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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Most people find that there are defining moments in life: a child's birth, getting married, even chance encounters can all divide an individual's experiences into "before" and "after." For Bernikow, a journalist and lecturer on women's history, life is divided neatly into "before fate dropped a dog into my world" and "after my first pet store visit." While running in Central Park one afternoon, this dedicated pet-hater came upon a crowd gathered around a police car. She wandered over, saw an abused pooch in the back seat and didn't exactly fall in love, although she soon found herself with leash in hand and an admiring ring of spectators. After a few days with the brown boxer she named Libro (Spanish for "book"), she discovered that they were mismatched but splendid pals, so she set off to chat with fellow dog lovers in the park's fenced-in dog-run area. In its lesser moments, the book can be schmaltzy and forced, as when Bernikow speaks of fate and epiphanies, attributing supernatural powers and uncanny intuition to her dog friend. Fortunately, these passages are tempered by Bernikow's description of trotting Libro around New York, meeting

people who normally wouldn't bother to talk with her. In these vignettes, she allows her sense of absurdity to shine through, and the work takes on a cosmopolitan tone: "Many people said they'd grown up with boxers or their grandmothers had boxers, which made me feel rather retro, the kid still in stretch pants on the ski slope while everyone else wore microfiber." Her delightful riff on her dog's life will be snapped up like a delicious treat. Agent, Lisa Bankoff, ICM. Author tour. (Oct.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

From Dog fanciers will enjoy this true story of the author's gradual transformation from footloose Manhattanite and social butterfly into responsible dog owner. After she rescued an abandoned dog in Central Park and decided to keep him, Bernikow's entire lifestyle had to change. In her book she provides an honest portrait of how having a dog changed her life, socially, mentally, and physically. Writing a good book for first-time owners who aren't sure about the degree of responsibility involved in dog ownership, Bernikow shares all the ups and downs that she experienced. Her story shows how, at first, she felt overwhelmed and a bit resentful about her new responsibility but ultimately realized that, for her at least, the good things outweighed the inconveniences. *Kathleen Hughes* Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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