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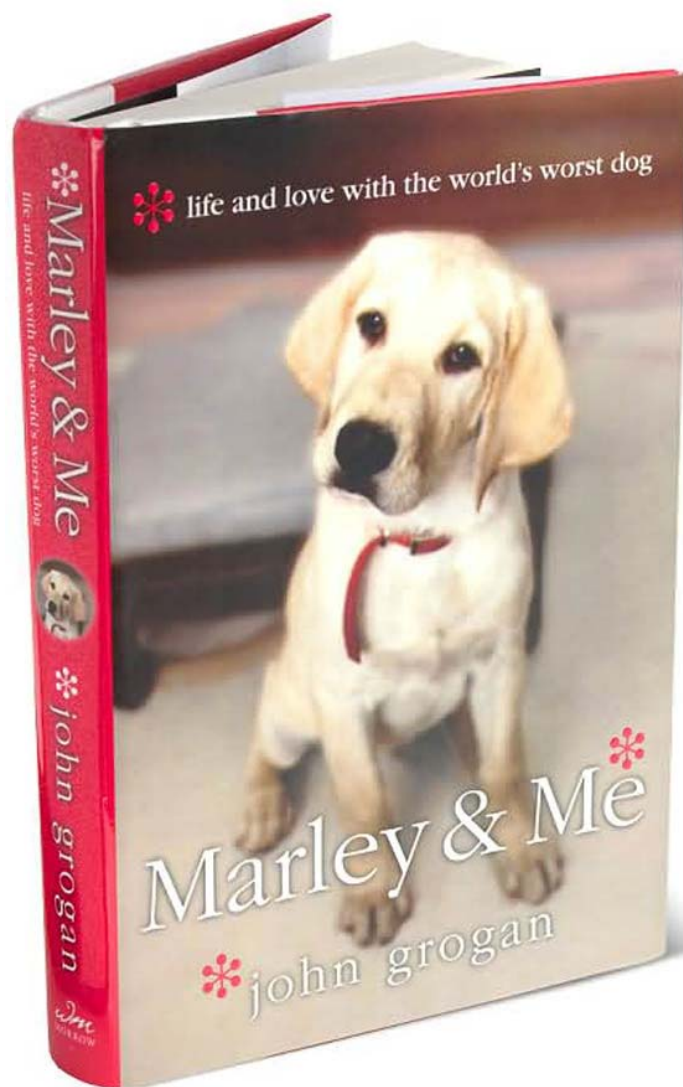
READS!



Find out what happens
when all of
Burbank READS

Marley & Me:

Life and Love with the
World's Worst Dog
by
John Grogan



Have you read *Marley & Me* yet?



Burbank Central Library
110 N. Glenoaks Blvd.
818.238.5600

Buena Vista Branch Library
300 N. Buena Vista St.
818.238.5620

Northwest Branch Library
3323 W. Victory Blvd.
818.238.5640

For more information, check www.BurbankLibrary.com

"Have you ever read a really good book then wanted to tell all your friends about it? **Burbank READS** is a program aimed at developing a sense of community by encouraging everybody to read and discuss the ideas in the same book. Please join me in celebrating the joy of reading!"

--Mayor Todd Campbell

About "Burbank READS"

Coordinated by the Burbank Public Library, this program is a grassroots reading program designed to start a community dialogue and promote understanding about differing points of view.

Burbank READS is based on "One Book, One City," the successful program that started in Seattle in 1996 and has been repeated in cities and states across the nation.

Everyone in Burbank is invited to read John Grogan's heartwarming book, **Marley & Me**, and join in the book discussion groups and other activities that are being planned around the themes in the book.

I've Read the Book -- Now What?

- Join a book discussion group. Find one listed on the back page of this brochure.
- Use the "Suggested Questions for Discussion" in the back of this booklet. Let the Burbank Public Library know if you plan your own book discussion group. Call 818.238.5600 to receive a Book Discussion Kit.
- Share your enthusiasm about the book with family, friends, and neighbors. Encourage them to read it.
- Attend the special "Marley & Me" programs that will be offered in February, March, and April.
- Join us as "Burbank Goes to the Dogs" on Saturday, April 21. It will be a day of special guests, and fun for the whole family.
- Participation is free and open to the public -- everyone is welcome!

Tail-waggin' Special Events

Burbank Goes to the Dogs Photo Exhibit Central Library Auditorium

Anyone can enter their favorite dog photo from February 1-28. Entry forms are available at any location of the Burbank Public Library. Entries must be submitted to the the Central Library's Reference Desk. Photos will be exhibited at the Burbank Central Library April 3-21, 2007.

Saturday, February 17 10 -- 11:30 AM

Kick-off the start of **Burbank READS** with a Community Dog Walk. Bring your best (furry) friend for a stroll down the Chandler Bikeway, starting at Keystone St. & Chandler Blvd.

Saturday, February 24 2 -- 4 PM

Buena Vista Branch Library

The Art of Writing a Memoir: a free writing workshop. Learn how to put your own treasured memories into writing with Ina Hillebrandt, founder and CEO of Pawprints Literacy Plus Foundation.

Saturday, March 24 1 -- 3 PM

Buena Vista Branch Library

How Much is That Doggie on the Runway? Are you looking to get a dog in the near future? Dogs available for adoption at the Burbank Animal Shelter will parade down the red carpet.

*Be sure to check out the various Book Discussion Groups around town.

Meet Special Guests:

Saturday, March 31 1 PM -- Buena Vista Branch Library

Meet Joe Camp, Benji's creator. Joe will read from his book **Benji & Me**, share training tips, and answer questions about the movies. Bring your camera for a photo op with Benji!



Tuesday, April 10 7 PM -- Central Library

Learn all about Pet Assisted Therapy, those wonderful volunteer dogs and handlers who take their special brand of magic to hospitals, convalescent homes, schools, and other therapeutic settings. Speakers from Therapy Dogs, Inc. Los Angeles will be our guests.

Wednesday, April 11 7 PM -- Buena Vista Branch Library

Get tips on keeping your pets healthy with Dr. Karen Halligan, the author of **Doc Halligan's What Every Pet Owner Should Know**. She appears regularly on *Animal Planet*, *Animal Rescue 911*, and other national TV news shows.



Movies for Dog Lovers

Family Film Festival -- 1:30 PM:

- **Monday, March 26 @ Central Library**
Benji (1974) -- runtime: 86 minutes
- **Tuesday, March 27 @ Central Library**
Bingo (1991) -- runtime: 89 minutes
- **Wednesday, March 28 @ Buena Vista Branch Library**
All Dogs Go to Heaven (1989) -- runtime: 89 minutes
- **Thursday, March 29 @ Buena Vista Branch Library**
Walt Disney's *The Ugly Dachshund* (1966) -- runtime: 93 minutes
- **Friday, March 30 @ Buena Vista Branch Library**
Benji -- *Off the Leash* (2004) -- runtime: 97 minutes

Wednesday, April 4 3:30 PM -- Central Library
After-School Movie Matinee screening of *Beethoven* (1992) -- runtime: 87 minutes. Movie repeats at the Buena Vista Branch Library on Wednesday, April 18.

Saturday, April 7 2 PM -- Central Library
Le Petit Cinema screens *Best in Show* (2000) -- runtime 90 minutes, rated PG-13.

Friday, April 13 1 PM -- Central Library
The Silver Screen Classic film series features Walt Disney's *Shaggy Dog* (1959) -- runtime: 104 minutes.

Thursday, April 12 7 PM -- Central Library
Family Night @ the Library features "A Dog Gone Hollywood" with professional dog trainer Bernie Yeszin and his dog Miss Daisy. The program is repeated at the Buena Vista Branch Library on Thursday, April 19.

Saturday, April 14 12 PM -- Buena Vista Branch Library
Buena Vista Kennel Club Dog Show. Kids, enter your favorite plush dog! Awards...cartoons...bring your camera for a photo op with Clifford, the Big Red Dog.

Tuesday, April 17 7 PM -- Central Library
Pet First-Aid with Denise Fleck. April is Pet First-Aid Awareness Month and it's a good time for all pet parents--young and old--to prepare for sudden injury or illness to their loving and loyal pet.

Wednesday, April 18 7 PM -- Buena Vista Branch Library
How to Choose the Right Dog for You, is an informational program for anyone thinking about getting a dog. California Canine Ambassadors from the American Kennel Club will be our guests.



Join us on Saturday, April 21 when
Burbank Goes to the Dogs!
A Tail-waggin' Good Time for All



CENTRAL LIBRARY
110 N. Glenoaks Blvd.
818-238-5600

- 11:30 -- Disc Dogs will perform on the outside lawn, followed by a "pat & chat"
- 1:00 -- Storytime with Simon Black, author of the picture book, ***Dog Child*** (Children's Room)
- 2:00 -- Meet the Burbank Police K-9 officers and Officer McGruff (Auditorium)
- 3:00 -- See the movie featuring the real Marley, ***The Last Homerun*** (Auditorium)



BUENA VISTA BRANCH LIBRARY
300 N. Buena Vista St.
818-238-5620

- 10:30 -- Storytime with Simon Black, author of the picture book, ***Dog Child*** (Meeting Room)
- 11:15 -- Kyra Sundance & her dog Chalcy have performed their amazing tricks on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* and *Entertainment Tonight*. (outside the library)
- 1:00 -- Kyra Sundance & Chalcy repeat their performance. (outside the library)
- 2:00 -- A speaker from Guide Dogs of America will talk about the Guiding Eyes program, raising puppies to be guide dogs, and the training process. (Meeting Room)
- 3:00 -- Kyra Sundance & Chalcy repeat their performance. (outside the library)

About the Book and Author

Journalist John Grogan's memoir of life with a 97-pound yellow lab named Marley (named after reggae superstar Bob Marley) is the story of a dog who grew into a rambunctious, neurotic, mischievous, and totally devoted friend.

Life would never be the same when John and Jenny Grogan, newly married, brought home a wiggly yellow furball of a puppy. He grew into what could only be termed an "urban terrorist" as he crashed, chewed, drooled, and demolished everything in his sight. But despite it all, this obedience school drop-out managed to firmly plant himself in the hearts of the Grogan family.

John Grogan has been a reporter, bureau chief, and columnist at newspapers in Michigan and Florida. He is the Pennsylvania columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the former editor-in-chief of *Rodale's Organic Gardening*.



Multiple copies of *Marley & Me* are available for loan at all locations of the Burbank Public Library.

Join a Book Discussion Group!

Thursday, February 15, 2007 -- 2 PM
Barnes and Noble *Beyond 50 Book Group*
[731 N. San Fernando Blvd.]



Tuesday, February 20, 2007 --- 12 PM
Brown Bag Book Club, Central Library
[110 N. Glenoaks Blvd]



Tuesday, February 27, 2007 -- 6:30 PM
High School Book Club, Buena Vista Branch Library
[300 N. Buena Vista St.]

Wednesday, March 7 6:30 PM
Middle School Book Club, Buena Vista Branch Library
[300 N. Buena Vista St.]



Tuesday, March 13, 2007 -- 3:15 PM
Burbank High School (Library) [902 N. Third St.]

Tuesday, March 13, 2007 -- 7 PM
Southern California Genealogical Society Library
[417 Irving Dr., Burbank]



April 3, 2007 -- 1 PM
Buena Vista Branch Library [300 N. Buena Vista St.]

April 12, 2007 -- 10 AM
Northwest Branch Library [3323 W. Victory Blvd.]



April 16, 2007 -- 7 PM
Central Library [110 N. Glenoaks Blvd.]



Suggested Questions for Discussion:

1. Is the story of "life and love" primarily between John and his dog, or was Marley just a sidekick in a story about John and his family? Were you surprised by how much non-dog related content the book contained? Did you enjoy the parts about John's family or did you wish he would just get on to another dog story?
2. While Jenny, John Grogan's wife, was out of town, he and Marley resorted to living a bachelor way of life. Why do we relish going back to a simpler lifestyle whenever a chance presents itself?
3. Pets are frequently referred to as being "part of the family." In what ways does Marley reflect this statement? If you own a pet, does your pet reflect being part of your family? What are the pros and cons of a close pet/owner relationship?
4. The subtitle of *Marley & Me* is "Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog." Do you think Marley deserves the title "World's Worst Dog?"
5. Should the family have left Marley when he was so sick to go to Disney World? What sacrifices should we be reasonably expected to make for our pets? Our families?
6. Marley's death makes John think about what really matters in life such as loyalty, courage, devotion, simplicity, joy and the ability to receive love and return it. Why do we have such difficulty doing this? Why do we have trouble determining what really matters in life?
7. John and Jenny had to make a very difficult decision in "putting Marley to sleep" when he grew too old and sick. Why is it that we are willing as a society to put our animals out of their misery by humanely euthanizing them, but hesitate to help sick and dying human beings? Euthanasia is illegal for humans, but not for animals. What do you think about this? Did John and Jenny do the right thing? Should people and animals have to die 'naturally' even though they are suffering?
8. *Marley & Me* is essentially a biography about the life of a dog. Like most other biographies, it covers the full arc of a character's life -- birth, growth, learning, adolescent, and death. Why is it that Marley's death hits the reader with such intense emotional impact that one easily cries? A biography of a President or actor or any other person rarely has the same type of intense reaction for the reader.
9. Like West Palm Beach, Burbank has grown from a small bedroom community to a thriving city. What changes have you seen over time? Do you think these changes have enhanced our town?
10. Why do you think *Marley & Me* topped the bestsellers list after it was released? What's the mass appeal? Do you agree with the hype? Would you recommend the book?