly enjoy these books. I have read them all several times beginning with their first release in the US. I just finished reading the first in the series for the fourth time. I was raised on a dairy and can personally relate to many of his stories. Additionally, we raised hogs and kept and boarded horses. I have recommended these books for people who do not have an agricultural background and they do not share my appreciation. However, aside from the artful and eloquent manner Herriot addresses life on the farm, his skill as a "storyteller" is unsurpassed. There may be storytellers that are his equal but what makes any one storyteller appear better than another is the individual taste of the reader. For a reader that is fond of country living, animal stories, human nature, etc., there is no

better author than James Herriot.

Years ago I read "All Things Great and Small" and was enchanted with the story. So many years passed and I had forgotten about this author until I saw his name and titles of subsequent books. I immediately purchased this one and was just as taken as with the first one. Herriot writes with such love for his profession and all the creatures and their owners he encounters through the years. One can almost see and feel as he does through his words. Do not pass up the opportunity to read any of this author's books. They are so well written and descriptive that they will grab your heart and not let go.

I loved this book as a teenager, so when it was available as a kindle daily deal, I got it. As an adult, I am a little more critical now, but still very much enjoyed this book. Sometimes it reads more as a collection of short stories than a narrative, but still it all works. If you love animals, you will love this book.

Just like the title, this book is bright and beautiful. It sparkles with James Herriot's humor and sensitivity. The Yorkshire Dales come alive, and one can almost smell the sweet air often punctuated by the earthy smells of animals. As everywhere, there is joy and tragedy, smiles and tears, and a lot of chuckles and belly laughs. It is a simpler time and place, but it is real life. Like all of James Herriot's books, it is a wonderful, feel-good read.

A question for Herriot lovers like myself? What book told story of farting dog. He ended up being adopted by man with no sense of smell? Also what book told story of James and Tristan chasing a kitty to spay her, She pooped on them. I read as 12 year old in 70s. Want to read again as adult. Have reread his books, but can't find my two favorite stories.

This book was recommended by several of my friends. I absolutely loved it! James Herriot gives the reader an extraordinarily humorous insight into a veterinary's life experiences and the myriad of personalities he has to deal with on a day-to-day basis. I highly recommend this book to other readers.

These books by James Herriot are the most heart warming, outrageously funny and sad books I have ever read. One story you are giggling, the next one can be a cozy loving tale and occasionally

a beautiful and sad stories. I woke my husband up many times at night giggling at stories that were told in a uniquely James Herriot style. Young or old, and anything in between, will thoroughly enjoy reading these wonderful adventures of this country vet.

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