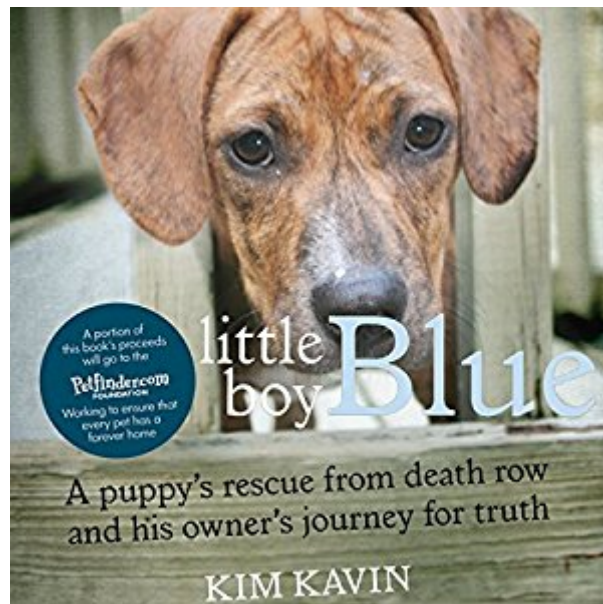


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Little Boy Blue: A Puppy's Rescue From Death Row And His Owner's Journey For Truth



Synopsis

When journalist Kim Gavin decided that she wanted a puppy, she did what millions of people do every year: clicked on an online photo and submitted an application. She had no idea that the adorable brindle - advertised as healthy and near her home in New Jersey - was actually a last-minute rescue from a gas-chamber shelter in North Carolina. Blue had arrived in the Northeast with at least a dozen other dogs in an RV that is just one among countless transports whose sponsors are dedicating their efforts to saving dogs by any means possible. Blue was happy and friendly, but he seemed to have endured some unusual, albeit unknown, ordeal. The dog's manner prompted Gavin to trace his history all the way back to a long row of cages where Blue had been tagged to be put down in just three more days. Little Boy Blue is the true story of one sweet puppy's journey of survival. It's also a shocking exposé that describes a brutal ongoing reality inside some of this country's taxpayer-funded shelters. But Little Boy Blue also tells an inspiring story of the grass-roots rescue network that has exploded across the nation in recent years. Listeners will come to know and love a very special dog who now brings smiles to the faces of everyone he meets. From a single click of Kim Gavin's computer mouse, Blue's journey of a lifetime began. This is the story of Little Boy Blue, told with candor and a great deal of love.

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Customer Reviews

Kim Gavin's book is a must read for anyone who considers themselves a dog lover. If you've ever considered purchasing a dog from a breeder or walked into a pet store only to "fall in love" with a dog and take it home....you HAVE to read this book and understand why your decision makes a

difference in the lives of thousands of dogs who need homes. I was horrified and ashamed to learn the harsh realities of shelters in this country. How can this happen in 2012 in the USA? Read this book and follow along on Kim's journey as she traces Blue's past....before he came into her happy home. You won't be able to put it down because you will want to keep reading to see what happens next. Kim doesn't sugar-coat the facts but after reading this book you will be inspired to do what you can to be part of the change to help make a difference. I had the pleasure of meeting Kim and Blue at BookExpo America and I can tell you he's the sweetest dog ever! Please adopt! Save a life...Debbie McManus BookExpo America

I'm a dog lover, and I thought I knew about the plight of homeless dogs and other animals in the U.S. Many people I know have adopted shelter and/or rescue dogs, and it is wonderful to see these beautiful animals find great homes, and literally see them happy as can be with their new owners. Then I read Kim Kavin's book - and I realized that I didn't know that much about the plight of rescue dogs. I didn't know that only 1 in 20 of them make it out of shelters alive. I didn't know that in many cases the state funded shelters are not finding homes for these dogs, it's the literally millions of people who, via a tremendous grass-roots effort utilizing facebook and other means, are pulling these animals out of the shelters - sometimes minutes before they are to be killed. Then there's the people who devote their own time and money to transport these rescued animals sometimes thousands of miles to either a foster home that will love and help the dog find a new home, or to a new owner. I didn't know about the multitude of organizations and shelters that are doing wonderful things to not only find these animals new homes, but to also educate everyone about what's going on - especially about spaying and neutering. All this, and so much more, can be found in Little Boy Blue, a book that is at once so uplifting, and is also so shocking and informative. I couldn't put it down, and if you're a dog lover, and a human being, you won't be able to put it down either.

I have been an animal rescuer for almost 40 years and I was blown away by how Ms. Kavin was able to expose the whole underworld of rescue that most of the animal loving public is unaware of. She shares the good, the bad and the ugly with breathtaking clarity and honesty while still sharing an entertaining tale of her dog Blue's life. It is a must read for every animal lover but more importantly a book that needs to be shared with any human who has an ounce of compassion in their heart. "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the ways its animals are treated". ~ Mahatma Gandhi Little Boy Blue: A Puppy's Rescue from Death Row and His Owner's Journey for Truth

I have to say that this book is very informative about the shelter and rescue/adoption situation in America. On one hand, it was very sad and upsetting to know that \$15 million in tax dollars to go shelters who use gas chamber methods of euthanizing dogs in their possession. On another hand, it's encouraging to know that there are SO MANY who are working to change this, and to get all adoptable dogs into good homes. This book is a wonderful call to take action, and help out however we can, be it financially, by fostering a dog short-term, by choosing to adopt from a shelter or rescue rather than purchasing a purebred dog, or even supporting spay/neuter programs nationwide. While I was reading this book I kept recalling the story of the boy on the beach who was throwing starfish back into the sea. A man saw what he was doing and said that what he was doing would never matter in the grand scheme of things, to which the boy replied "it mattered to that one." We may not be able to adopt them all personally, but we can do our part to help out the cause.

If you live in North Carolina and care about animals, this book is a must read. I recognized all too well the places and things described. But we do have many people very active in animal welfare and are trying our best to see it improve here in this state. Unfortunately this is not just a picture of North Carolina, though. This happens throughout many of the states in our country and it is truly shameful. We do have one public county shelter that I know of, Guilford County Animal Shelter, that is a shining star in the darkness. It is run by the nonprofit United Animal Coalition, and an injured, stray, abandoned or owner-surrendered animal has a great chance of receiving needed care and attention, and of finding a furever home. Check it out on Facebook after reading this book to find out that not everything is bad in North Carolina when it comes to companion animals.

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