

Praise for *Mommy's Boy*

Mommy's Boy is one of the most moving stories I have ever read; it beautifully captures the bond between a pet and their owner. Life works in mysterious ways, and Jennifer and Benny's story is a testament to how we can receive blessings from unexpected connections. Jennifer's prayer for companionship was miraculously answered in the form of Benny, and their journey includes emotional ups and downs that lead to profound love and personal growth. The story contains humorous moments that balance the more emotional themes; it will make you smile and cry at the same time. *Mommy's Boy* is a heartfelt story about unconditional love, the importance of celebrating life, and the special relationships we build with our pets.

—Luwi Nyakansaila, Readers' Favorite

Fueled by themes of love, trauma, and grief, Schaeffer's memoir reflects on her life with Benny, a sweet but rambunctious Westie-Maltese she adopted after struggling with several breakups and deciding "it was time to give my love and affection to someone who truly wanted it, deserved it, and appreciated it." Dog lovers will immediately relate to the close bond Schaeffer (author of *U2: Changing the World Through Rock 'n' Roll*) develops with Benny. Whether Schaeffer's recalling Benny's special "Benny Boogie" dance of welcome or mourning the loss of her "source of comfort during tough times," this hits home. [*Mommy's Boy* is a] loving tribute to the bond between pets and their owners.

—BookLife

Through the ups and downs of heartbreak, personal struggles, and self-discovery, Schaeffer delivers a moving narrative that dog lovers, and anyone who's ever found comfort in an animal's presence, will deeply relate to. The book follows her journey from childhood pet bonds to a mid-life realization that the truest love she'd ever known came not from relationships with men, but from the love of her four-legged soulmate.

The book perfectly captures the paradox of pet love: knowing from the start that they will break your heart someday, yet loving them with everything you have anyway.

Mommy's Boy is an absolute must-read for dog lovers, but it's more than just a pet memoir. It's for anyone who's ever rebuilt themselves after heartbreak, found love in unexpected places, or realized that sometimes, the best relationships aren't the ones we're conditioned to chase. It's a book that makes you laugh, cry, and maybe even hug your dog a little tighter. If you've ever known the kind of love that only a dog can give, this book will feel like home.

—Literary Titan

Jennifer Huston Schaeffer's *Mommy's Boy* is a tribute to that special bond between humans and dogs. [This] tender, compassionate memoir is written like a novel, complete with engaging dialogue and descriptive narrative passages that vividly set the stage for the story. The photographs at the end of the book really capture this lovable little bundle of energy. *Mommy's Boy* is a great read for dog lovers; tender and heart-wrenching, readers will both laugh and cry as the story progresses. I loved it!

—Emily-Jane Hills Orford, Readers' Favorite