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The Eyes that Lead

The author, a qualified guide dog instructor, describes the process of training a guide dog and its human partner.

Guide Dog Heroes

True story of a guide dog, the history of guide dogs, and the training methods used to transform an ordinary dog into a canine hero.

Kika & Me

From the challenges of travelling when blind to becoming a parent for the first time, Kika & Me is the moving, heart-warming and inspirational story of Dr Amit Patel's sight-loss journey and how one guide dog changed his world. 'Inspiring and compelling . . . rekindles one's faith in human nature' - Andrew Marr Amit Patel is working as a trauma doctor when a rare condition causes him to lose his sight within thirty-six hours. Totally dependent on others and terrified of stepping outside with a white cane after he's assaulted, he hits rock bottom. He refuses to leave home on his own for three months. With the support of his wife Seema he slowly adapts to his new situation, but how could life ever be the way it was? Then his guide dog Kika comes along . . . But Kika's stubbornness almost puts her guide dog training in jeopardy – could her quirky personality be a perfect match for someone? Meanwhile Amit has reservations – can he trust a dog with his safety? Paired together in 2015, they start on a journey, learning to trust each other before taking to the streets of London and beyond. The partnership not only gives Amit a renewed lease of life but a new best friend. Then, after a video of an irate commuter rudely asking Amit to step aside on an escalator goes viral, he sets out with Kika by his side to spread a message of positivity and inclusivity, showing that nothing will hold them back. 'An incredible story of courage, perseverance and, ultimately love' - Sun 'The most moving book of the year' - The Lady

Confessions of a Guide Dog

Have you ever wondered what a guide dog does? How do they know to lead a blind owner? Can they understand traffic lights? Most importantly, how does the owner know where to pick up the poop? This memoir answers these questions—and more. It tells what guide dogs are supposed to do. They're smart, loyal and well-trained—but not all dogs are created alike. Musket is proof of that. He's definitely got a thing for treats and belly rubs. For the first time, the dog has his say. (Of course he needed a little help with the typing, since he doesn't have opposable thumbs. That's where author Mark Carlson came in. Still, Musket is the brains of the outfit.) Mark and Musket tell their story with humor, emotion, and Musket's occasional contradictions. And at the end of the day, Musket somehow manages to be a great guide dog too. Confessions of a Guide Dog was written so a wonderful, devoted dog could reach out to those who haven't been lucky enough to meet him. He'll make you smile, laugh, cry, and want to give him treats. This is their story. (And they're sticking to it.)

Origins of the Guide Dog Movement

This title provides 101 facts about guide dogs for the blind.

101 Facts about Guide Dogs

Friendly and informative, this guide looks at the breeding, raising, training, and assessment of young guide dogs, as well as what happens when they are matched with their handlers to become working guide dogs. It explains how guide dogs are trained to make life easier for people who are blind or who can't see well enough to get about safely. Also described is the history of dogs that were trained to guide blind people from as far back as the early 1800s. Children also will meet several guide dogs in action and learn the stories of special dog and owner relationships.

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Their Selection, Development, and Training

Recounts the events of September 11, 2001 as a blind man, trusting in his guide dog, escapes from the World Trade Center's north tower.

Guide Dogs

People who cannot see need helpers to get around in daily life. Readers will learn how dogs are trained for this important work.

Thunder Dog

TRAVELING BLIND is a deeply reflective description of coming to terms with lack of sight. It reveals the invisible work of navigating with a guide dog while learning to perceive the world in new ways. The author travels with Teela, her lively "golden dog," through airports, city streets, and Southwest desert landscapes, exploring these surroundings with changed sight.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

When John Tovey lost his sight at the age of 42, he thought his life was over. He was wrong, it was just beginning. John had followed a bad path drifting in and out of trouble. He was sent to improvement schools, a young offenders institute and eventually a prison. John was on self-destruct and thought nothing or no one could help him. Then he became the victim of a vicious attack by a notorious train 'steaming' gang. John knew he had to take the witness stand. He bravely gave evidence which helped put the men behind bars but just as he'd started to turn his life around for the better, fate dealt him another blow and John went blind overnight. He lost everything, his sight, his job and his home. Scared and alone, John asked for help and, thanks to Guide Dogs for the Blind, was introduced to a bouncy black labrador called Dez. Dez brought colour and light back into John's life and slowly he learned how to live again. It was a partnership made in heaven and in 2012; Dez won the coveted 'Guide Dog of the Year' award. With his loyal dog by his side, John stepped out of the shadows and back into the light. A Dog Called Dez is the inspirational story of one man's redemption thanks to his fourlegged friend. It not only follows John's remarkable life, it also shares the moving story of how man's best friend taught him how to love life again.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

Faith. Trust. Triumph. "I'm sorry," the doctor said. "He is permanently and totally blind. There is nothing we can do for him." George and Sarah Hingson looked at each other, devastated. Their six-month-old son, Michael was a happy, strawberry blond baby boy, healthy and normal in every way except one. When the Hingsons switched on a light or made silly faces, Michael did not react. Ever. "My best suggestion is that you send him to a home for the blind," the doctor continued. "He will never be able to do anything for himself." Forty-seven years later, a yellow Labrador retriever puppy was born in the whelping unit of Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, California. The puppy's name was Roselle. On September 11, 2001, she saved Michael's life. This is Roselle's story too. —From the Introduction Every moment in Michael Hingson's and Roselle's lives seemed to lead up to this day. When one of four hijacked planes flew into the World Trade Center's north tower on September 11, 2001, Michael Hingson, a district sales manager for a data protection and network security systems company, was sitting down for a meeting. His guide dog, Roselle, was at his feet. Paired for twenty-one months, man and dog spent that time forging a bond of trust, much like police partners who trust their lives to each other. Michael couldn't see a thing, but he could hear the sounds of shattering glass, falling debris, and terrified people flooding around him and Roselle. However, Roselle sat calmly beside him. In that moment, Michael chose to trust Roselle's judgment and not to panic. They were a team. Thunder Dog is a story that will forever change your spirit and your perspective. It illuminates Hingson's lifelong determination to achieve parity in a sighted world and how the rare trust between a man and his guide dog can inspire an unshakable faith in each one of us.

Traveling Blind

In this intimate and honest memoir, Greenlee shares surprising lessons and adventures she encountered after the devastation of her sudden and profound loss of vision. She takes readers past the gates of Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, California, and into the 28 days of intensive training that's required to graduate with a guide dog. Surrounded by a supportive community of staff and students, Greenlee faces the bondage of her Confucian upbringing and finds freedom far beyond mobility with a guide dog.

A Dog Called Dez - The Story of how one Amazing Dog Changed his Owner's Life

'I thought I was applying for a guide dog; what I actually got was my life back.' So said a 35-year-old woman from Telford I met a few years ago. That's what a guide dog has done for the 4,500 blind and partially sighted people who have one. That is what my guide dog has done for me. The aim of publishing this book is to raise money for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. What you will find is a series of short stories, parodies, satirical pieces and limericks. The profits from this will go to help other visually impaired people enjoy the same freedom to get around as you and I have.

Thunder Dog

Ce livre trace un portrait de l'histoire des chiens guides pour les personnes ayant une déficience visuelle

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Describes the selection and training of guide dogs and how they are paired with a blind person.

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When Rod Michalko's sight finally became so limited that he no longer felt safe on busy city streets or traveling alone, he began a search for a guide. The Two-in-One is his account of how his search ended with Smokie, a guide dog, and a dramatically different sense of blindness. Few people who regularly encountered Michalko in his neighborhood shops and cafes realized that he was technically blind; like many people with physical disabilities, he had found ways of compensating for his impairment. Those who knew about his condition thought of him as a fully realized person who just happened to be blind. He thought so himself. Until Smokie changed all that. In this often moving, always compelling meditation on his relationship with Smokie, Michalko probes into what it means to be at home with blindness. Smokie makes no judgment about Michalko's lack of sight; it simply is the condition within which they work together. Their partnership thus allows Michalko to step outside of the conventional-and even "enlightened"-understanding of blindness; he becomes not simply resigned to it but able to embrace it as an essential part of his being in the world. Drawing on his training as a sociologist and his experience as a disabled person, Michalko joins a still small circle of scholars who examine disability

from the inside. More rare still-and what will resonate with most readers-is Michalko's remarkable portrayal of Smokie; avoiding sentimentality and pathos, it is a deeply affectionate yet restrained and nuanced appreciation of his behavior and personality. From their first meeting at the dog guide training school, Smokie springs to life in these pages as a highly competent, sure-footed, take-charge, full-speed-ahead, indispensable partner. "Sighties" are always in awe watching them work; Michalko has even persuaded some of them that the Smokester can locate street addresses-but has a little difficulty with odd numbers! Readers of *The Two-in-One* can easily imagine Rod and Smokie sharing the joke as they continue on their way. Author note: Rod Michalko is Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, St. Francis Xavier University.

A Guide Dog Is for Life

Is it heredity or environment that shapes the dog? Researchers J.P. Scott and John L. Fuller, authors of *Genetics and Social Behavior of the Dog*, bred and cross-bred dogs in their quest to understand human heredity and behavior. Their research yielded a gold mine of data that Pfaffenberger turned into practical information for dog breeders and trainers. Learn about the critical stages of puppy development, how breed differences make dogs suitable for specialized work, and how to breed and socialize temperamentally sound dogs. Reprint of a 1963 classic.

The Guide Dogs Book of Amazing Dog Tales!

A beautifully illustrated charming story of the transformation for Bev after she met her guide dog Henry.

A Brief History of Dog Guides for the Blind

Geographies of disability have become a key research priority for many disability scholars and geographers. This edited collection, incorporating the work of leading international disability researchers, seeks to expand the current geographical frame operating within the realm of disability. Providing a critical and comprehensive examination of disability and spatial processes of exclusion and inclusion for disabled people, the book uniquely brings together insights from disability studies, spatial geographies and social policy with the purpose of exploring how spatial factors shape, limit or enhance policy towards, and the experiences of, disabled people. Divided into two parts, the first section explores the key concepts to have emerged within the field of disability geographies, and their relationship to new policy regimes. New and emerging concepts within the field are critically explored for their significance in conceptually framing disability. The second section provides an in-depth examination of disabled people's experience of changing landscapes within the onset of emerging disability policy regimes. It deals with how the various actors and stakeholders, such as governments, social care agencies, families and disabled people traverse these landscapes under the new conditions laid out by changing policy regimes. Crucially, the chapters examine the lived meaning of changing spatial relations for disabled people. Grounded in recent empirical research, and with a global focus, each of the chapters reveal how social policy domains are challenged or undermined by the spatial realities faced by disabled people, and expands existing understandings of disability. In turn, the book supports readers to grasp future policy directions and processes that enable disabled people's choices, rights and participation. This important work will be invaluable reading for students and researchers involved in disability, geography and social policy.

Guide Dogs

When Jill Allen-King OBE, suddenly lost her sight at the age of 24, with little help and advice available from Social Services she had to teach herself to cope with a whole new way of living that had its own set of challenges to overcome, including looking after her daughter, Jacqueline, born soon afterwards. It wasn't until seven years later that Jill successfully completed a training course with her first guide dog and finally, after years of being virtually housebound, was able to begin rebuilding her confidence and reclaiming her independence. Drawing on her own experiences of the problems and dangers that face the blind and partially sighted, as well as those with other mobility difficulties and disabilities, Jill has devoted her life to raising awareness of the needs and rights of the disabled, particularly in regard to access to public buildings, and campaigning for these issues to be considered by householders, businesses, councils and the government. None of this would have been possible without her six guide dogs over the past 40 years: Topsy, Bunty, Brandy, Quella, Lady and her current dog, Amanda. This book, following close on the heels of Jill's autobiography, *Just Jill*, is a heartfelt tribute to her trusted four-legged friends, who have given her companionship, instilled her with confidence and guided her

safely in both her personal life and in her incredibly important voluntary work throughout the UK. No one can fail to be inspired by Jill's perseverance and achievements or by the fantastic work that guide dogs carry out for their owners. Although now in her seventies, with new challenges for those with disabilities always on the horizon, such as electric cars, shared streets and changes to the benefits system, Jill's contributions to the fight neither cease nor cease to amaze.

The Two-in-one

This fun and unique coloring book is a great way to introduce children to the world of a guide dog. Help educate your child while they have fun with Guide Doggie! Meet Guide Doggie when he is a puppy, then follow him on his adventures during guide dog training. Learn what a guide dog does during the day, including the chores he completes for his handlers in order to keep Guide Doggie ready to serve. Your child will learn how guide dogs help the blind live more independently, and how dogs can be heroes too! With narration of the book done by a guide dog each page is a fun and educational adventure for all ages. Your child can color the pages, making it an interactive as well as educational learning experience. Fill in the blank pages let your child get involved in telling the story, and fun bonus games including a word search, crossword puzzle and, word jumbles based on the story will help your child remember what they learned!

NEW KNOWLEDGE OF DOG BEHAVIOR

Describes the breeding, training, and work done by guide dogs for the blind.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

"This admirable little puppy helps us to see past our busy daily lives and to focus on what's enduring and important. Guiding Eyes for the Blind enthusiastically recommends this work..." — Richard Abbott, Vice President Guiding Eyes for the Blind

Along Came Henry

Describes the selection and training of guide dogs and how they are paired with a blind person.

Disability, Spaces and Places of Policy Exclusion

Guide Dogs of America, A History, recounts the founding, growth and operation of one of America's premier providers of guide dogs for the visually impaired. It also details the history of the guide dog movement in America, beginning with the story of "Lux," the first guide dog in America, given to blind United States Senator Thomas Schall in 1927. Guide Dogs of America was founded by Joseph W. Jones, Sr., a machinist by trade who lost his vision and, when he was turned down, at age 57, as "too old" for a guide dog, started his own guide dog school. Jones soon teamed with Captain L. A. Kreimer, a veteran of the German Army in World War I who had trained the world's first guide dog at an army field hospital in 1916, and who subsequently ran the German's extensive network of guide dog schools for soldiers blinded by the war. Together, Jones and Kreimer, with significant support from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, the union to which Jones belonged, began training guide dogs in Los Angeles. Hollywood stars soon took note of the charitable work being done by the school - where dogs and training are provided to students free of charge, and without assistance from any level of government - and lent their fame and fortune to the operation. John Wayne, Lucille Ball, Andy Griffith, Jonathan Winters, Clark Gable, Roy Rogers, Jackie Cooper and Betty White were among the first to become involved, setting a trend that continues to this day through the involvement of a new generation of stars, including Amanda Righetti, a star of CBS Television's "The Mentalist." This book also describes the guide dog process: from breeding, puppy raising, training, selection of students, matching students with the proper dog, to post graduate services, and features a first person narrative by Guide Dogs of America graduate Lorri Bernson, who tells in moving detail of the loss of her vision, the battle to achieve independence, her hopes and dreams as a student at the school, and the fulfilling life she has been able to lead with the assistance of her guide dog. Equally important, Guide Dogs of America tells the story of the men and women who have made all of this possible, from the dedicated members of the Machinists Union who have held thousands of charitable events and donated millions of dollars, to corporations who have donated generously, and the galaxy of Hollywood stars who have given freely of their time and talents. Anyone interested in the story of how one man,

faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges can not only overcome them, but can provide hope, independence and a better life to literally thousands of people around the world will enjoy this book.

Jill's Leading Ladies

Kathy Nimmer is an award-winning teacher, author, and motivational speaker from Indiana. In 2006, she won first place in the Helen Keller International Memoir Competition and published a book of poetry called *Minutes in the Dark, Eternity in the Light*. She received the Butler-Cooley Excellence in Teaching Award in 2004, is a two-time recipient of the Lilly Teacher Creativity Fellowship, earned National Board Certification in 2003, and was presented with the Golden Apple in 1998. In 2009, she was named a Lilly Distinguished Fellow, giving her the opportunity to pursue a lifelong dream, the fulfillment of which is *Two Plus Four Equals One*. Blind due to a rare retinal disease, Nimmer looks to her faith, family, and friends as cornerstones in her life. She enjoys working out at the gym, reading mysteries, following sports, adding to her perfume collection, and going for long walks with her third guide dog Elias. True, vibrant, honest, and emotional, eliciting compassion, joy, sorrow, and love, promoting understanding, acceptance, awareness, and hope. Here are over 100 stories and poems written by or about men, women, and children, all either with disabilities or connected to people who have disabilities. Joining them are Labradors, German Shepherds, Poodles, Papillons, Goldens, Shelties, Chihuahuas, and many other breeds, all trained to assist their disabled handlers. From blindness to deafness, from mobility issues to psychiatric needs, from diabetes to autism, the array of disabilities showcased in this unforgettable book is as vast as the tasks performed by the canine partners. Your eyes will be opened to the strength, competence, and potential of both the human and canine participants in an alliance where neither partner is perfect but both together add up to an equation where two hands/feet/eyes/ears plus four paws equals one magical union.

Guide Doggie

This is the true story of a guide dog puppy named Laoch, which means "hero" in Irish. The author and artist raised the puppy and then gave him up for his final guide dog training after a year-and-a-half of shared love. The story is told from the puppy's perspective. The love, humor, and playful adventures will engage all children and adults who love animals. Each of the 31 illustrations represents a real-life adventure and tries to reflect the dog's feelings as he playfully attacks each new experience. The book gives children an appreciation of how puppies are raised that will eventually go on to help blind people who depend on working dogs for help in their routine daily living. Many of the training steps shown would apply to all puppies, not just those being raised to become guide dogs. The illustrations are done in a variety of art styles to give children an appreciation for various art forms. Although this is primarily a children's book, people of all ages can identify with many of the puppy's adventures. This book would be helpful for anyone training a puppy for a pet, or for someone who is considering training a guide dog puppy. Or, for someone who just loves puppies! The book also gives some insight as to the emotion involved in giving up a dog after a year-and-a-half of very intensive love and shared experiences.

Guide Dogs

Outlines the three types of assistance dogs and describes the important work they do.

Through Otis' Eyes

As a girl, Sheila never let her gradual descent into blindness prevent her from trying to do everything a sighted person could do. Then, at 17, she found herself dreading her future in an 'ever darkening vacuum'. But then Emma - a chocolate Labrador - enters her life, and Sheila begins a journey of independence, love and happiness.

Guide Dogs

When I first explored what it would be like to become a guide dog user, it was like traveling to a strange land full of unfamiliar routines, feelings, nomenclature, and equipment. I wish this handbook had been available back then, but am so pleased that it has finally become a reality to help from this point forward. This concise and informative handbook answers questions not only for the prospective guide dog team, but also the general public. The introduction sets the stage with heartfelt accounts from multiple guide dog users. The handbook then covers it all, from filling out the first application to learning how to handle the myriad responsibilities of being the human part of the team. It is an accurate and comprehensive

reference. It is also important for the reader to take note of how much GDUI supports us, especially during those times of access denial, in the wake of disaster, and in those instances of the retirement or death of a beloved canine partner. In conclusion, this is the perfect manual to support a partnership and path of independence. I hope you share it with your family, friends, colleagues, blindness and disability advocacy organizations, and other guide and service dog handlers. Ann Chiappetta, M.S. Author of Follow Your Dog: A Story of Love and Trust GDUI Life Member

Guide Dogs of America

In a lyrical love letter to guide dogs everywhere, a blind poet shares his delightful story of how a guide dog changed his life and helped him discover a newfound appreciation for travel and independence. Stephen Kuusisto was born legally blind—but he was also raised in the 1950s and taught to deny his blindness in order to "pass" as sighted. Stephen attended public school, rode a bike, and read books pressed right up against his nose. As an adult, he coped with his limited vision by becoming a professor in a small college town, memorizing routes for all of the places he needed to be. Then, at the age of thirty-eight, he was laid off. With no other job opportunities in his vicinity, he would have to travel to find work. This is how he found himself at Guiding Eyes, paired with a Labrador named Corky. In this vivid and lyrical memoir, Stephen Kuusisto recounts how an incredible partnership with a guide dog changed his life and the heart-stopping, wondrous adventure that began for him in midlife. Profound and deeply moving, this is a spiritual journey, the story of discovering that life with a guide dog is both a method and a state of mind.

Guide Dogs Current Practice

Two Plus Four Equals