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LABRADOR

The Story of the World's Favourite Dog

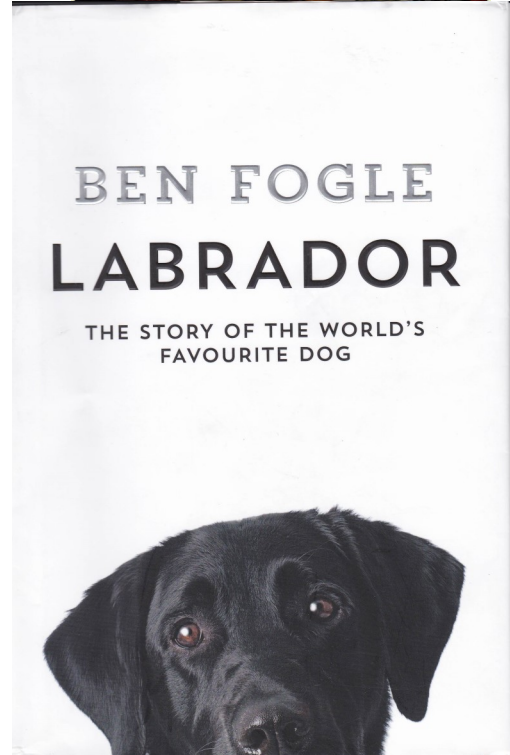
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Ben Fogle is a presenter, writer, adventurer and dog lover. His passion for animals and their conservation has taken him all over the world and he is much renowned for his work.

Labradors are the most popular breed of dog worldwide; fantastic companions, hunters, trackers, retrievers, guides and rescuers. The complete package whether black, golden or chocolate brown.

Ben goes in search of what makes Labradors so special and interweaves his own story of his beloved black Labrador, Inca, into the history of this very special creature. I defy anyone to get past the first three pages without a tear to their eye. Mine, I freely admit, was a full blown weep, demolishing Mark's and Spencer's waterproof mascara and half a box of tissues!



Ben visits Canada and discovers the most amazing tales of the early Labradors' antics and surprising facts that we never imagined. He goes on to explain how they were accepted into the Kennel Club GB after many decades of proving their worth. I found this section of the book a bit tedious but a necessary evil if the complete history of the breed was to be understood.



BEN FOGLE

The Labrador has morphed from the fisherman's friend of a century ago in Canada into the dependable and 'beddable' creatures they are today. Ben captures so well that true love between man and dog which I am sure many of us have cherished. They offer a tonic to the many ills of the world. We have much to learn from the this loyal, kind, happy and optimistic being.

This is but a précis of a lovely book that truly 'lifts the soul'. Do give it a go !

ANN FITZGERALD

Owner of the most nose, greedy, lazy, naughty, loving and very enthusiastic chocolate labrador.

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