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2000-2009
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UNITED STATES
---General or Unspecified Location


Miller, Robert M. *RMM: Am I getting too old for this?* [Place of publication not identified]: [publisher not identified], 2000s. 62 pgs.


For the millions of animal enthusiasts in America, here’s a heartwarming collection of tales by veterinarian Robert Sharp that relate the joys and misadventures of being an animal doctor in small-town U.S.A. With humor and compassion, No Dogs in Heaven? Portrays the great and not-so-great characteristics of human and animal nature, all infused by a lovable veterinarian’s belief that indeed, there are not dogs in heaven...


A country veterinarian recounts forty tales featuring his experiences treating such animals as bulls, dogs, goats, cows, and horses


A collection of real-life stories journeys inside the world of zoo veterinarians, who recount their experiences with exotic zoo animals, from raising an orphaned baby beluga whale to helping an anorexic eel regain its appetite.

Stalheim, Ole H.V. *Dakota Fortune: Exploring the past*. Ames, Iowa: Ole H.V. Stalheim, 2007. 60 pgs. ISBN:


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<td>Wells, Jeff and June Camerer</td>
<td><em>All My Patients Have Tales: Why veterinary medicine is a true calling.</em> Conifer, CO: Hadley, Inc., 2006. 204 pgs. ISBN: 9780978716905</td>
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--- **Alabama**


--- **California**


---**Colorado**


Eleven-year old Megan spends an exciting summer as an intern at an animal emergency hospital, working with her uncle, surgeon Dr. Robert Taylor, and his associates.


---**Connecticut**


---**Florida**


---**Illinois**


Smith, LaVerne K. *The Cat’s Meow: The story of a veterinary-girl-Friday wife, the love-of-her-life D.V.M. and others in their busy world*. [Champaign, Ill.?]: LaVerne K. Smith, 2003. 193 pgs. ISBN: 9780964773882

---**Indiana**

Parker, Ted. *Animal Antics*. [Place of publication not identified]: [publisher not identified], 2000s. 46 pgs. ISBN:

---**Iowa**
Benbrook, Stanley C. *Edward Antony Benbrook VMD (Penn, 1914): A brief biographic sketch*. [Ames, Iowa]: Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, 2004. 20 leaves.


--- Kansas


--- Kentucky


--- Louisiana


--- Maine


--- Massachusetts


---Michigan

---Minnesota


---Mississippi

---Missouri


Smith, Wayne. *Doc Sez--: As I remember it*. [Place of publication not identified]: [publisher not identified], 2007. 163 pgs.

---Montana

---Nebraska


---Nevada

--- New Hampshire


Presents the story of veterinarians Chuck Shaw from rural New Hampshire and his over twenty years making house and farm calls treating a variety of animals.

--- New Jersey


--- New Mexico


--- New York (State)


--- North Carolina

---Ohio
Lindsay, Earl E. *When the Old Dog Barks*. Massillon, Ohio: Bates Printing, Inc., 2006. 223 pgs. ISBN:

Sanders, Donald E. *Stories from the Land of Milk and Honey*. [Place of publication not identified]: [publisher not identified], 2005. 106 pgs. ISBN: 9780970333919

---Oklahoma

Goodwin, Daniel Edward. *From the Oklahoma Dust Bowl to the French Riviera: The life and times of a boy from Durham, Oklahoma*. [United States]: [publisher not identified], 2009. 348 pgs. ISBN:

---Oregon

---Pennsylvania


---South Dakota
Palmer, Ralph R. *Country Horse Doctor*. [Mesa, AZ]: [The Author], 2001. 154 pgs. ISBN:


---Southern States

---Tennessee

---Texas


With this second of the series, TEXAS DOC continues the popular anecdotal stories begun in DALLAS DOC, the true-life portrayal behind the zany adventures and poignant moments that make up a twenty-year veterinary practice in treating critters of every shape and size—from gerbils, cats and canines...to horses, cows and cougars. Doc recaptures the daily escapades with his jovial partner, Dr....


---Washington (State)


A collection of true stories by a holistic veterinarian follows her work with animal patients who were unable to find traditional medicine cures and who were assisted with alternative healing methods.


---Wisconsin


---Wyoming

CANADA

---General or Unspecified Location


---British Columbia


---Newfoundland and Labrador

---Ontario


---Prince Edward Island

---Prairie Provinces


---Saskatchewan
Just, Harvey H. *Harvey, You are the Oldest, You Should Know Better!: From childhood years and to life’s end, happy are those who share it with a friend: Selected memories of Harvey H. Just*. [Place of publication not identified]: [H. Just?], 2004. 195 pgs.

AFRICA

---General or Unspecified Location


--- **Congo**


--- **Kenya**


--- **South Africa**


--- **Tanzania**


--- **General or Unspecified Location**

--- **AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND**


--- **New South Wales**


Howey, W.P. *The Infinitive History of Veterinary Practice in Scone*. [Place of publication not identified], W.P. Howey, 2006. 252 pgs.

--- **Northwest Territory**


---Queensland

INDIA

NEPAL

PHILIPPINES

SAINT VINCENT and the GRENADINES
Chesterton, David. Pigmented Spectacles: Conversations with Dr. Ian Ayrton Earl Kirby. [Place of publication not identified]: [publisher not identified], 2009. 173 pgs.

Chesterton, David. “Pigmented Spectacles”: Conversations with Ian Ayrton Earle Kirby. Revised ed. [Place of publication not identified]: [publisher not identified], 2009. 180 pgs.

UNITED KINGDOM (GREAT BRITAIN)
---General or Unspecified Location


Leese, Arnold. *Out of Step: Events in the two lives of an anti-Jewish camel-doctor*. [Place of publication not identified]: [publisher not identified], 2000s. 74 pgs. ISBN:


--- **England**

An English veterinarian reminisces about his life, career, and animal patients in a small village.

A Yorkshire veterinarian describes the adventures and experiences of his career as he tends to sick cattle, pregnant ewes, ailing dogs, and other eccentric owners, in a celebration of the relationships between human and animal.

In the midst of World War II, the Yorkshire veterinarian muses on past adventures through the Yorkshire dales, visiting with old friends and introducing scores of new characters—both human and animal.

In stories of wonder great and small, the author reintroduces many old friends like Mrs. Pumphrey, his partner Siegfried Farnon, and his wife Helen. But there are wonderful new faces, too, especially his children, Rosie and Jimmy, and his latest assistant, Calum Buchanan. The author offers a collection of memoirs, describing the family and friends who share his life on the Yorkshire dales.


How on earth did James Herriot come to be sitting on a high Yorkshire moor, smelling vaguely go cows: James isn’t sure, but he knows that he loves it. This second volume of memoirs contains tales of James’ unpredictable boss Siegfried Farnon, his charming brother Tristan, animal mayhem, and his first encounter with a beautiful girl called Helen.

In this heartwarming collection of favorite stories about dogs great and small, James Herriot tells us about his own dogs and all the wonderful people and animals we have come to love so much. Fifty memorable tales move us to both laughter and tears, and Herriot’s personal introduction and notes make this tribute by a master storyteller to man’s best friend a book to read, reread, and be treasured for years to come.


Continues the memoirs of Yorkshire veterinarian James Herriot, as life for Herriot, his wife, and two children gets back to normal after World War II.

Strapped into the cockpit of a Tiger Moth trainer, Herriot has swapped his wellingtons and breeches for sheepskin boots and a flying suit. But very soon the vet-turned-airman is grounded, and back to his old life in the Dales.

From the author whose books inspired the BBC series *All Creatures Great and Small*, this fourth volume of superb memoirs sees all the old Darrowby friends on top form—Siegfried thrashes around the practice, Tristan occasionally buckles down for finals and James is signed up for a local cricket team.

A severe case of World War Two takes James Heriot away from his vet’s life in the Dales and into a training camp somewhere in England. Square bashing in his uniform of RAF blue, he daydreams of the livestock he has left behind.

A collection of the author’s stories most loved stories for children.


Vaughan, K.L. *Comeday, Go Day: “A vet.—and proud of it”: God send Sunday (proverb (Kelly 1721)): (Come day, goe day, the day is long enough (Draxe 1616)).* 2nd ed. Nuneation, K.L. Vaughan, 2003. 162 pgs. ISBN: 9780952111917

Vaughan, Leslie C. *The Royal Veterinary College: A personal reflection of time spent as a student and member of the staff of the Royal Veterinary College in Streatley-on-Thames from 1947 to 1958*. [Place of publication not identified]: Leslie Vaughan, 2007. 68 pgs. ISBN:


No one is better placed to write the biography of Alf Wight, alias James Herriot, than the son who worked alongside him in the veterinary practice during the time that James Herriot became a bestselling author. In this warm and often poignant memoir Jim Wight writes of a man who, despite his huge success as a writer, remained unchanged by wealth and fame; an essentially private person whose family had to share him with his millions of fans throughout the world.


---Ireland


---Scotland


---Wales
