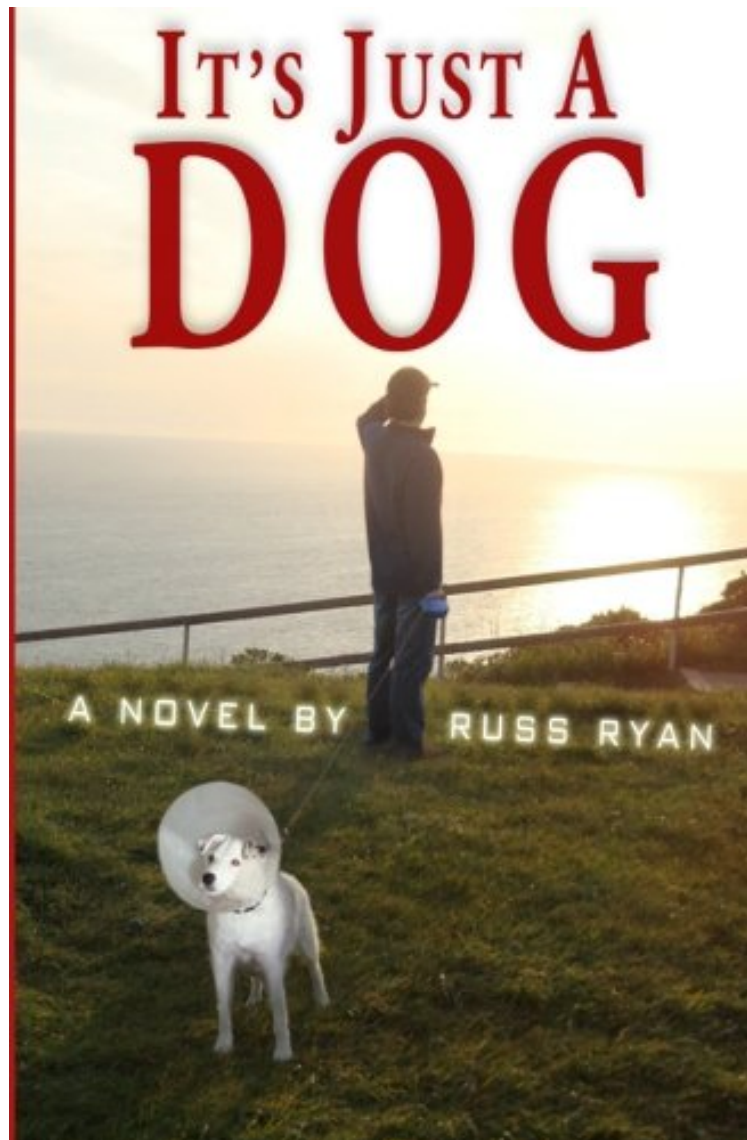


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Russ Ryan : It's Just A Dog before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised It's Just A Dog:

75 of 75 people found the following review helpful. An hilariously wacky sad dog story with more pathos than bathosBy Grady HarpRuss Ryan doesn't come to this novel without background or credentials: he has written screenplays with the Hollywood producers of AMERICAN PIE, FINAL DESTINATION, and FIREFLIES IN THE GARDEN and his own REPLI-KATE and he has probably absorbed more Hollywood history then most through his

sidebar hobby blog meansheets.com that focuses on the art of movie posters going far back in time. From all of this exposure to dealing with dialogue, hearing movie ideas played out in the resource room, and staring at ideas that pop out from the great art of movie posters, he has come up with a very original and very wonderful first novel that should boost his career in the business (someone will doubtless option this book for a movie!) and provide hours of entertainment - and solace - to dog lovers, especially those who have gone through the loss of their man's best friend. Ryan is a dog widower times two, sadly. In a very casual conversational manner we meet a young artist who has a history as a child of losing a pet dog Starsky who was euthanized without much explanation. Jump to present time in Malibu, California and after our down and out artist (who goes by the name of Charlie Keefe) is dumped by his live-in girlfriend, he decides to go to the animal shelter and get a dog. And there is Pete - a mutt, but a Jack Russell Terrier who in a very brief time works his way into Charlie's heart and life. Charlie begins to paint dogs (sort of a 'Thomas Kinkadee knock-off imagery' of his main model Pete) and with Charlie's artist rep Donny's help the business becomes lucrative - The Picasso of Pooch Portraits - and Charlie and Pete become famous globetrotters. But of course Pete ages and while Charlie is on an exhibition trip to Paris, Pete dies and Donny cremates him. Charlie is completely devastated, unable to function and in the deepest level of grieving for Pete. Charlie meets bouncy Janelle who is committed to finding foster homes for orphaned or unwanted dogs and after the two strike up a 'friendship' Charlie finally adopts Brownie, a Cavalier King Charles female, whose every cell speaks love and affection. Charlie and Brownie and Janelle bond and though Charlie retains the core of his heart for his deceased Pete, he loves Brownie, too. Business starts to thrive again, and all is moving forward until Pete returns as a talking ghost dog - during a bed tumble featuring Charlie and Janelle. And from that point life becomes "complicated": Pete is a mouthy sass of a ghost, only Charlie can see him, and every one thinks Charlie has lost it. The rest of the story is a path that leads through a new relationship between Charlie and Pete, a disruption with Janelle and her transient paramour Milo, a new kind of painting that features Pete as a heavenly creature (a genre that fails to attract Charlie Keefe's following) and a couple of car crashes and a temporary loss of Brownie - and to tell more would take away from the very fine ending of this story. Where Russ Ryan takes us in this extremely impressive debut novel is not only into the realm of comedic writing, but also into that arena of gaining and losing a dog, the effect that dogs have on our lives, and the profound tragedy of becoming a dog widower. He can touch our hearts and compassion as competently as he can weave a fantasy story of the return of talking ghost dogs and never for a moment does he lose us. This is very fine writing from a very talented and generous artist: he is donating a portion of the proceeds to Muttnville Senior Dog Rescue. Buy this book for your own healing, for your entertainment, and for all the Petes out there! Grady Harp, May 130 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Umm. What just happened? By Christopher Sollars Let me start by saying that I liked "It's Just a Dog" by Russ Ryan. It was entertaining, easy to read, insightful and emotional. Mr Ryan took me on a journey through my own ownership and loss of a dog while being entertaining. I admit it, I laughed out loud reading this book. I also teared up while reading about the loss of Pete, his loveable albeit pain in the rear Jack Russell Terrier. My heart really went out to the narrator and to his friends who had to deal with the loss of not only their bread and butter but of their friend. Around the middle of the novel, the story takes an unexpected turn when Pete shows up, keep in mind he is dead, after Charlie brings home Brownie, who is not exactly a manly dog. I enjoyed Mr Ryans tale and look forward to reading more of his works. And if you have or have ever had a lovable dog in your life you won't regret buying and reading "It's Just A Dog" after all dog spelled backwards is gost. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It's never just a Dog. By Viki Lee Butler I've always thought dogs are people ish in hairy suits.. this story hits the spot for animal lovers. Having just lost a Dog buddy the story appealed to me. It was fun, touching, let your feelings vent over the sense of loss. Are there dogs in heaven? I hope so. The character development was little light but not enough to quash the overall enjoyment of the story. A thoroughly good read.

What if your dog died and then came back as a ghost...that could talk? Would you welcome him back with open arms or run away scared to death? This is the premise of IT'S JUST A DOG, a new novel about love, loss, and one man's dog who rises up yapping from the grave as a talking dog. Charlie Keefe is not just your typical dog lover -- he's a world famous dog painter, a.k.a. "The Picasso of Pooch Portraits". Unfortunately, Charlie's beloved muse, Pete, his lovable Jack Russell terrier, has just died. And he's totally devastated by the loss of his furry best friend. So, after months of grieving over his dearly departed soulmate and wondering if he ever made it to The Rainbow Bridge, Charlie reluctantly agrees to foster a new puppy -- a cute Cavalier King Charles named Brownie from the local animal shelter. Soon after, Charlie is surprised to find himself falling head over heels with this new puppy girl, his 'Rebound Dog', as he calls her -- as well as being romantically attracted to Janelle Jordan, the head hound at the dog rescue. But then complications arise when the ghost of his old dog, Pete, mysteriously reappears one night and comes back to haunt him and the new puppy -- setting off a bizarre chain of events that throw Charlie's life, career, and entire belief system into chaos! If you've enjoyed such classic dog books as Old Yeller, The Art of Racing in the Rain, Marley and Me, and A Dog's Purpose, then you are bound to find a place in your heart for IT'S JUST A DOG. It's Just A Dog is not just for dogs. It's for anyone who has ever lost a pet -- and learned to love again. If you're a feel-good fan of dog books, make It's Just A Dog your special treat! *As an added bonus, 50% of the sales during the book's 3-month

summer launch (through Sept. 2, 2013) will be donated to Muttville Senior Dog Rescue (in San Francisco, California), a rescue which believes that every dog deserves a happy ending. Listen to what all the big dog celebrity canine critics are barking about after reading *It's Just A Dog*: "If you read just one dead dog book this year, make this the one!" - Old Yeller "IT'S JUST A DOG...is not just for dogs. It's for people, too!" - Scooby Doo "If books could kill..." - Cujo "Do yourself a favor and take a bite out of this dog novel. Literally. I wish it had more pages. I ate it up in less than an hour!" - McGruff the Crime Dog "Is this dog heaven? Nah, it's just fiction. But I'll take it." - Lassie "This sweet, catchy novel was like music to my ears!" - Nipper the RCA Dog "Genuinely heartfelt and inspiring. An American original. Now where's that cold beer you promised me?" - Spuds McKenzie "Romancing the bone!" - Benji "Awww shucks, I loved it. And I can't even read!" - Pete the Pup from 'Our Gang' (a.k.a. The Little Rascals) "It's a gas!" - Walter the Farting Dog "If I was granted three wishes, I'd wish that everybody take the time to read this enchanting new book...After Shakespeare and all the great Elizabethan poets, of course." - Wishbone "Whoever wrote this book is either bluffing or they ain't playing with a full deck. We're 'All In' on this dog book!" - Dogs Playing Poker "I laughed, I cried, it was better than CATS. Okay, not that good." - Morris "The 9 Lives" Cat

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