



EVEN THE DOG KNOWS

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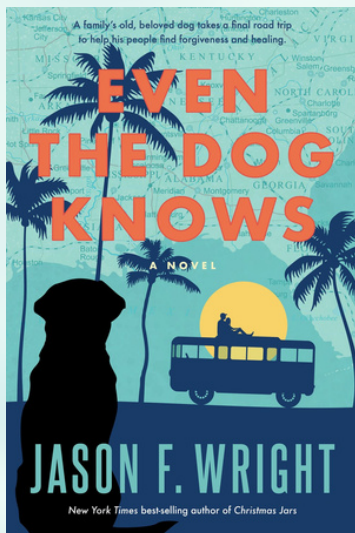
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A LETTER FROM THE AUTHOR

Dear Friends,

Yes, we're friends. Strangers are just people I haven't sat next to on an airplane. Or folks I haven't met on social media. Or readers I haven't sent this book club kit to yet. (Hey! That's you!)

If you've followed my work at all, you know that books are just my excuse to meet people. And I'd give a limb, probably a leg, to visit your book club in person. Many of my most memorable experiences as a writer have come at book clubs. Each time you gather you bring energy, empathy, laughter, love, and authenticity. Oh, and sometimes snacks. What's not to love?

Just how much do I appreciate book clubs? Allow me to share a snippet from the acknowledgements of *Even the Dog Knows*.

I owe my career and an endless debt of gratitude to book clubs. Thank you to the big clubs in big cities and the tiny clubs in tiny towns. Your passion for storytelling and your love of good old-fashioned printed books is the fuel that keeps my writing fire burning bright.

Now to the real reason we're here — Moses! As you're about to discover, Moses is the real star of the story. He's a black lab with a big heart. And while he can't talk, solve crimes like Scooby, or fly on top of his house like Snoopy, he's not your average dog.

Or is he?

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—Rebecca Connolly
author of *A Brilliant Night of Stars and Ice*

Throughout the book you get the sense that Moses knows things. He knows when his people need a little extra love, extra space, or a well-timed bark. As I wrote the novel, I pondered the many dogs I've had through the years and I came to the conclusion that all of them were a bit like Moses. Dogs are truly gifted with perhaps more self-awareness than we realize.

Finally, I want to share a spoiler in case you've not read the book yet. I know, I know. Spoilers are evil. But I have a hunch you'll appreciate this one. Are you sitting down?

MOSES. DOES. NOT. DIE.

Since the book's release, I've heard from some friends who refused to read the book because they just can't handle the prospect of losing him. Even fictional dogs dig their way into our hearts, don't they?

Have no fear. Moses lives and lives happily. Now I can't speak for his family, that wacky bunch of humans living at the corner of chaos and heartbreak. But I think despite a few tragedies, tears, and tasty twists along the way, you'll be pleased with how the pieces of the puzzle finally fit together.

So without further barking, begging, or sniffing, I proudly present **Even the Dog Knows**. May your tails always wag and may your noses ever be wet.

Thanks for reading.

Much love,

Jason F. Wright

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1.

Even the Dog Knows is a story about love, family and forgiveness.

Why is forgiveness an essential part of maintaining good relationships? Is it easier or harder to forgive family members as opposed to other people? Why?

2.

Some characters eventually recognize that they were wrong.

Why is it so hard to admit that we could have done something better? How do we forgive ourselves?

3.

Both Meg and Gary experience long-term grief over the death of their only daughter, Mallorie. What are different ways of dealing with grief? How can grief help or harm relationships?

4.

Moses helps bring the Gorton family back together, and Mark relies on his dog, Beverage, as a companion.

Do you think beloved pets can help individuals and families through difficult times? How?

5.

Troy has a hard time admitting that he doesn't want to play baseball anymore.

Why? Why do a person's job or interests sometimes become a core part of their identity? Is that okay?

6.

Troy and Grace are high school sweethearts who drifted apart for a season. Do you know a similar young couple who remained together years later? Why do couples sometimes grow apart? What can be done to prevent that from happening?

7.

Macy carries guilt about inadvertently causing Mallorie's death. How does she manage that guilt? Why do we sometimes feel guilty for things outside our control?

8.

After being estranged for almost all of his son's life, Robbie attempts to reconnect with Troy. Why did he stay away for so long? How does a person forgive someone who has done something that seems unforgivable?

9.

What does true love mean to you? Where in the story do you see characters express moments of true love?

10.

Woodstock, Virginia, and Gulf Breeze, Florida, take on such prominent roles in the story, they nearly become characters in the book. Have you been to either place? Would you be interested in taking such a long road trip by bus?

11.

In the acknowledgments, the author specifically thanks and warmly recognizes the role of book clubs. Why are book clubs so important in today's literary landscape? If your group had a theme or motto, what would it be?

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Even the Dog Knows...*will keep the curveballs coming until the very end.*”

—Northern Virginia Daily

PRAISE

"Jason Wright's new masterpiece is an example of how family, love and friendship can save us in times of great woe and trouble. Even the Dog Knows **delivers twists and turns within a heartfelt tale** that teaches us how to work through our most harrowing times. Here's the quick takeaway-read it!"

—DESERET NEWS

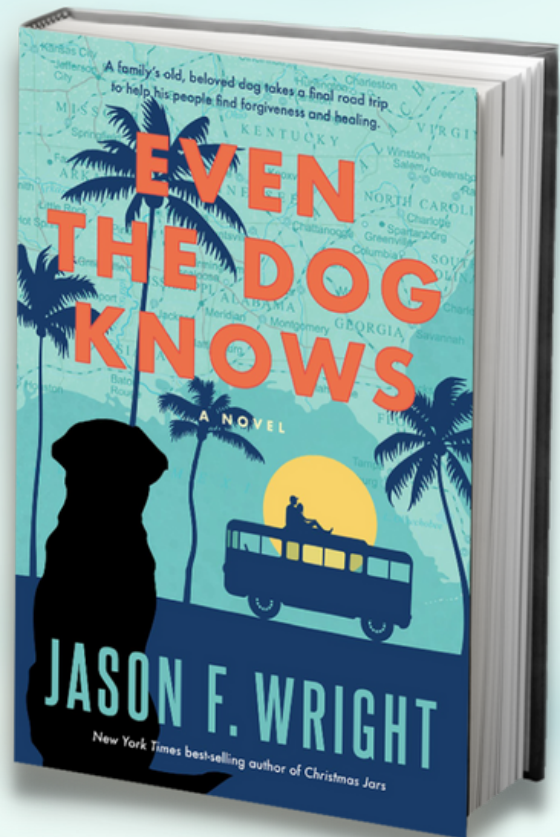
...
"Board a baseball bus to the beach and join a team of relatable, flawed characters who will quickly feel like family along this hopeful journey of regret, reconciliation, and the chance to find beauty through grief and love through loss. With all the twists and turns that readers have come to expect from Jason F. Wright's novels, this latest tale, *Even the Dog Knows*, will keep the curveballs coming until the very end."

—NORTHERN VIRGINIA DAILY

"**Outstanding and brilliant.** This heartfelt story is packed with laughter and tears and takes readers on the road trip of a lifetime, reminding us of the most important things in life. Sure to be an instant classic that cries out for repeated binge-reading."

—REBECCA CONNOLLY

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