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— **David Rosenfelt, author of *Dogtripping* and *Lessons from Tara***

“A truly heartwarming celebration.”

— **Jackson Galaxy, host of Animal Planet’s *My Cat from Hell***

“Pages and pages of ... adorable dogs who found happiness in their golden years.” —**PEOPLE.com**

“*My Old Dog* is a truly wonderful book....Every story reminds me just how resilient dogs are and how strong the human-animal bond can be.”

— **Victoria Stilwell, dog behavior expert and star of Animal Planet’s *It’s Me or the Dog***

“Full of wonderful color photos, this beautiful work does a great job of advocating for adult and senior dogs.”

— **Library Journal**

“This book is a loving celebration of old dogs and of radiant souls that shine through aging eyes.”

— **Francis Battista, cofounder of Best Friends Animal Society**

“Demonstrates how meaningful it can be to give older animals . . . a second chance.” —**PARADE**

“My new favorite book. . . . Absolutely beautiful.” —**Barkpost.com**

“This most amazing and inspiring book . . . will move you to tears of joy.” —**Psychology Today**

“Readers who own and love their older canines will recognize themselves in the stories; those who have yet to experience life with a senior dog may no longer fear the responsibility but will instead welcome the rewards of opening their homes to these special companions.”

— **Publishers Weekly**

“This book is a wonderful tribute to our ‘sizzlin’ seniors’!”

— **Jill Rappaport, animal advocate and NBC News correspondent**

“If you love soulful seniors or you’re in need of a reminder of the wonderfulness of people (i.e. those adopting one of the many senior dogs in shelters), you’re going to love this book.”

— **Modern Dog**

“I fell in love with these dogs, and their stories serve to remind us that old dogs are like fine wine — they only get better with age. Four paws up!”

— **Dr. Robin Ganzert, president and CEO of American Humane Association**

“This exquisite, eye-opening book needs a place on every dog lover’s shelf.”

— **Maria Goodavage, New York Times—bestselling author of *Soldier Dogs* and *Top Dog***

“Infused with vitality.” — **Mashable.com**

“All of the dogs whose stories are told in *My Old Dog* will move you (off the couch, and over to your dog to give them a hug).” — **Huffington Post**

“Outright heart-melting stories that’ll make you want to go adopt a senior dog. Like, right now.” — **Upworthy.com**

“This is easily the best dog book I’ve read — ever.” — **Kings River Life Magazine**

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