

Man's best Friend



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A dreat selection of texts about dogs

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The prosaic Dog

No doubt about it, the dog is man's best friend – loyal, thick-skinned, playful and funny at the same time. For this book Rotraut Susanne Berner has assembled a rogue's gallery of dog portraits to accompany well-known and less well-known texts by the likes of Ernst Jandl, Christa Reinig, Christian Morgenstern, Max Kruse, Valerie Worth, and many others.

For us humans a dog is a somewhat prosaic creature, evoking rather stolid emotions, as opposed, say, to cats, some of whom have been the subject of romantic ramblings. There are novels about dogs, and nice bits of prose, but poems are few and far between, more's the pity. What few there are, though, are that much more to be prized. Armin Abmeier has turned up a few that are quite beautiful.

A great gift for any dog lover.

The illustrator

Rotraut Susanne Berner's reputation as one of the best contemporary illustrators and as an imaginative deviser of ingenious hybrid "book-oids" has spread well beyond the German-speaking countries. As well as creating wonderful picture books and illustrating novels for children, she has also designed a number of beautiful book covers. In recent years a growing number of books have been published with her own texts and stories. In 2006 she was awarded the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis (German Youth Literature Award) for her oeuvre. She lives and works in Munich. Her *Treasure Chest Books* have become a cult phenomenon.

By the same artist in this series

The poetic Cat

