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I have absolutely loved James Herriot's or should I perhaps say Alfred Wight's All Creatures Great and Small ever since I first read this book which is actually an omnibus and

consists of *If Only They Could Talk* and *It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet* at the age of twelve in the autumn of 1978, and thus, *All Creatures Great and Small* was in fact one of the first longer novels I read entirely in English, with a dictionary in hand of course, and aside from my immense reading pleasure, I was also exceedingly proud of myself that in 1978, and therefore only two years after our family had immigrated to Canada from Germany, I was able to read a full length English language novel and one not really conceptualised for children either entirely on my own. And yes indeed, I also have been reading and rereading *All Creatures Great and Small*, as well as the rest of James Herriot's veterinarian memoirs repeatedly and almost religiously over the past decades at least twenty times, I think, and that is actually a than conservative estimate at best, as sometimes, I would actually reread *All Creatures Great and Small* as soon as I had finished. Now with regard to my multiple rereadings of *All Creatures Great and Small* and what I have tended to take with me at different times of my life, when I was first introduced to James Herriot at the age of twelve, my reading pleasure was almost entirely based on the engaging, often delightfully humorous but also at times sad and heartbreaking episodes of the author's experiences as a veterinarian. I laughed delightfully reading about Mrs Prumphrey, her pampered and spoiled Pekinese Tricki Woo and later her piglet Nugent and how she calls the office in a panic when she thinks that young Nugent has a prostrate condition only to be told by James that all healthy male pigs relieve themselves in said manner, but was most definitely crying at the episode where poverty stricken Mr Dean's fourteen year old canine companion has to be euthanised and how old and widowed Mr Dean in appreciation of the kindness shown by James, who not only is gentle and caring but also does not bother to charge Mr Dean, gives James a treasured relict of a bygone and remembered celebration, gives him a cigar. But then later, as an older teenager and young adult as a university student, while the animal episodes were of course and indeed still of the utmost importance and a main reading joy, I now also very much appreciated the nuanced characterisation of the author, of how James Herriot portrays not only himself and always with self deprecation and even much satirisation but ALL of the human personages depicted and shown from Siegfried and Tristan Farnon to the many clients encountered, and for most of them, except perhaps for the truly and utterly always horrible and nasty Sidlow family, James Herriot has presented his human characters both with much love and with gentle criticism, with both tenderness and humour, including his entire courtship with his future wife Helen, where he certainly does not spare his verbal rod criticising himself and pointing out the many courtship mistakes and faux pas he makes. And now, as an older adult with several advanced literature degrees under my belt, my appreciation of *All Creatures Great and Small* and its sequels has indeed come full circle, as aside from the delightful animal episodes and the generally astute and oh so wonderful and engaging character portrayals, I have been noticing how James Herriot has also and equally taken the entire countryside of the Yorkshire Dales, and so glowingly has he described the latter that the Dales, that Yorkshire,

are as much a character in James Herriot's memoirs as the animal and human personages presented and featured but truly, while I might have only recently become fully linguistically and philosophically aware of this aspect of James Herriot's writing, this has in fact I strongly believe been part of my reading experience and joy from day one, as ever since I first read the All Creatures Great and Small books, I have desperately wanted to travel to England and see the Yorkshire Dales in person, and yes, reading James Herriot's descriptions of Yorkshire cooking has also made me both try and absolutely love such delicacies as Yorkshire Pudding and Wensleydale Cheese, and especially Yorkshire Pudding, I would never have likely had the opportunity to encounter otherwise, as my family is German, and my mother especially has always had that stereotypical and in my opinion annoyingly silly attitude that ALL British cooking is by its very nature bland, over cooked and tasteless. Highly, highly recommended and while I guess I should leave the caveat that both smoking and drinking are indeed rather heavily featured in All Creatures Great and Small and its sequels, frankly, there is at least in my opinion, nothing even remotely inappropriate about this, and yes, it would be a total and unforgivable affront to me, if the James Herriot books were ever deliberately censored, if the scenes of drinking and or smoking were ever to be unilaterally removed, as especially the smoking scenes are simply a historical reflection of time and place, and while especially with regard to young Tristan Farnon and even James Herriot on occasion, there are indeed a few choice episodes of drunkenness and over indulgence, the vast majority of the All Creatures Great and Small pub scenes actually show and present rather glowingly and positively the perhaps for some North Americans somewhat inconvenient truth that in much of Europe, people do very regularly frequent neighbourhood pubs, but often if not even generally only drink one to three small ales at most, often taking hours to finish their pints, visiting pubs for social engagement, for conversation and human company than for the purpose of getting drunk. Not a long review because it has been years since I read this book however, it was and still is one of my favorite books His love for all creatures enhanced my love for them and his stories are timeless It is a must read for anyone who loves animals and a good read for those interested in a very well told tale. @DOWNLOAD EBOOK ? All Creatures Great and Small ? The Classic Multimillion Copy Bestseller Delve Into The Magical, Unforgettable World Of James Herriot, The World S Most Beloved Veterinarian, And His Menagerie Of Heartwarming, Funny, And Tragic Animal Patients For Over Forty Years, Generations Of Readers Have Thrilled To Herriot S Marvelous Tales, Deep Love Of Life, And Extraordinary Storytelling Abilities For Decades, Herriot Roamed The Remote, Beautiful Yorkshire Dales, Treating Every Patient That Came His Way From Smallest To Largest, And Observing Animals And Humans Alike With His Keen, Loving Eye In All Creatures Great And Small, We Meet The Young Herriot As He Takes Up His Calling And Discovers That The Realities Of Veterinary Practice In Rural Yorkshire Are Very Different From The Sterile Setting Of Veterinary School Some Visits Are Heart Wrenchingly Difficult, Such As One To An Old

Man In The Village Whose Very Ill Dog Is His Only Friend And Companion, Some Are Lighthearted And Fun, Such As Herriot S Periodic Visits To The Overfed And Pampered Pekinese Tricky Woo Who Throws Parties And Has His Own Stationery, And Yet Others Are Inspirational And Enlightening, Such As Herriot S Recollections Of Poor Farmers Who Will Scrape Their Meager Earnings Together To Be Able To Get Proper Care For Their Working Animals From Seeing To His Patients In The Depths Of Winter On The Remotest Homesteads To Dealing With Uncooperative Owners And Critically Ill Animals, Herriot Discovers The Wondrous Variety And Never Ending Challenges Of Veterinary Practice As His Humor, Compassion, And Love Of The Animal World Shine Forth James Herriot S Memoirs Have Sold Million Copies Worldwide, And Continue To Delight And Entertain Readers Of All Ages

4.5 stars I adored this book and swallowed it whole when I first read it back in the day, and grabbed the three sequels as soon as I could lay my hands on them All four of these old paperback books still have a place of honor on my downstairs bookshelf, wherein reside all manner of classics, old SF and fantasy, ancient English lit textbooks, and other old books It s quite the massive collection a lifetime s worth of books that have been lovingly and thoughtfully or sometimes not collected and have survived the periodic purges. Anyway, James Herriot a pseudonym of James Alf Wight was a Yorkshire veterinarian whose practice began in the 1940s before many advances in modern medicine He wrote this hugely successful series of semi autobiographical books about his many years of veterinary practice amongst the farmers and people of Yorkshire His tales are very episodic, often self deprecating, sometimes poignant, sometimes silly, but always humorously told and heartwarming Herriot affectionately sketches the old Yorkshire personalities so well, and his love for animals shines through on the pages. A truly delightful read These are lovely stories, especially if you re an animal lover. A lighthearted and cozy memoir of the life of a veterinarian set in rural northern England in the historic county of Yorkshire I read this long ago, and had added it to my list of books I d loved at one point in my life and wanted to re read I think I requested that my library get a copy a year ago, and I finally got this just as I was just beginning another book about all manner of animals, My Family and Other Animals which takes place slightly before this first book of Herriot s All Creatures Great and Small series, which covers some of the 30s and 40s There is to this story than the animal veterinarian anecdotes, or the cast of the characters who seem so delightfully real with Herriot s ability to weave so much charm into these real life people and their animals Some are about the beloved house pets, some are about the eccentric owners, whereas there are of the farm variety cows, horses, pigs, chickens, and so on, but what doesn t change very often is his love of what he does, or of this life he is building in this new place, surrounded by nature Where Herriot shines is in he made this come so fully alive for me, in his descriptions of this new, to him, landscape, and these people who are reluctant to trust a young whippersnapper like him, so used to the way things have always been done around here And it feels so personally shared, as though he s written this

personal letter to you, or he s sharing his stories around a warm fire on a winter night comfy, cozy and warmly shared You don t find people like the Bramleys now radio, television and the motorcar have carried the outside world into the most isolated places so that the simple people you used to meet on the lonely farms are rapidly becoming like people anywhere else Many thanks, once again, to the Public Library system, and the many Librarians that manage, organize and keep it running, for the loan of this book

October 14, 2019 I have just finished reading and as expected, I have nothing much to add to my review Except that I enjoyed it just as much as ever October 5, 2019 I am starting my second official reading of this book but it is actually the umpty second time I ve opened it up to escape for a time to James Herriot s wonderful world I very greatly doubt i will have anything different to say when I finish this go round The reason I am diving into the Yorkshire Dales again is that I just finished reading *The Real James Herriot A Memoir of My Father* and I simply have to revisit my old friends And after this I will read the other four Herriot books on my shelves I ve also read them numerous times but unofficially and many many years ago So, that is why we are here, and now let s all go to Skeldale House

Original review October 4, 2015 I ve read this book so many times over the years, yet every single time I get to the last word on the last page I am ready to go back to chapter one and start all over From the first day of Herriot s arrival at Skeldale House, being greeted by a tsunami of leaping, barking dogs, to the week of tuberculin testing that brings the book to a close, we share the moments of joy, laughter, tears, nerves, confidence, mix ups and triumphs involved in his Yorkshire veterinary practice of the 1930 s. We meet the Farnon brothers and many interesting people around the Dales, not to mention wonderful animals that will live forever, just as the human characters will Who could ever forget Tricky Woo Or that Labrador whose howling while coming out of the anesthetic drove poor Tristan half out of his mind That huge farm horse that leaned so comfortably on Herriot while his foot was being examined the list could go on and on. It is always a pleasure to re visit Darrowby, even when I know ahead of time how every crisis turns out Herriot fills these pages with his love for his job, his joy for life, and his fascination with the people and animals around him And if a story about any case makes Herriot appear a bit silly, it is still included, creating an even stronger sense of reality because we all have stories that now make us laugh but then made us cringe My thanks to Herriot for sharing everything with us, not only here but in all the other books he wrote each one is a treasure. There are no negatives in this book When I first read it then as I read Herriot s vet stories one book after another I would read them late at night in bed after my wife had gone to sleep Frequently I d be laughing silently, but laughing so hard I d shake the bed Now and again I d look over and see her just looking at me having been awakened by my convulsions of mirth Then I d end up reading aloud for hours costing us both much needed rest. I ve read a lot of James Herriot s stories over my life but haven t read this first volume of his beloved series of memoirs It is delightful, touching and often knee slappingly funny I highly recommend it FYI The audiorecording of

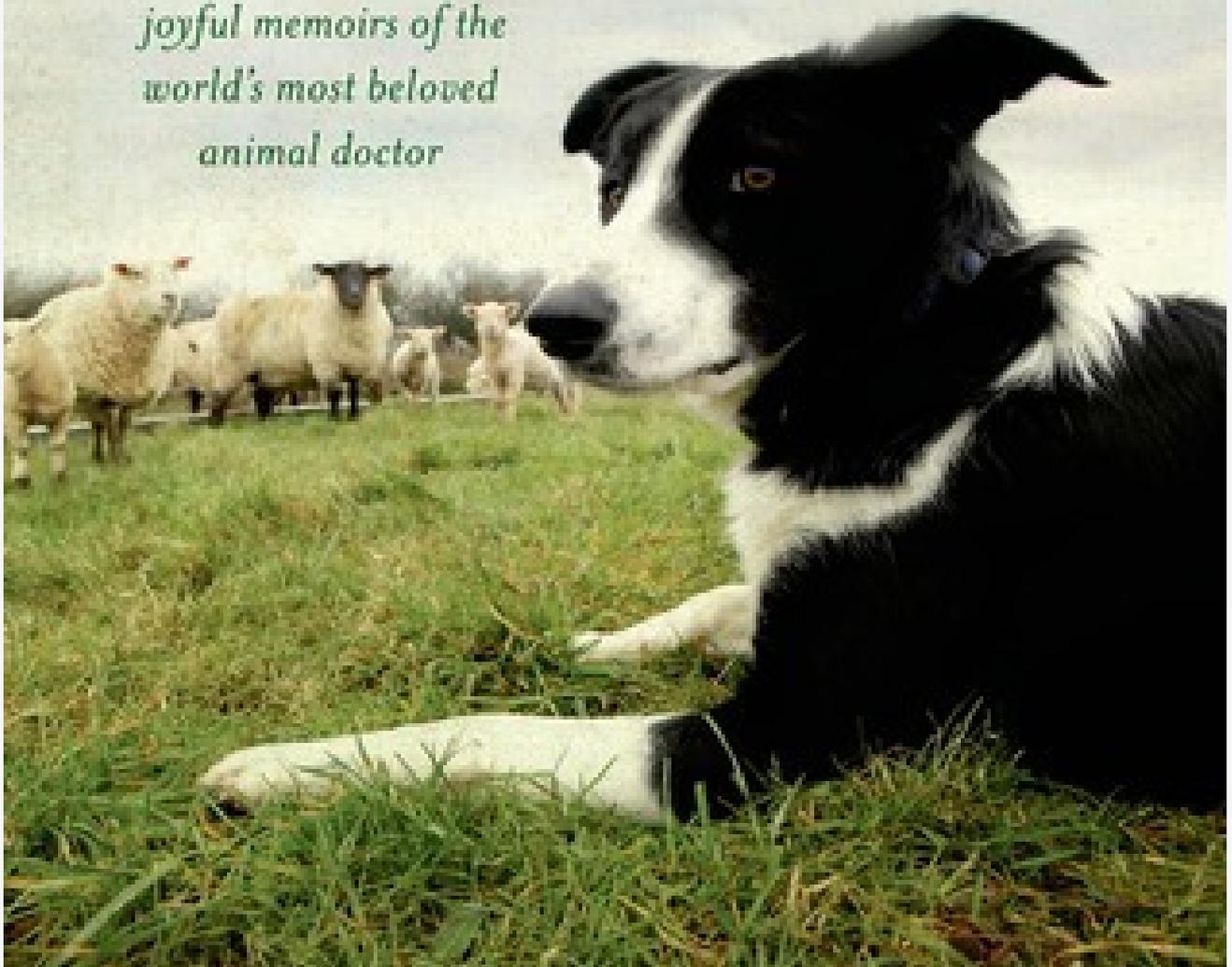
the book is narrated by Christopher Timothy, the actor who played Herriot on the BBC series based on the books. I have this problem an addiction, really called BOOKS I start reading one and I usually can't stop until I realize that awful smell is ME or my kids do that incessant tapping on my shoulder thing to ask if dinnertime will be occurring before bedtime I know, I know Probably shouldn't have put that in print Now CPS is gonna come after me Point being This book was NOT like that I could read one chapter each night, then put it down without my brain going all twitchy those of you fellow addicts know what I mean you other better adjusted readers, just take my word for it that twitchy is the perfect adjective Could it be A non page turner that I actually ENJOYED Why aren't there books like this I would be a much healthier person Herriot doesn't really have a through plot thus the non page turner quality, but each chapter presents a new, hilarious recollection from his young veterinary days in the Yorkshire countryside You know, one of those horses lifting you off the ground with their teeth, removing pig testicles, becoming the honorary uncle of a rich lady's spoiled pug kind of reads I must have laughed out loud at some point in every chapter If you're looking for a fun little book that you can just pick up every once in a while that won't cause you to go all twitchy THIS IS IT Just open the book and start reading anywhere Read one chapter, five, the whole thing doesn't matter There's no real story but you'll get a good laugh Several, in fact.

# JAMES HERRIOT



## All Creatures Great and Small

*The warm and  
joyful memoirs of the  
world's most beloved  
animal doctor*



It s semi astonishing that I ve been married to a veterinarian for a year and a half, which

followed a year and nine months of dating engagement, in which time I went on many emergency calls with her to treat sick horses and the occasional goat , adopted a dog and a second cat to go with the first one my dearly beloved already owned, and various and other sundry proximity to a vet type stuff has gone down AND YET only now have I finally said to myself, Hunh, I should read that James Herriot guy If I had to sum up All Creatures Great and Small in two words it would be overwhelmingly pleasant , with a temptation to throw in a delightful as well Herriot writes with charming self effacement about his early days as a country veterinarian in England in the late 30 s He has a never ending supply of anecdotes, most of them funny, the rest simply heartwarming He learns the hard way that his years of book learning don t compare to the things you actually learn on the job that you can t argue with the boss even when they completely contradict themselves because, hey, they re the boss that losing track of how many pints of beer or tumblers of whiskey you ve had on a first date or a job interview is a bad idea Obviously, bonus points in my estimation for the number of funny drunk stories along the way But the best thing the book has going for it is the way that it unfailingly reinforces the simple notion that life is good Every story has a happy ending, whether it s the hours spent getting kicked and wearing himself out in the freezing cold middle of the night to help a cow deliver twin calfs, or the last minute acquisition of an experimental vaccine that saves a litter of kittens from an epidemic sweeping a farm, or even the vindication after putting a horse to sleep of knowing that it really was the best thing to end the animal s suffering And every time Herriot feels like a fool for choosing the arduous, unrewarding life of a country vet he breathes the fresh air and feels the sun on his face or watches a mother animal lick its newborn baby clean or gets a fresh baked pork pie from a grateful farmer s wife and he realizes it s all worth it That s the main thing I want out of life to never run out of those moments where, even though I can still recall and recount the difficult, frustrating, maddening things that happen all the time, I still revel in the sweet moments that make it all worthwhile And for a book to sustain that exact feeling for 500 pages is quite a feat.

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