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Part memoir, part fable, and part fantasy, this is the story of a man who dies unexpectedly and makes his way to Paradise with the help of the canine friends who shared his life. What if you lived in the middle of a beautiful nowhere, with a dog who mysteriously appeared at your door? What if you were out hiking one winter day, you broke your leg, and you froze to death? And what if the angels who met you had four feet instead of wings? Would you listen to the lessons they wanted to teach you? This edition also includes a bonus short story, Christmas with a Collie.

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Virginia L. Wilber says

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I gave this book 5 star rating because it had lessons of life to teach us. Lessons that u may not have even thought of. We are all God's creations and should treat each other as such, man or beast! I would recommend this book to anyone that needs uplifting. Even though it's not a true story I believe the message is clear. May God bless the authors and all who had a hand in putting this book out for us to read, Clearly God had a big hand in it. Thank you.

Nancy Silk says

"If Dogs Were To Judge Us"

This is a very moving, fascinating story of meeting up with all the dogs one has had throughout life. It's extremely well written, and at first I thought it was a collection of short stories, but I was wrong. The first chapter, "The End" reflects the last days of an older man's plight in the frozen elements of winter with a broken leg. His companion and loving dog, Angelo, is at his side. The next chapter, "Imagination" is where the man appears to have visions as he feels no pain from his broken leg. The snow is gone the sky is blue, and he's still in the creek bed where he had fallen asleep. His vision (imagination) is of a German Shorthair Pointer holding a spatula in his paw, and serving up breakfast at a table and chairs, where the grass used to be. Is this man dreaming the whole thing? No, the man has died and he is being visited by all the dogs he's had. He doesn't realize this until his dog Trixie, who had died from distemper, says, "You're dead, too, my friend. Don't you remember falling asleep in the snow?" This is an amazing tale uniquely created by author Leland Dirks. At times, I really didn't know where all this was heading, but then I realized I was there with Leland, too! After all, as a reader, I wouldn't want to be left behind! This is a powerful story, by a brilliant man, lover of all things beautiful. The story truly defines the author who is an exemplary man. Yes, this story touched my heart, as a few tears crept out of my eyes. Good, compassionate stories do that to me. Pass me some Kleenex, Leland!

Greta Burroughs says

Leland Dirks' view of heaven is a little different than what I had been taught. I like his version better. Dogs have been a big part of my life and that's probably why I enjoy Leland and Angelo's books so much. Our four-footed companions should be the ultimate judge of our life on Earth with their no nonsense approach to what is right and wrong. I just hope my furry friends rate my life worthy of an afterlife in Heaven.

Lindsay says

A short, but thought-provoking read.

Lori says

sweet story about a man who dies and before he gets to heaven he reunites with the dogs he had in his life. they are there to offer advice. he ends up in a judgement before he gets to heaven. I love to read stories about dogs. this was a nice book for dog lovers.

Robert Deburgh says

What if you died and awakened in a world where the dogs you had shared your previous life with judged your actions and attitudes in a court of law? How would the verdict turn out in your case?

Leland Dirks has imagined just such a world and described it masterfully in "Seven Dogs in Heaven." Of course this was with the help of Angelo Dirks, a beautiful Border Collie who is his lifetime partner and friend.

The book is well written with humor and some sadness. It brings a message to all dog lovers that speaks loud and clear by the end of the book. I think it is a great read and would recommend it to anyone who loves animals.

Pam says

This book really goes to the heart of our relationship with our dogs and how we treat them. I also could not help thinking of this as an analogy to human's relationship with God and how we are being judged by God. Without giving too much away, one man gets an opportunity to visit dogs from his past who are now in heaven. When I first started reading the book, I was not sure I would like it, but it really is a must read for all dog-owners. This is likely one book that I will read more than once.

D.J. says

Seven Dogs in Heaven by Leland Dirks

I don't read reviews before reading books--and I'm glad I didn't in this case, also--too many spoilers (but I must admit, it would have been nice to know I needed a box of kleenex at my side).

Seven Dogs is the first of Leland Dirks' books that I've read. It is a compelling, well written story about the journey an old man, after his untimely death, made to heaven. I was uncomfortable in how it began--I actually put the book down before finishing the first chapter because I didn't like where I thought it was

going (personal issues). But, once I picked it up again and delved further, I was surprised at the u-turn it made, from the sad start to a "re-birth" if you will. Lots of tears--for joy, laughter, and sadness, but a great read. If you love animals, especially dogs, then this is the story for you. I certainly wouldn't mind heaven looking like this. It makes perfect sense.

There are lessons to be learned through his writings: lessons of love, loyalty--and more, that we two-legged creatures should certainly heed in our daily life, whether we own dogs or not. I, for one, plan to make sure those lessons are more firmly put into practice before I meet my Maker...

Bethe says

Not sure about this book, at times I found it very sappy, then heartwarming, funny after I cried, then gasping at an unexpected turn of events. It's not stellar writing but worth \$2.49 on kindle. Love the border collie Christmas story at the end, I am very partial to border collies, kept thinking about my beloved angel Guthrie!

Grace says

Follow Leland as his trusty K9 companions show him the ropes after his death. If you had to stand trial for your past treatment of your furbabies would you be found "lacking"? How about if the jury were those very furbabies? The author has a humorous touch that can put a smile on your lips and tears in your eye.

After reading Leland and Angelo's story you won't be able to deny that this writing team is one to keep an eye on. This is the second of Angelo's books I have read and they are a must read.

This book really made me miss my babies but it also renewed my hope to be united with them in heaven.

Jan says

What an interesting and different kind of dog story, it actually made me cry twice, one was related to my very first dog. This one is "the best" of Leland's books thus far. Even though it is fiction you leave it thinking "what if" and "maybe it could really happen". There's a lot of things that make you think about life and dogs and their place in it. I loved the inclusion of the Marines in the story. When a man dies we are carried along in with his confusion from his eyes and have a million questions too, the author does a wonderful way of writing to pull you in to this man's life and death along with the dogs he has known. I read it all in one sitting as I could not put it down! If you love dogs, you will surely love this story by the time you finish it.

Alejandro Canton-Dutari says

Seven Dogs in Heaven by Leland Dirks

Reviewed by Alex Canton-Dutari

I approached this book with some apprehension, thinking that Angelo would be the main character, again. I was relieved when I found myself identifying with his owner ascending to "dog heaven" and having his final

judgment in quite a unique setting.

The central plot -- reincarnation -- reminded me of Grizabella's plight in Cats. I hope the author doesn't mind. I enjoyed the book, immensely.

Amy says

Seven Dogs is a wonderful journey into the imagination as well as the human spirit. Exploring the afterlife is well visited terrain for authors but this is a very fresh and compelling vision of it. This book satisfies on a number of levels and I only wish I could have spent more time with these fantastic 7 dogs.

Cathy says

Ok, this made me cry.

It's about a man who dies and finds himself in heaven(?). He's met by all the dogs he's had in his life while they tell him what virtue they tried to teach him. But he's put on trial to find out if he ever really learned their lessons.

It made me think of all the pets I hope are waiting for me.

My copy says the author is Leland Dirks.

Brenda Perlin says

“When Imagination changes from hoping to knowing, it makes things real.”

Seven Dogs in Heaven by Leland Dirks (and Angelo, of course) has a creative storyline that grabbed my attention right away. Just the title made me weepy. Losing dogs is such an emotional subject. But this story was an uplift even if it could be emotional at times. There are lessons. Real life lessons that if we pay attention we will learn something. I really enjoyed the unusual path the author chose to take us on.

Seven Dogs in Heaven made me laugh and cry. At different times, of course. So many waves of feelings flooded my brain. It's an emotional read that was very satisfying. This book really makes you think and inspires it's reader to do better and to be better.

The unconditional love of a dog is a beautiful thing. I appreciated that this story was written from the perspective of a man and his dog/dogs. I would highly recommend this touching escape and the bonus short Christmas story at the end.

Quote ~

“Because we need each other. We complete each other. Duty works both ways. Love needs a beloved. Loyalty needs two to be loyalty. Fidelity is nothing without someone to be faithful to. Every dog needs a human, and every human needs a dog.”

