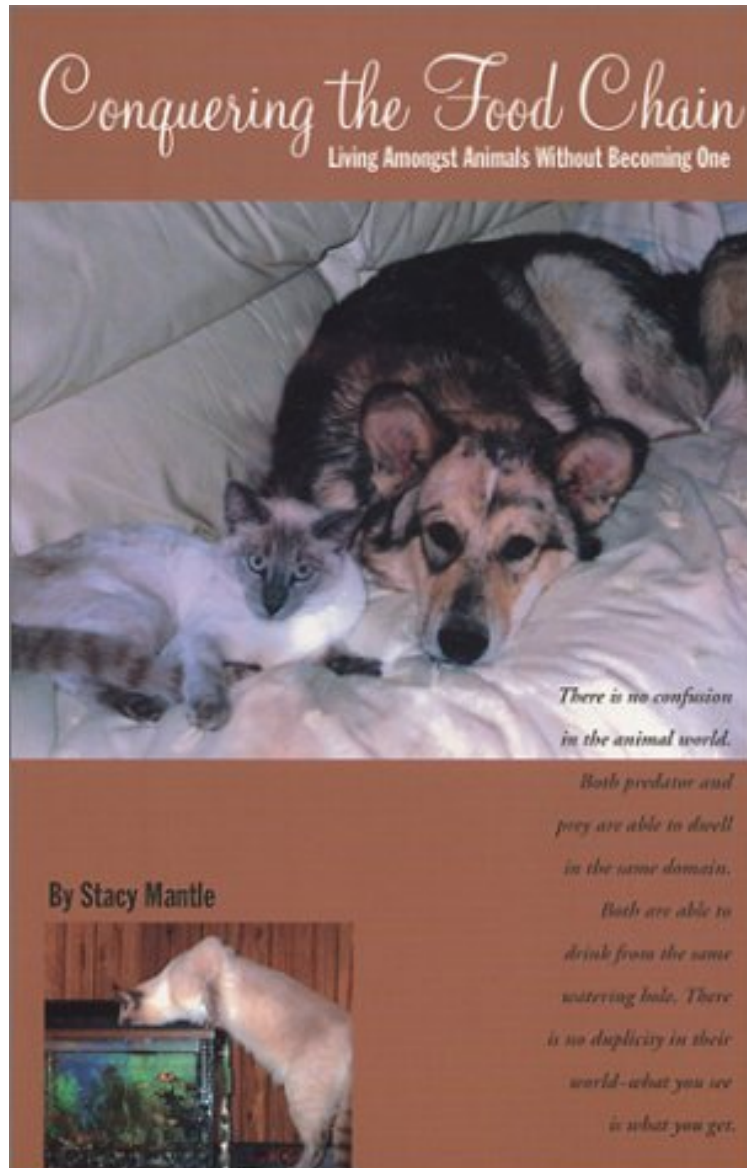


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Cute bookBy Destinee ZVery cute book, really fast read didnt take me very long at all. I wish it would have been longer with more stories2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A new look at living with petsBy Janet Tobiassen DVMIn this humorous and touching book about living with a large assortment of pets, author Stacy Mantle had me chuckling out loud to myself more than once. The book is composed of small essay-like chapters that are an excellent way to relax and end a busy day with a smile on your face. One of my favorite chapters was "Falling Into The Food Chain", where Stacy happens to fall while vacuuming and cannot get up (this is not the funny part...yet). Her pets think that this is quite a fun game, and are seemingly amazed at how "into" the game she is as she crawls to the nearest telephone. What fun! This book makes a wonderful gift for yourself, for all of the pet lovers in your life, and for all of the people who don't know they are pet lovers... yet.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A great book about the depth of a pet owner's loveBy A CustomerWhat an awesome book! I laughed and had tears running down my face! I have always been a pet owner, but not nearly as brave as Ms. Mantle. To have coyote/wolf, beagle mix, numerous felines (many with issues), a ferret, a turtle, and numerous fish under one roof ~ and still seeming to be in control; at least most of the time. What a great life with all the unconditional love surrounding you! Stacy, thank you for sharing your stories. I look forward to reading more about your life with Tristan, Roscoe and all your other companions. I hope that Ghost keeps control of that remote!

This author has been described as the Erma Bombeck of animals by readers of her online column. Witty and insightful, the author leads her readers on a series of adventures based on actual events. The book begins with the arrival of Malachi and Aquilla, two rescued wolf dogs, and progress through the life of Tristan, a very intelligent coyote, his neurotic sidekick Roscoe (a beagle), and the abrupt arrival of nine indoor house cats. The result is a hilarious, inspiring and wildly entertaining collection of interconnected stories. This is a comedy, a romance and an adventure novel, all woven together with a philosophical approach to life. It is the life of a woman who has raised wolf hybrids and coyotes in the city, and has been chased by elk in the mountains of Colorado. It is the story of someone who has brought nature into her home and has learned to live in relative harmony with animals of all species even, on occasion, the human species.

LOVE the way you write, and your stories make me laugh and cry, sometimes at the same time! -- Laurie ChristiansenSo many emotions are felt as one jumps from one paragraph to the next. I was laughing aloud at times. -- - Jonell RoragenVery enjoyable. I'm very glad I found your work. Love your style and humanity. -- - Angela BarbeischFrom the Publisher"Conquering the Food Chain: Living Amongst Animals Without Becoming One", is a book that successfully examines both the laughter and sadness that is associated with pet ownership. This book allows pet owners of all types to smile as they relate to one another, and brings a tear to the eye of those who love animalsFrom the Inside FlapThe year 2000 could easily have become the first time in US history that we could have a court appointed President. There were counts, and recounts, and more recounts of the recounts. But perhaps most importantly, we have finally discovered what the little holes that fall onto the ground after you punch a ballot are called. They are known as chads, and apparently, people have been known to eat them. This election effectively demonstrates only one of the many reasons why I love the animal kingdom. The election process of a wolf pack is simple: the fastest, strongest, and smartest win. The position of power is respected, and it must be earned each day. It can change in less than a minute if the power is ever abused, and the leader can be voted in or out at anytime. Take me for example... I have been the leader, or alpha pack member of my house for many years. I am rarely challenged because my leadership is fair and equitable. Poor behavior by my pack members is punished while good behavior is rewarded. Each pack member has a task; each member's strengths are supported and encouraged. My pack is content, well fed, taken care of, and for these reasons, there is no reason for the masses to revolt. And then I threw my back out. In the U.S. government, there would be someone who could step into the President's place if he were, for any reason, unable to perform his duties. In the food chain, however, the leader is first given a reasonable amount of time to return to their post (approximately 24 hours). After this time, the position of leadership must be reestablished. It's been nearly a month since I have been tossed aside as pack leader. I've now been reduced to staggering through my home armed with a spray bottle and a walking stick. I sleep in fear of being consumed by the sneaky coyote who I have, over the past few weeks, taken to calling "Brutus." I listen to the cats growl and hiss under the bed, arguing over the best way to cast their now useless leader aside. Even the ferret jumps up and down when I pass by, excited by the upcoming revolution. Only the ever-placid turtle remains silent, locked in the embrace of hibernation, dreaming of the new world he will awake to in the spring. The fish alone remain strong in their support of me, but only because they are the lowest form of life on this particular food chain..."