

## Praise for the Writings of Bill Stork

"Bill Stork has this thing about first impressions. He can't abide them..."

- Doug Moe, Wisconsin State Journal

"...to [Stork], farmers and musician/songwriters have striking similarities, not the least of which is that they do what they do not by choice, but because they were born to do it."

- Kevin Deforrest, songwriter

About the Author: Dr. Bill Stork A veterinarian by trade and a student of the American experience, Dr. Bill inherited his mother's ability to see the best in people and appreciates the simple pleasures of a life well lived.

Stepping from Herriot's Shadow is his second book. His first, In Herriot's Shadow, was published in 2014.

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## Country veterinarian reveals the heart of America in new book

STEPPING FROM HERRIOT'S SHADOW by Dr. Bill Stork now available

Lake Mills, Wis. -Sept. 6, 2016 - Dr. Bill Stork has been called "an authentic new voice from the heartland." In a world divided by race, religion and politics, he tells the stories of tap dancing humanitarians, bankers and farmers - all celebrating the human experience.

His second book, STEPPING FROM HERRIOT'S SHADOW: More musings by a country veterinarian on sunrises, old yellow labs, and well-written songs, shakes hands and kicks the gravel with scores of outwardly ordinary people who are extraordinary at their core. Herriot's Shadow is 276 pages of simple truths often lost amidst political bickering and darkness of the evening news. People are fundamentally good, obstacles are a matter of perspective and kindness towards animals is among the most reliable measures of human decency. The latter, a notion that gets challenged on the rare occasion a Holstein launches the author six feet across a barn or a Jack Russell Terrier bites him on the head.

In the short story Give-'em-hell Harry, Stork writes:

"Disgruntled clients are an inevitable consequence of doing business. Harry Schnulle was the client who fired me before I ever set boot in the barn. Right before he hung up, he said if we were the last vet clinic in Wisconsin, he'd sell his cows, move to Michigan, and milk goats..."



The perfect antidote to pessimism and anger, the humorous and heartwarming stories in STEPPING FROM HERRIOT'S SHADOW serve as a reminder that attitude really is everything.

Tales like *You Can't Handle the Truth* - about a mountain guide, father and philosopher - demonstrate that splendor is delivered in increments of pain and every human interaction will affect those to follow.

## STEPPING FROM HERRIOT'S SHADOW

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