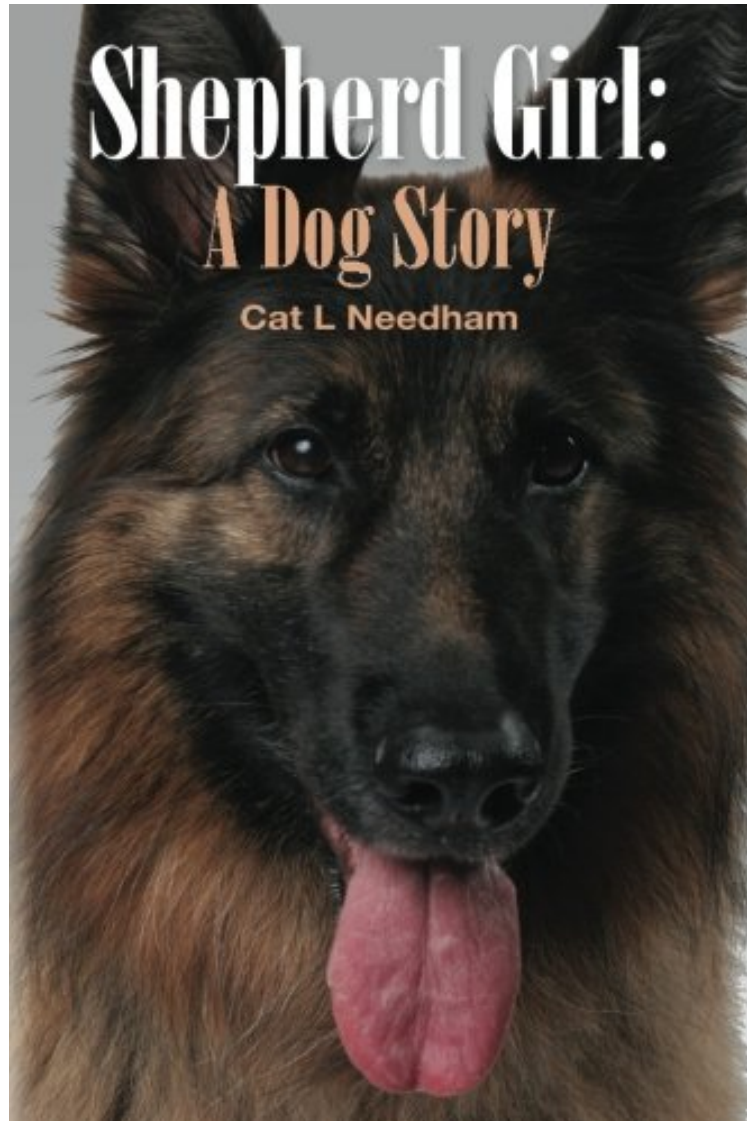


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book captured me from the get goBy A. Master PieceYes, I have a crazy German Shepherd too. I feel as though I have found a new friend in the author. She writes. I read. And I feel as though she is telling me about her Shepherd girl, Athena, as I sit with them squished together on their couch in the living room. I laugh, cry and listen to their adventures together. My own dog is sleeping on my bed on my feet. Go

figure ... I feel relieved as I read. We have made some crazy mistakes too, my dog and I. He's so Big and ungainly. He doesn't realize how Big and heavy he is. He's just a loveable and happy Hulk. And its ok because I have read about Athena and her owner. I now always have a bag of Mixed treats with me in my pocket when I go out with my dog. He gets a sample before going out. As a result, he looks like a kangaroo beside me rather than a German Shepherd. But it works! He's totally zoned in on me during our walks. I loved reading about Athena. The story is so genuine, filled with so much love and humor. Yes, you have to have a big sense of humor when you have a German Shepherd. And you develop a lot of extra strength and sense of balance thanks to your dog. I am almost 70yrs old and I am grateful to my dog for this. No gym ... just my dog. And the cat, Kashi ... I have just read about his passing. A beautiful description of a proud and very special being. The tears were rolling down my face. We are considering to get a rescue cat for our dog and for us. My husband has had cats before. Your dog and your cat are so blessed to have you as their family member. Your insight and honesty and great love for them has a place in my heart always. I will cherish my time with you all through your book. If you want to laugh, cry, feel all fuzzy and warm inside and find respect for dogs and cats, please take the time to read this book. You will have moments of happiness and love ... And deep respect for living beings be they human, canine or cats. I know there is a better term for cats too. But bear with me, it's late at night here now in Sweden and I have 3 languages rattling around in my tired brain!!! Thank you so much for your Dog Story, Cat :-)

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book for any dog owner
By Alan Cohen
Great book for any dog owner. The author has a great sense of humor and a rather typical GSD. The kind that you don't find at dog shows, police stations or hunting down IED's. As the owner of a GSD, I could relate to Athena immediately and after 30 minutes of reading I was hooked.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A book about a dog by a woman named Cat! Perfect!!!
By Andrew Rice
Love this book!!! I found this book engaging from the start and couldn't put it down until I was about 30 pages from the end. I didn't want to finish, so I put the book down for a couple of days before eventually plowing through to the end. I am an avid reader and love nothing more than a book that makes me laugh out loud....and this little gem does, again and again. I am dog lover and have a German Shepard/Chow mix, so I am an easy target for this book, but I believe anyone would find this book engaging and highly enjoyable. Needham's casual, friendly style of writing, along with her 1980's cultural references, draw you in and make you feel like part of the family. Congrats to Needham for such an outstanding first book.

In the style of James Thurber's "The Dog Department" meets "Marley and Me", "Shepherd Girl: A Dog Story" chronicles the exploits of Athena, a silly long-coated German shepherd. Athena is goofy, clumsy, and vain, and although she successfully foils a stranger's abduction of the author in a dark parking lot, she also finds time to chase lawn gnomes, strip the author topless at the Dog Park, and play-bow to stuffed toys at an age when she should know better. Athena is at times exasperating and certainly no perfect replica of Rin Tin Tin, but the underlying love and devotion between dog and author are undeniable. For all who have loved a dog, Shepherd Girl: A Dog Story will remind them why. "If you've ever considered bringing home the spunky little German shepherd puppy that caught your eye, you might think again after reading Cat Needham's hilarious recount of one frenzied moment after another with Athena." - Bob Tarte, Author of "Enslaved by Ducks" and "Fowl Weather"

From Kirkus s A cat-loving neurotic struggles to raise an unruly German shepherd pup in Needham's debut "dogoir." Needham, a single woman with a steady job, a house and a fenced-in yard, is ready to own a dog. But the ideal dog she imagines is a far cry from the "fluffy terror" of a puppy she ends up buying from a breeder. Smart and slyly disobedient, Athena loves biting fingers, tearing apart household objects and pooping indoors, especially in crowded stores and cafes. Overwhelmed at first, Needham, with the help of a trainer, learns to control and then to adore her energetic, big-hearted goofball of a dog. In caring for Athena, Needham becomes more mature herself. The fact that this story is predictable doesn't mean it isn't engaging, although its primary appeal will be to dog lovers and German shepherd aficionados. Needham devotes several chapters to training methods, medical issues that can beset German Shepherds and the raw food doggie diet. There are also tales of Athena's crowd-pleasing antics at dog shows, an account of the time she saved her owner from a would-be assailant and the running question of whether the author's elderly cat will ever acquiesce sharing his home with a rambunctious dog. A few sections—such as the one describing four of Athena's canine pals and analyzing her relationships with them—could have been trimmed. However, the amount of detailed information about what actually goes into raising a dog like Athena makes this a useful book for anyone thinking of getting a German shepherd or other large, energetic dog. Lively writing and flashes of wit make it easy to accompany Needham along the predictable narrative path from new dog owner coping with a crazy pup to proud owner of an obedient dog.