



In Herriot's Shadow

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"It arrived last night, and I can't put it down Bill Sr. will be more proud than he will ever be able to express, trust me." –Kish Khemani

"I've had it 4 days, and I've read it twice. I called the library to order All Creatures Great and Small." -- Don Grant

"You must publish this book. Bill Stork's stories comprised some of the best reading I've done in a while, and I read all the time. He has a strong and personable voice, and an easy way of putting together two or three words in a way that you've never seen before, but in a way that makes perfect sense and that captures the scene better than any more mundane use of words possibly could." – Coleman

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Book Announcement

Dr. Bill Stork is a new and authentic voice from the Heartland

Intending to tell stories about dogs, cats, cows, sunrises, sunsets and music, a small town veterinarian wrote a book about humanity.

Coveralls rolled to my waist, I stood shimmering with blood, sweat and fetal fluid, admiring my handiwork and God's creations. Science has yet to determine whether ethnicity, diet or body chemistry renders some more attractive to the mosquito than others. For the record, a properly marinated Eastern European flatlander at sunset, is prime.

In Herriot's Shadow is a celebration of chivalry in a grocery store parking lot, generosity in a farm field, and gratitude in two packs of sandwich cookies. Dr. Bill Stork has evolved the notion that a person who is kind to animals is inherently good, often in the face of perception to the contrary.

45-year old construction workers don't choose to live in apartments above their buddy's garage. His only family was lying on a flannel blanket between his camo boots, as he had for 12 years.

Working alongside men and women whose physical strength is dwarfed by their superhuman depth of character, he has felt the anguish of a corn crop spiking, turning brown and begging for a drop of water, and shared the unbridled exuberance when the "million dollar rain" came just in time.

I grabbed the steering wheel and had one foot in the truck, but the empty space next to him on the wooden step felt like a friend in need...

Shed a tear for a dog called Buck, hold your belly from laughing as Dr. Stork survives Jack going for his jugular, ponder how Pumpkin developed her outer rind, and make the acquaintance of the Amazing Dick Bass – *In Herriot's Shadow* weaves together stories about B.B. King, temperamental cows, biking through Texas, therapy cats and life-saving dogs.

About the Author:



Dr. Bill Stork grew up in a meat and potatoes, git-'er-done, "In the name of the Father..." household in Decatur, Illinois. Six years of cleaning cages and scrubbing baseboards at the Brush College Animal Hospital only served to fuel the fire ignited by reading James Herriot's *All Creatures Great and Small* for an 8th grade book report. He graduated from the University of Illinois - College of Veterinary Medicine in May 1992 and migrated across the Cheddar Curtain, surrendering the gratuitous use of "r's" (warsh the car), and hardening his consonants. Intact was his record and CD collection and love of old-school blues, country, folk and bluegrass music. On June 15th, 1992, he started working at the Lake Mills Veterinary Clinic. He lives near Cambridge, Wisconsin, and is wholly uncomfortable writing about himself in the third person.

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