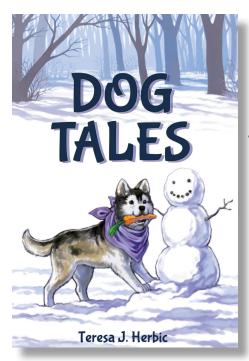


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SHELTER DOGS STAR IN NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK DOG TALES FEATURES EIGHT REAL ADOPTED DOGS



Release Date: August 2014 Trade Paperback Pages: 80 Price: \$9.99 ISBN: 9781620202661 **For immediate release:** Each of the 70 million pet dogs in the U.S. has its own story. Author Teresa Herbic's new book *Dog Tales* (Ambassador International; August 2014; \$9.99, paperback) focuses on eight of these unique adventures, using each dog's story to teach children about human compassion and messages of love, peace, and kindness. Featuring real adopted pets, *Dog Tales* will make you love these eight special dogs and their family.

"Abandoned animals often wondered onto the rural acreage where I grew up," explains the author. "I felt that any time an orphan animal presented itself, it came as a gift from God there to teach us something and to become a member of our family." And Herbic's dogs are just that—a gift. *Dog Tales*' message is based on the Beatitudes in Matthew. "They remind us of God's powerful blessings for those who follow and serve," says Herbic.

Readers will discover a common thread of adoption throughout the pages of *Dog Tales* because the author has been touched by adoption all her life. As the Director of Families for Adoption for Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, she and organization's leaders include the adoption of pets as part of their support services, along with the domestic and international adoption of orphan children.

Dog Tales is the follow up to Herbic's first book *Cat Tales*, released by Ambassador in 2013. *Cat Tales* follows adventures of Prince, Dakota, Lolli, and the rest of the family of cats teach readers the lessons of the Fruit of the Spirit highlighted in Galatians. Both books are part of the Children's Compassion Series, which will include other titles in the future.

About the Author: Teresa Herbic currently serves as the Director of Family Groups at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. She lives in Missouri with her husband, Galen, and their two adopted children, Meyana and Braxten, along with their cats, which inspired *Cat Tales*.

To connect with the author or to request a review copy of *Dog Tales*, please contact Alison Storm at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the author:

- 1. What inspired you to write this book?
- 2. Why did you decide to use these stories to teach about the Beatitudes?
- 3. Why are the Beatitudes important for children to understand?
- 4. How does using dogs as main characters help children understand the Beatitudes?
- 5. How many dogs have you adopted throughout your life?
- 6. Can you describe the importance of the theme of "adoption" in these stories?
- 7. What made you decide to use dogs as your characters?
- 8. How much did you base the characters off of your own dogs?
- 9. What else do you plan to write about for the Children's Compassion Series?

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