

THE ANIMAL KEEPERS

THE STORY OF AN UNLIKELY HERO AND
AN UNFORGETTABLE SEASON



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Told from the perspective of a young coach that is a reserve about operating, competing, and team development, but at its middle this is actually the story of a young guy with physical, cognitive, and psychological disabilities who liked to perform, loved to compete, & most of all loved being section of a team. Joined up with by first year runner Scott The Animal Longley - a developmentally disabled student who lived in an organization home - the year takes an unexpected switch as this most unlikely hero leads them on a search for a state name. Driven by his incredible enthusiasm rather than ending optimism the 85 period became a voyage of discovery for Scott, his coach, and his teammates because they worked to assemble a competitive team from a jumble of extra parts. Surrounded by way of a group of significant and dedicated runners THE PET set out to confirm he belonged. THE PET Keepers tells the real story of the Stevens Stage High School cross country team and their unforgettable journey through the 1985 season.



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Best 20 bucks I've spent in quite a while.. Love this publication and championships can happen despite having anyone in running simply devote the time.. I acquired this book since it was written by an area teacher and trainer. My expectation was that I'd know a few of the personas and might think it is of 'local' interest. After about 20 pages, I noticed that I got greater than my initial expectations.! This is an excellent story! A Pure Gem! This book could keep you wanting more and tug at your heartstrings all the way through. The end offers a great re-cap of where and what all of the characters have been doing since that 1985 season. It is not only touching, but proof of the influence a coach can have on kids. While you might anticipate this group to be life-time runners (plus they look like), you also see how many of them coach or teach today--a accurate testament to what as an inspirational trainer and educator can perform. Those who don't understand length runners will gain just a little insight into our mindset. Pick this one up. Five Stars Great story line, superb read! I completely enjoyed this book. It brought back great remembrances of taking part in a sport few people understand. This book has been sent to numerous my coaching friends for Christmas!. Great True Story that Grabs your Attention Great book written about our hometown coach and the cross country team. This book describes the partnership between a group of high . The writer did an excellent job causing you to feel a part of the experiences and you will find yourself invested in the tale.! The focus of the story is using one special needs student who not only becomes portion of the group, but becomes an inspirational part model for all included. The story is quite well told and movements along at an excellent pace.. This is what senior high school cross nation is all about. It's the story of the effect of one individual with intellectual disabilities can have. The acceptance of Scott by his teammates may be the most gratifying factor for me as a Special Olympics Unified Sports activities Coach. It is the story of an extraordinary son, Scott Longley "THE PET". This tale is lovingly informed and one that touched my center.(30) I felt like We was doing the "Big Ladder" and had to . The publication is well crafted, captivating, and inspiring to runners and non-runners alike.. I am not really a reader, but this book kept me on track. I sensed like I was carrying out the "Big Ladder" and had to finish this book as quickly as possible to observe how it ends. A great story about cross-country, but what separates it from various other tales is how these teenagers and their coach grow an unbelievable relationship. I look forward to the movie! Great book for every runner. An amazing "designed for the screen" story that belongs on every runner's publication shelf. Anyone who played sports in senior high school will see a tender tail, artfully told, that will pull at your heartstrings while also motivating you going to pavement for a couple extra miles. While you can tell at times that this is Donn's first book, the story is so compelling any minor pacing problems are quickly brushed apart. I cannot recommend this book enough. Great story, warmly told Heart-warming. Quick read. Shows precisely what is great about senior high school sports, groups, and great coaches. Enjoyable book I ran cross-country in senior high school and college. Would recommend to anyone, especially coaches! Great reserve! Told from the eyes of the coach, it outlines the journey of a high school cross country team with limited anticipations, but lots of heart. Publication in exceptional condition! Sure to be a hit if you had been ever a runner, or if you like inspirational stories that draw you in to the plot and lives of those involved... This book describes the partnership between a group of high school individuals who come together to win a state cross country championship nonetheless it is far more than that. This is beautiful snapshot of a place and period. Scott's infectious attitude permeates to all his teammates. It is about love, caring, hard work, and commitment. Best for all ages Well crafted true story. Good for all ages! Love this reserve and championships can happen even with anyone .. This is actually the amazing story of the 1985 Stevens Stage HS cross-country team compiled by their legendary coach. Under no circumstances give up on anyone.. Go An-a-mal! I acquired it coach.



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