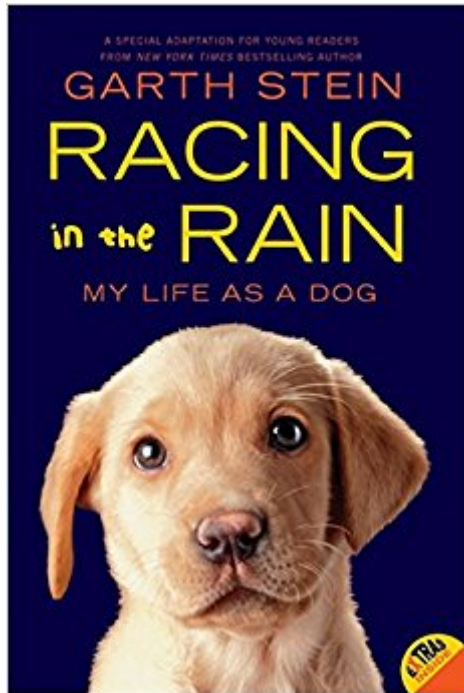




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# Racing In The Rain: My Life As A Dog



## Synopsis

Have you ever wondered what your dog is thinking? In Garth Stein's special adaptation for young people of his acclaimed New York Times bestselling adult novel *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, readers will meet one funny dog: Enzo, the lovable mutt who tells this story. Enzo knows he is different from other dogs. Most dogs love to chase cars, but Enzo longs to race them. He learns about racing and the world around him by watching TV and by listening to the words of his best friend, Denny, an up-and-coming race car driver, and Denny's daughter, Zoë, his constant companion. Enzo finds that life is just like being on the racetrack "it isn't simply about going fast. Applying the rules of racing to his world, Enzo takes on his family's challenges and emerges a hero. In the end, Enzo holds in his heart the dream that Denny will go on to be a racing champion with his daughter by his side. For theirs is an extraordinary friendship "one that reminds us all to celebrate the triumph of the human (and canine) spirit.

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Garth Stein is the author of *Enzo Races in the Rain!*, based on the New York Times bestselling novel *The Art of Racing in the Rain* (and its tween adaptation, *Racing in the Rain*). His other works include *A Sudden Light*, *How Evan Broke His Head and Other Secrets*, *Raven Stole the Moon*, and a play, *Brother Jones*. He is the cofounder of [Seattle7Writers.org](http://Seattle7Writers.org), a nonprofit collective of sixty-two Northwest authors dedicated to fostering a passion for the written word. Garth lives in Seattle with his family and his dog, Comet.

Oh this book, this book is amazing. You should read it. Now. Seriously. I rarely say this about a book and a five star from me is rare. This story is told from the point of view of a dog on the last day of his life. He tells you the story of his life and his people in such an amazing and insightful way. He sees the world as only a dog can, and the author is amazing at conveying this. The book is brilliant for that alone, there is no doubt that you are truly reading something conveyed by a dog. This book felt so incredibly real, and all the characters were so well fleshed out and formed that I had to stop several times and go read something else because the story felt so real to me and I was overcome. (This may just be a "me" thing, YMMV) The ending is heartbreaking and heartwarming all at the same time, it's like emotional whiplash but if I could have kissed the author for the ending I would have.

if you have a dog, chances are you will love this book. it's told from the adorable perspective of the dog. i also bought the 'art of racing in the rain' but liked this one much better. this one is the same story but does not have raunchy references that i think ruined the 'art of racing in the rain' book, at least from a family sharing perspective.

This book told from the dog's perspective is a wonderful tale of his life with a race car driver and his family. I found myself crying in the sad parts whenever there is a dog involved and cry I did in at least two parts. The story flows easily and I found myself reading it quickly and wanting more when the story was over. The story covers his master's life as a race car driver through meeting his wife and the child that they have. He comments on the other people (race car drivers, in-laws) and how they affects the people he loves. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a good animal story but as I said get the tissues because you will need them and if your husband is like mine do not read it when he is around or prepare for the comments..

Well written, gripping story line, and easy to read. My book club chose this to discuss; all of us loved it. The book covers a multitude of topics, including perseverance, going through a terminal illness, custody battles, and what it's like to be a professional race car driver; all told through the eyes of Enzo (the dog protagonist). All of us who love dogs and have ever wondered if they can think, will love this book and Enzo. I highly recommend this very special book to anyone with a heart.

This has to be one of the most soul searching books I've ever read. It was highly recommended by a friend when we were discussing books we had enjoyed. I mentioned that I really enjoyed reading *The Shack*. He immediately said that if I enjoyed it then I **MUST** read *Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog*. It definitely did not disappoint! I literally could not put it down until I finished it. **AMAZING!**

I was hesitant thinking the book would be a little younger since a dog narrates it, but I was blown away! Completely hooked from the beginning and loved every page!!! So happy with my purchase and definitely recommend it to anyone looking for a fun, drama filled, tearful book

This book grabbed me from the first couple of pages. I hardly put it down except to sleep--finished it in two days. The writing is beautiful--not flowery but then a dog's language would not be flowery. And it isn't cutesy either as it could have been if the author had put too much emphasis on trying to get into a dog's mind. Instead the book steers clear of mawkishness--much as a race car driver steers clear of a wall. The race car analogy worked so well. Although I am not familiar with the world of race car driving, I found it very appropriate to the story, comparing how one steers through life's tragedies and challenges to driving a race car. The story centers around a dog called Enzo and his love and devotion to his family--Denny, Eve and Zoe. It is way, way above the typical "dog loves man" story though. I can't describe any more about the plot except to say that, if you love dogs, this

is a must read. And even if you don't consider yourself a dog lover, this book will captivate you.

Overall I liked the story from the dog's view. It kind of went on a little long with Denny being miserable though, so I had to skip probably half of the last 100 pages to get through it. Ending was worth it.

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