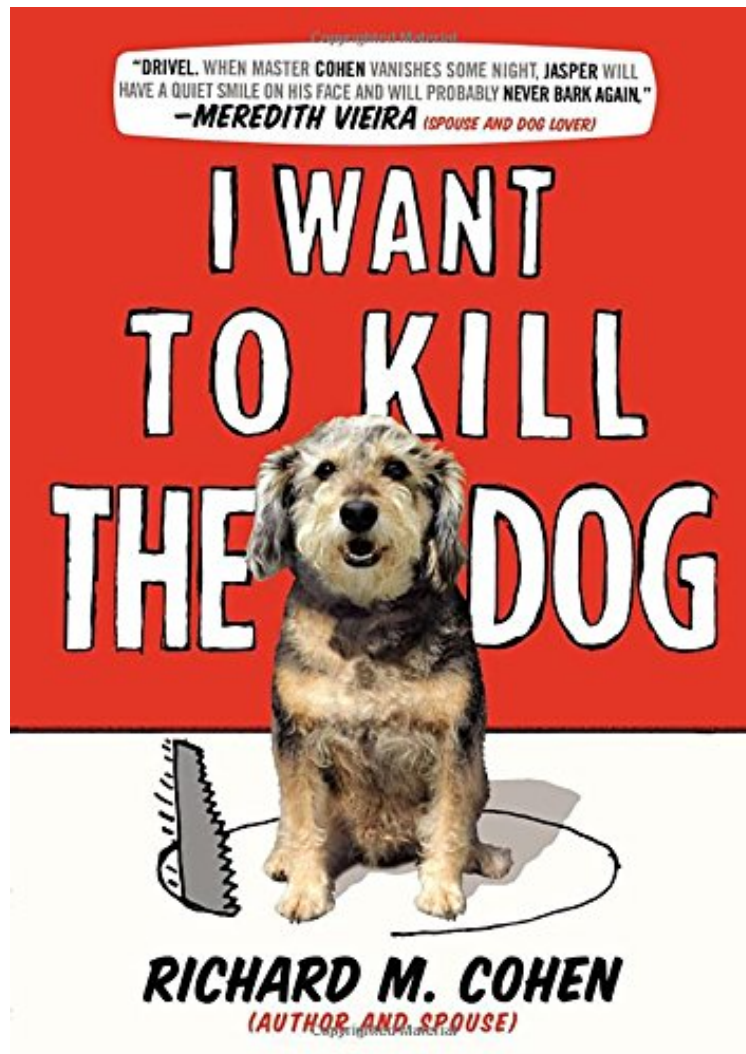


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Richard M. Cohen : I Want to Kill the Dog before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I Want to Kill the Dog:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not for dog loversBy Sophie BeanThis book is NOT for dog lovers. I thought this book would be humorous, but I do not find humor in a a dog getting hit by 2 cars, another dog poisoned by antifreeze and another being shocked by the author with glee. This family should not have a pet rock let alone a dog. There is no humor in an untrained dog raining terror upon the neighborhood. I am very disappointed in the book the author. For an educated man, you would think he would have learned how to properly treat another living, breathing creature.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This short story has just the right tone for this

important and troublesome topic. By William Herron Another not so acceptable but equally poignant title for this book could be "I Want to Kill Dog Owners." "And Cats Too!" could be added to the title of this book. This easy to read book is probably the book that many of us have always wanted to write. The author presents his story clearly, with humor, and with great humility. I enjoyed every word of this book. The author is a really good writer. He can say a lot with a few words. I think that every dog or cat owner, or person who appreciates cats and dogs, should read this book. Balanced and informed pet ownership can make a pet's life better, and can lead to better neighborhood harmony. My sincere thanks go to Mr. Cohen for writing this fine story. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not good at all By Ellie This was supposed to be an amusing tale about the author's wife's dog. (Richard M. Cohen and Meredith Vieira) The dog's antics and dislike of Richard are the meat of the matter. I just didn't find it funny, and the title was hyperbole in extreme. I liked the author's autobiography which detailed his experience having MS and cancer, and think his wife is an intelligent reporter so I hoped I would enjoy this light read. I actually gave the book away.

A hilarious book by Richard M. Cohen, the New York Times bestselling author of *Blindsided* and *Strong at the Broken Places*, about living with his wife, Meredith Vieira, and her band of difficult dogs. "Has a couple ever gone to war or a spouse moved to another country because a pet came between them? Have two people other than my wife and me ever had such opposing feelings when it comes to domestic animals?" So wonders Richard M. Cohen, who has endured the beasts his wife, Meredith Vieira, has brought into the house to enrich their lives. Despite her unshakable affection for these furry creatures, the various animals have destroyed the serenity of a once calm household. Friends watch in stunned silence as the family frantically struggles to keep peace in this lawless land. Delivery people have fled in fear. Guests have cowered or simply laughed at the hideous shrieks, the current mutt's stab at intimidation. Then there are the cats that think they are ferocious jungle creatures. Weary of having animals run the show, Richard is fed up. These animals are destroying a home, and the life of one simple soul who seeks only peace and quiet. The King has been overthrown. The Queen and her court have taken over. That would be Meredith and her minions. *I Want to Kill the Dog* is more than a countercultural ode to those weary of the pet pedestal. It is a portrait of a marriage and of the redemptive power of humor and family when banishing the beast is not an option.

"Drive! When Master Cohen vanishes some night, Jasper will have a quiet smile on his face and will probably never bark again." – Meredith Vieira, spouse and dog lover "In [Cohen's] hilarious new book, *I Want to Kill the Dog*, he reveals that even Meredith drives the people who adore her crazy thanks to her obsession with the family pets." – Redbook "Cohen's droll sense of humor (and love for Meredith) is to our benefit--he invites us to laugh at his expense, even as Jasper howls, lunges, snarls at anyone approaching Meredith, and 'enriches their life' on the carpet. A laugh-out-loud counter to the dog-book genre by an author whose good humor belies his expressions of murderous frustration." – Shelf Awareness for Readers "A funny look at modern family life and the strong kinship dog owners develop with their four-legged companions." – Mike Cuthbert, Prime Time Radio About the Author Richard M. Cohen is the author of two New York Times bestsellers: a memoir, *Blindsided: Lifting a Life Above Illness*, detailing his struggles with MS and cancer and his controversial career in the news business, and *Strong at the Broken Places: Voices of Illness, a Chorus of Hope*, following the lives of five individuals living with serious chronic illnesses. His distinguished career in network news earned him numerous awards, including three Emmys and a George Foster Peabody. Cohen lives outside New York City with his wife, Meredith Vieira. They have three grown children.