

Book Review for Merigal Dingoes

I enjoyed reading “Merigal Dingoes: An Anthology of Dingo Stories from Merigal Dingo Sanctuary” by Pamela King which is a wonderful collection of dingo stories. This anthology includes stories by Berenice Walters, the founder of the Australian Native Dog Training Society later renamed the Australian Native Dog Conservation Society and Pamela King and others (even one by “Harry Dingo aka Harry Houdini” Haha!). An excerpt from one of the stories by Berenice,

“The Dingo is the embodiment of a free and natural spirit; independent, noble and aloof, dignified and graceful, quiet and reflective; an animal of tremendous loyalty and compassion for members of their family group or the human fortunate enough to have the trust and love of this most intriguing native Australian. There are countless tales of the devotion of the Dingo to a mate caught in a trap, poisoned, or incapacitated in some way; of a bitch deliberately making a target of herself to decoy a would-be enemy from her helpless pups; not aggressive enough to attack, but courageous enough to die for those she loves.”

Filled with intriguing, humorous, moving, thought-provoking, heart-breaking and heart-warming stories of this amazing breed of dog, I felt humbled reading about the instinctive traits of the Dingo such as a trust, loyalty, heroic acts, and unbending devotion.

Berenice Walters studied dingoes for over 40 years. The noble traits of this breed made Bernice better understand herself and she steadfastly promoted the breed, so humankind would likewise better understand themselves and the sometimes-forgotten noble qualities that every human possesses.

Pamela King, a very close friend of Berenice and herself a board member with the Australian Native Dog Conservation Society, has included some of her stories and inserted intriguing pictures throughout the book bringing the stories more to life and engaging me even more as I read this wonderful book.

I finished this anthology sooner than expected and felt gratified with the new knowledge and warm feelings from this anthology.

Another excerpt about Berenice’s much loved and special house dingo, Sheila,

“During the night she (Sheila) would regularly check to make sure Berenice (who was suffering from motor neuron disease) was there. Berenice would hear her claws clicking on the tile floor, then feel breathing close to her face. If she appeared asleep, Sheila would return to her bed; if she opened her eyes, Sheila slowly wagged her tail in greeting.”

This anthology is refreshing for all ages. It reminds the reader the higher qualities of life especially and shows a young adult reader the greater good in us all. Highly recommended!

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