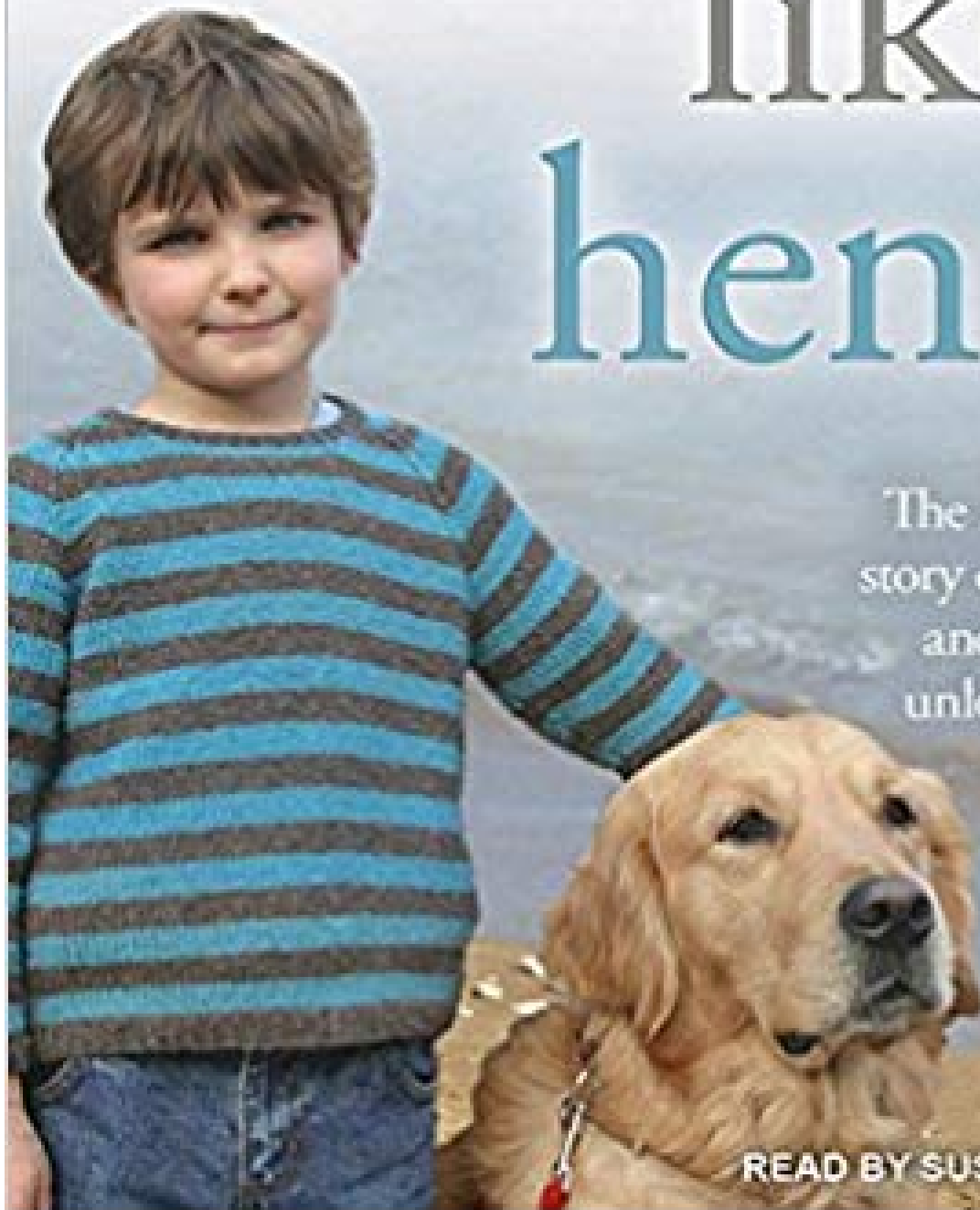


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That is a heartrending and fascinating account of how one devoted and talented dog helped just a little boy conquer his autism. Worried, his mother Nuala got him to see many doctors before finally hearing the term autism for the very first time. But the Gardners' lives were transformed when they welcomed a striking golden retriever in to the family. Dale's autism was serious and violent, and family existence was a daily battleground. The special relationship between Dale and his pup, Henry, helped them to produce the breakthrough in Dale that they had lengthy sought. Dale Gardner was still a baby when his parents noticed that something wasn't correct.



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Book about Perseverance This is less a book about a dog, but more about the journey of caring for a child with Autism. Amazing An unbelievable story of the love and dedication and strength of devoted parents and their journey through raising 2 autistic children. Probably the most inspiring books that I've read. Thankfully, I believe the medical culture has come a long way since Nuala tried, frequently unsuccessfully, to get a diagnosis for her son. I don't desire to spoil this browse for others, but Nuala provides more difficulties before her when she tries to have a 2nd kid and faces disappointment after disappointment. She certainly provides more stamina than I would have been in a position to endure. While the dog brings very much love and joy to this family members, if you are searching for a book exclusively about a dog, this would not be the read for you. In addition to the existence of Henry, that amazing dog, that changed almost all their lives. Mom did a great service in stating details and occasionally shared her frustration, but overall this is a well written book. A genuine tear jerker I gave the publication four stars instead of five for a very simple reason, the name seems slightly misleading. I was expecting a book that focused on a boy and his remarkable dog, it does, but the reader also journeys through infertility and additional issues. Having said that, this is an amazing book. this is an incredible book. The obvious love and devotion that Dale noticed through Henry's gentle eyes I think reinforce everything she's written about Henry saving Dale. Gardner does a fantastic job of inviting us into her home and the devastating world of autism. She is courageous, tireless, and incredibly honest about her struggles. Henry! I laughed and wept as I examine this book. There exists a bond between a child and a dog that is surreal. Henry instinctively knew what Dale required and was a true friend. If Mrs. It really puts a human face on a much publicized issue faced by many present day parents. Those eyes, they capture the spirit of his pet better than any photograph. Mrs. Gardner and her strength and fortitude in functioning through the machine to get her child "Dale" help for the countless challenges he confronted as a toddler with undiagnosed Autism. A must read for anyone who interacts with autistic children. Henry is a second character in the tale. Henry a gentle soul This is a story of how a mom fights for everything she has in her to help her son. The Gardner's have managed to clearly convey how terrifying and satisfying raising a challenged kid can be. After all, who's to say what normal is really? To be able to connect and function in this world is difficult at best, and with the widespread occurrence of this condition much is required to inspire parents and teacher's alike that lifestyle for these children could be fantastic, but it will take time, understanding and commitment to reach every goal and allow them to shine. Much is needed in helping to raise our understanding of this condition, which book is outstanding in it's honest portrayal of most that can and really should be done. Essential for each and every reading list. Autism is the subject--not Henry, the Golden Retriever This is not so much a tale about a dog named Henry as about a boy named Dale who has autism. It had been a very interesting appear at all the problems of dealing with autism. Henry played a job in helping Dale become a more normal small boy. It is well written and a compelling read because I understood nothing at all about autism. Gardner eve reads this, I'd like her to know that I was crying such as a baby when I noticed the drawing her son made of Henry. I would suggest this book only when you are looking at autism as a disease. If you don't are honored to learn one of these wonderful children yourself it is impossible to seriously understand the challenges. Factual, Logical, and Informative Read This is an interesting read compiled by the mother of two children with autism. She writes of the pleasure of the birth of her child, the heartache and dread as she and her spouse realize his dis-order and fight the British "program" for services for him. The battles they fought and the innovations they used to connect and educate Dale and Amy. Henry, a Golden Retriever, enters the family and serves because the initial bridge to "communication" with their son. What a testament to the perseverance of this mother, and their many encouraging family and friends. Those families with similar challenges, therapists, and teachers would benefit from this read.. A story I will never forget. Making it a story about a dog and this very special family held me riveted to every web page before very end. We've

always had a puppy in our family; however our very unique Rusty captures the very best of all of these. The dedication of Dale's parents and effort just show that you can never give up hope. I broke down completely while reading about Henry's final times, but that also produced me make a plan for Rusty's final period, I am most grateful for the data I will have about autism, specifically through the very personal mother's phrases. My heart really went out to the writer and her family as they faced the many, many issues of raising a child with autism. Excellent book Excellent doesn't even come close to describing this story. I recommend this book, simply don't expect a tale about the dog. In addition, it brings home just how much good animals can do to greatly help somebody overcome disabilities. This is a valuable story to help others understand disabilities and how they can help people that have a disability with what may seem a very small factor such as for example saying 'hello' and giving a smile. I recommend this reserve to everyone. You hardly ever know when your smile may make an eternity difference to a stranger on the street. everyday activity presents to them and their families. The most help Nuala discovers is when they select a puppy for their son. Dale is born with autism and at first just a few things can get thru to him one of them a puppy. When Henry your dog comes into Dale's life your dog connects with him better after that his personal parents can. Strongly suggested! I really love this tale and i am happy Nuala Gardner let me ride along. I have great respect for Mrs. Eventually they discover their more youthful daughter is also challenged with the same diagnosis, but a different degree of intensity. I am in awe, however, in how far Dale could go in his development and growth. A Friend Like Henry Reading this eloquently created book opened my eye and center to the issues of existence with an autistic child. it was probably the most well written story of love, heartbreak it was the most well crafted story of love, heartbreak, courage, and perseverance I believe I've ever read. Everyone needs a Friend Like Henry Loved this story. A must read! Amazing! Inspirational and heartwarming being the grandmother of a kid upon the autism spectrum I found this amazing book an motivation and recommend it extremely to everyone. This publication has helped me gain insight in to the children I show. I wouldn't change the reserve, just maybe tweak the title. Although less about Henry than the title had me believe, this is an amazing publication. It is NOT a DIScouraging, but instead an ENCouraging reserve with the best message to "continue keeping on" till you find the combination to open up the social/conversation door. So glad I read it. My heart truly went to the .Thank you, Nuala, and may God bless you and your family. I was choked up a handful of times and I discovered a lot. It is by far the best story I've ever go through that provides indepth feelings of living with disabilities. Love!! As a pet lover, and the owner of the world's greatest labrador retriever ?... That is Henry and Dale trip through life, the ups the downs and everything among. Very easy to learn, couldn't put it down. content was a though one that was made better by . Got this book due to a grad school assignment.. This book is outstanding. He just turned 13 and, his wellness is failing. This is a remarkable journey that this young boy continued to get from where he was to a functioning, happy was a though one which was made better by a named Henry. That is essential read for all. It'll fill you with wish and a better knowledge of the struggles parents of children with autism deal with. and then along arrived Henry and helped transformation their lives. Have owned two golden retrievers over a 25 year period and so I know all as well well how they are able to change a family group. Autism seems to be among the great mysteries of our time. This family appears to approach it with such dedication and power through all of the heartbreak; it is certainly an inspirational tale with an incredible outcome.



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