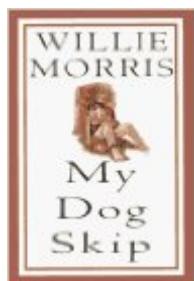


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# My Dog Skip



## Synopsis

Now a major motion picture from Warner Brothers, starring Kevin Bacon, Diane Lane, Luke Wilson, Frankie Muniz, and "Eddie" from the TV show Frasier (as Skip), and produced by Mark Johnson (Rain Man). In 1943 in a sleepy town on the banks of the Yazoo River, a boy fell in love with a puppy with a lively gait and an intelligent way of listening. The two grew up together having the most wonderful adventures. A classic story of a boy, a dog, and small-town America, *My Dog Skip* belongs on the same shelf as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and Russell Baker's *Growing Up*. It will enchant readers of all ages for years to come. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

What a wonderful book! Willie Morris is a wonderful storyteller and his re-telling of his childhood with his dog Skip is just wonderful. He weaves a story that every pet lover and childhood pet owner can relate to. Willie is 9 years old when he gets Skip and they become inseparable. Skip is like a little brother to Willie who is an only child. Together they have many adventures in the Delta and spend so much time together. Skip is well known throughout the whole town and is pretty much treated like a little person. The reader is transported back into the 40's with Willie and his dog. The imagery is so vivid that you really feel as if you are there. I love books set in this time period when things were so much simpler. Morris' story took me back to that time. I very rarely cry at books, but I bawled at this one. It brought out so many of my childhood memories and I could hardly put it down. The adventures were wonderful, the scenery was vivid, and the characters are some that I will not forget for a long time to come. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to take a little break

from our fast paced world and visit Skip's!

I LOVED this book. I have owned many a dog in my life and this book summed it all up well. Much better than the usual psychological gibberish about how we humans anthropomorphize our animals... who CARES! They are part of our lives and part of our families (for most of us anyway) and this story draws out all the feelings of love, laughter and loss that each of us who have loved and lost a dog know. It was a great read.

I read this book when it first came out about five years ago. I think it's a wonderful story about a small boy and his best friend. It also is a very good look at what life was like in America, particularly in the South, at a time when things weren't as complicated as they are today and when a kid could really just be a kid. I was born in the early '50's, so I can sort of relate to some of Willie Morris's adventures as a child, even though I grew up in a big city (Memphis, TN). I am currently reading "Spit McGee" and I find it just as cute and charming as "Skip". I can't wait to see the movie. I recommend this book to anyone who has ever owned a dog (I have a 13 year-old beagle) who, while not as energetic as Skip, is just as special to me as Skip was to Willie Morris.

Willie Morris was one of America's finest 20th century writers, in the same category as William Faulkner. So it is no surprise that, since he wrote a dog book, it is the ultimate dog book ever. Simply stated, *MY DOG SKIP* is his memoir of his love affair with his dog. Like so many little boys, especially only children, his relationship with his dog was one of the purest, strongest loves that any person can know. In describing their great love, Morris inescapably also must describe his childhood in a small town of the American south, circa 1930. As a direct result of the lyricism of Morris' prose, this book then becomes a perfect snapshot of the slow, honest, rhythms of life in towns like his. The book ends as all these stories do. A tribute, once again, to Willie's skill is that the inevitable does not become maudlin. The movie which was made from this story was extremely well-received. I had read that Mr. Morris had visited the set very shortly before his unexpected death, and that he had proclaimed himself pleased with the film. I am so glad that this gave him pleasure, because he has given so much pleasure to so many readers over the decades.

What a joy to read. The book really pulls you in to the life of the boy and his pooch. Even though I grew up in a different time and place this book brings back great memories. A must read for all dog lovers and those who love to remember simpler times.

Willie Morris has recounted the life of not just a boyhood pet, but a dear and close friend. The Story of Skip's life as told by his owner is full of mythic adventures of childhood. Where every new day was full of joy and wonder. Morris' storytelling brings the dog, his family and the lush southern landscape into full and brilliant view. When you read *My Dog Skip* you can just feel how much this young man loved and revered his dog. Any of us who have had a much loved pet know that the bond between animal and human can reach so much further than just "pet and owner". Willie Morris makes the statement that Skip wasn't just his dog, but his brother... that is a beautiful thing. Morris grew up an only child but did not feel alone by any stretch of the imagination. He was loved deeply by and deeply loved his dog Skip. Another great point made in this book is how Willie Morris learned so much from his dog Skip. He clearly states that the most lasting lessons he has learned about love and loyalty came from knowing his dog. This book captures so well the love a boy or any human being can have for a pet... I loved the story and highly recommend it!

I encourage each of you to read, "My Dog Skip"...share it with your children, your friends, or the one you love...and fill your heart with the wonders and memories of childhood...the pain and joy of growing up. The true story by Willie Morris takes place in Yazoo City, Miss. during WWII and tells the tell of an shy boy...whose life changes dramatically when his parents give him a dog. The words of Willie Morris will stir the emotions of every reader and bring back the memories of a childhood lost. Only the harden few will put it down without tear-filled eyes. It is not only for dog lovers...it is a story for ALL of us! It reaches back to a time we imagine was a better place...a simpler time with a sense of honor, tradition, and duty. I loved "MY DOG SKIP"...and you will too!

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