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Joyce Yattoni says

This was a book recommendation by a couple of my students who love horses and dogs. I think for Jenna it had been a very meaningful book for her. I enjoyed the book especially the close family relationships between the protagonist Kristine and her grandparents. I loved that most of the story takes place on a farm and that the families do simple things like make homemade popcorn and sit down for meals as a family.

The main conflict is that Kristine, a middle schooler, is finding it difficult to overcome the loss of her horse Dandy. The puppy that is purchased as a birthday gift for her is ignored and generally not treated very well by Kristine. This is a story about loss and having the courage to love again.

I would recommend this book to readers who have their own pets, or who have lost special pets and what it is like to deal with it. This is a quick read.

Tracy says

A quick read with my oldest daughter. Bill Wallace is a cherished author I'm thankful I got the opportunity to meet when I was a young girl.

This story is so sweet. We both were teary eyed by the end. It's the story of a little girl and her struggle to become close to her dog after losing a beloved pet. It's a beautiful story about helping cope with death and how to allow yourself to love again after losing a special part of your life.

Hannah says

I read this book in 3rd grade it's really good!!!! I recommend it to people that like dogs.

Emma says

This book was really cute! Classic coming-of-age story. Kristine is an 11-year-old girl who struggles with the death of her family's horse, Dandy. The death of Dandy leads her to close her heart to any other pet, including her new birthday gift, Mattie the puppy. This book puts you into Kristine's shoes (as it is written in first-person) as she tries to navigate life with a new baby sister, a puppy she doesn't like or want, normal pre-teen drama (friends, boys, sports, etc.), and trying to comprehend death. It has a great, feel-good ending that leaves you with a smile on your face!

It's a quick read; I was able to read it within a few hours.

Trigger warnings: none

Ms.session says

i learned that you should accept any thing any body give you

Elyse V says

I am reading the book No Dogs Allowed by Bill Wallace. This book is about Kristine and her new dog named Madi. Since Madi is a new dog, she is not very well trained, this requires a lot of extra training by Kristine. At first, Kristine wasn't a big fan of Madi but throughout the book they became good friends.

The author made it easy for me to keep reading the book by keeping Kristine's emotions in my head, and how losing Dandy reminded me of losing a lot of my cats. He also kept me reading because I wanted to see what would happen to Kristine and Madi, and how the book would end with all her emotions and everything going on.

I would recommend reading this book because it is not really hard at all and that it is a little cheesee. I liked the book for how it was and how the characters were fun to read about the most interesting part was when Kristine didn't want to have a pet of any kind to replace Dandy. The book was kind of predictable because if I had lost a pet then got a new one right away I would not be that happy.

Ben says

A great book for dog lovers..... really good.. if you haven't read it, READ IT!!!

Jackie says

Kristine Rankin, her parents and two younger sisters live on a farm near her grandparents, Papa and Meme. When Dandy, a beloved horse, dies from old age, Kristine is heart-broken. But, life goes on and Kristine is expecting her 11th birthday to be filled with surprises. Little does she know that her grandparents are going to surprise her with a new puppy. When Mattie, the puppy, is presented, she is full of anger and resentment. She does not want another pet who she will become attached to and then leave her and die and bring her sorrow once again. While not physically abusive to Mattie, she ignores the puppy and is cross with her. Papa is disappointed and angry with her for neglecting Mattie. But when a crisis arises, it is Mattie who comes to the rescue and comforts and consoles Kristine in her sorrow. Kristine comes to love the puppy and is willing to accept any sadness that may come in the future for all the happiness she gets in the present.

Maggie says

This book is amazing. Bill Wallace sure knows how to write.

Lexi says

Finally Bill Wallace book where the main character is a girl!

Ramsha says

I remember this book as my first real big chapter book when I was in third grade and I fell in love with this book. THIS BOOK MADE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH READING!!!

Ritawegner says

This book is about a girl who's horse died. Then she gets a dog for her birthday, and she doesn't want it, because if she starts loving it, she'll be sad when it dies. It's a very good book.

-Rita Wegner

Mackenzie Wilson says

This week I read a cute book called "No Dogs Allowed" by Bill Wallace. The book starts off talking about losing Dandy, her family's beloved horse, Kristine decides that she will never get close to another pet again. It's just too heartbreaking. So when her father surprises her with a new puppy for her birthday, Kristine is furious! With a new sister on the way, who need a wriggling, messy, noisy yellow ball of fur to look after? But how can an animal-loving girl resist the sweet brown eyes of a puppy that just wants to be loved? Of coarse, she cannot as it turns out at the end of the book, she falls in love with this puppy despite her best efforts! This book is sweet because I am an animal lover! I would recommend this book to any young readers who love dogs or animals.

Avery Spangler says

I read this book for the first time a few years ago and recently went back and read it again. It is a heart warming story of a girl trying to fight off love, because she is scared to be hurt (by an animal?) I would definitely recommend you read this book.

Alisa says

This book had my kids in tears over and over. The point at the end was okay but I was tired of the re-hashing of the same heartache.
