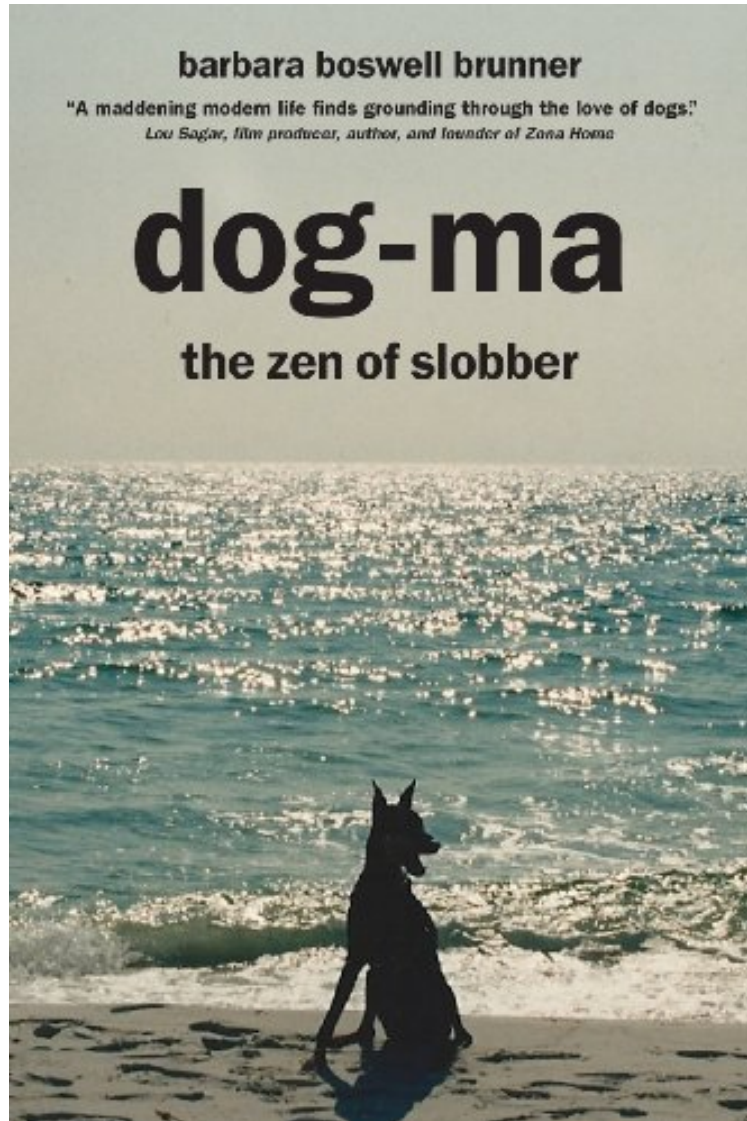


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What a wonderful bookBy Kindle CustomerThis book made me smile, laugh and cry, in equal measure. The love and the joy given, and received, was heart warming. There is nothing more wonderful than the love of an animal, and this book demonstrated that beautifully.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Best read with (to) a good dog at your side!By Janet D NewportThank you, Barbara for the

wonderful memories! Dog-ma is Barbara Brunner's memoir of her past thirty plus years and the life enhancing dogs that shared their lives with her. Life really is better with dog fur and slobber. I normally read mysteries thrillers. I like the pulse racing, fast moving stories. But the power went out this afternoon (service is being "up-graded" in the neighborhood). Having the afternoon "off", I couldn't decide between taking a nap or reading a book. I thought I'd just read myself to sleep....and rejected my normal mysteries for something "slower". Dog-ma is not a "slow" read. I was just a few pages in and laughing when my own dog clambered up on the sofa with me to investigate. I backed up a bit and read her the whole bit out loud. She smiled and licked. Barbara's stories are wonderfully evocative in remembering all the wonderful dogs that have shared their lives with me over the years (and taught me some great lessons). I'd read a bit to Miss Chiff (current dog) and share with her the lessons I'd learned from her predecessors (Paddy - 1st Irish Setter, taught me about sharing gracefully....age 3-4 years old, I loved crunching on his dog food. One day, he helped himself to my peanut butter sandwich at lunch. I howled and my Dad laughed at me. "You ate his breakfast and he didn't complain.") Barbara's sense of humor and "heart" are all through her book. And it is a wonderful book and a very loving tribute to her dogs. I finished it in about 5 hours, but if you're not reading with a dog and going down your own "memory lane" and life lessons learned from dogs (i.e., Don't stick your nose up someone else's butt unless you're willing to have a strange, cold nose stuck up your own butt.), it'll probably go a lot faster for you. This was a wonderful read for an unexpected afternoon "off". I plan to re-read Dog-ma at least once a year from here on out - simply for the sense of peace and gratitude (and memories) it instilled. The only thing I missed was a nap. Thanks again, Barbara. Please keep writing. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Zen of Love By Esmée La Fleur This is a wonderful book about the love shared between the author and her husband and the many dogs the two of them have welcomed into their home over the years. The author describes each dog in turn -- their unique personalities, quirky habits, special gifts, and medical challenges. I definitely felt like I came to "know" each of them in turn and that they were my friends, too. My favorite canine character was Cooper, a red Doberman with blue eyes and a white nose, who alerted the author to a tumor hidden deep in her breast (that her recent mammogram did not show) by jumping up and poking her in exactly the same spot every day for weeks until a lump formed and she was forced to get it examined. Cooper, whose life she saved as a puppy (the breeder was going to put him down because he did not conform to AKC standards), ultimately saved her own life many years later. As someone who has been owned by five German Shepherd Dogs, I can relate to many of the author's own experiences. The writing is very good. The stories are entertaining. The love is palpable. If you have ever shared your life with a furry four-legged friend, you will thoroughly enjoy this book. Highly recommended. FYI - I read the Kindle Edition and the quality was excellent.

"Barbara's vivid and dramatic stories, told with a wicked sense of humor, will make you laugh out loud. She definitely gets what living with rescued dogs (nine of them!) is all about. This book will inspire you with the couple's unstinting love, devotion, and respect for dogs as family members. You'll be glad to include it in your treasured collection of great dog books." --Allen and Linda Anderson, authors of *Dogs and the Women Who Love Them* (named in *O Magazine* as one of the top books of 2010) When Barbara meets her future husband, Ray, it is love-and dog-at first sight. Over the course of thirty-two years, seventeen relocations and nine dogs, their mutual love of dogs guides them on their unconventional path. The love that Barbara and Ray get in return is literally lifesaving, with one dog attacking a lethal intruder and another discovering Barbara's cancer. Her own survival story underscores the story of how her dogs become survivors themselves. Each new dog adds its own dynamic to the family, sometimes upending it. From Turbo (whose Spock-like ears may have provided super powers), Barbara learns about the will to live; Lexington demonstrates incredible patience and an inexplicable love of golf; Madison teaches that laughter is truly the best medicine and that the whole "nine lives thing" is not reserved just for cats; Morgan should be sainted for tolerating Izzy, who is as cute as she is bad. Barbara is certain that somewhere in doggie heaven there is a poster that says "If you are sick, injured or in need of really expensive medical care, FIND THESE HUMANS!"

About the Author Barbara grew up in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania with her parents, sister and always a dog, or two or three. Meeting her husband in Washington, DC, they continued together on a journey as self-proclaimed dog addicts. In the ensuing years, she founded three successful businesses in the Pacific Northwest. She and her husband currently live in Southwest Florida with two dogs and copious amounts of dog fur. She is currently indulging her serious addiction to flip flops.