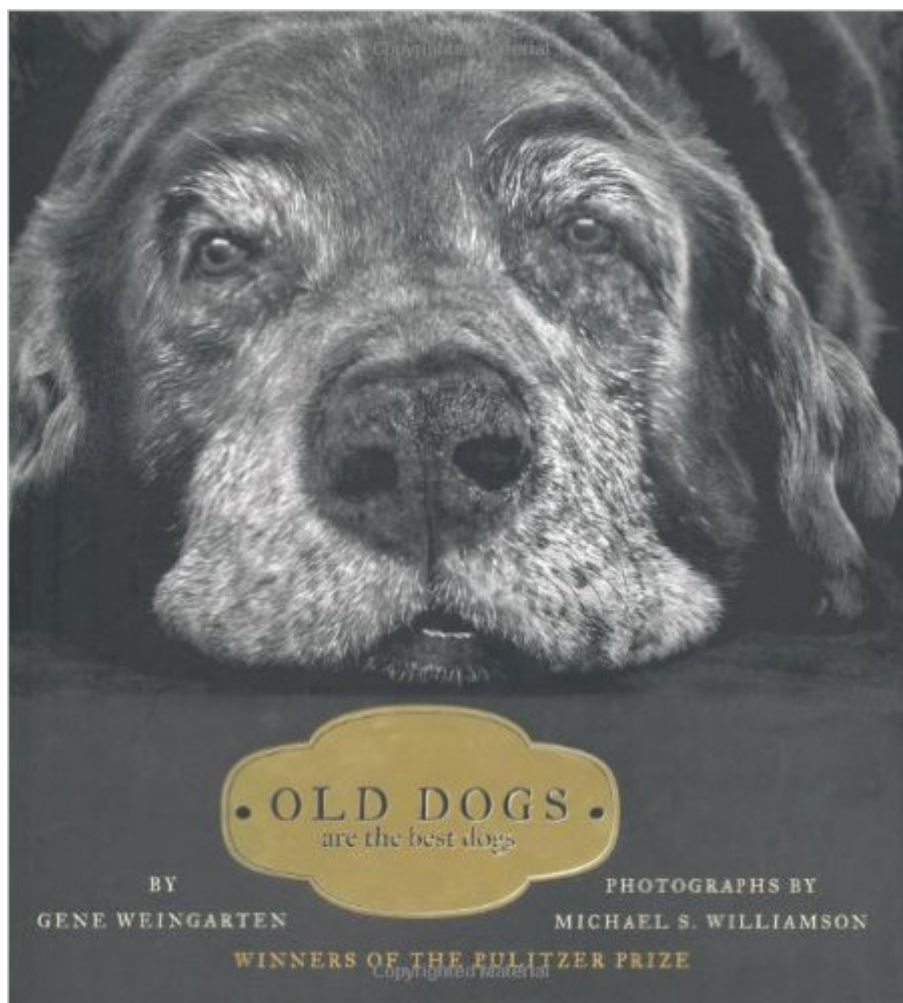


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# Old Dogs: Are The Best Dogs



## Synopsis

Featuring sixty black-and-white photographs of old dogs shot by Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Michael S. Williamson and narrated by Washington Post staffer and columnist Gene Weingarten, this is a perfect collection for dog lovers that celebrates man's best friend. Anyone who has ever loved an old dog will love *Old Dogs*. In this collection of profiles and photographs, Weingarten and Williamson document the unique appeal of man's best friend in his or her last, and best, years. This book is a tribute to every dog who has made it to that time of life when the hearing and eyesight begin to go, when the step becomes uncertain, but when other, richer traits ripen and coalesce. It is when a dog attains a special sort of dignity and a charm all his own. If you've known a favorite old dog, you'll find him or her on these pages. Your dog might go by a different name and have a different shape, but you'll recognize him or her by the look in an eye or the contours of a life story. There is the dog who thinks he is a house cat; the herder, the fetcher, the punk and the peacock, the escape artist, the demolition artist, the patrician, the lovable lout, the amiable dope, the laughable clown, the schemer, the singer, the daredevil, the diplomat, the politician, the gourmand, and the thief. Plus, as a special bonus, you will find the first Latvian elkhounds ever photographed. *Old Dogs* is a glorious gift book and a fitting tribute to that one dog you can't ever forget.

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Ben Franklin said nothing is certain, except death and taxes. But here are two more certainties: you will cry when you read the last three words on page 13 and laugh when you read page 18 of "Old

Dogs Are the Best Dogs" by Pulitzer Prize winners Gene Weingarten and Michael Williamson. People love books about puppies. They're so cute and cuddly. But they have no real personalities yet, other than "cute and cuddly." Old dogs, however, have their own distinctive personalities, quirks and traits, developed over a lifetime. This captivating book is a tribute to our old dogs, our best friends. Mr. Weingarten asked his readers at the Washington Post to tell him about their old dogs. In the acknowledgments of "Old Dogs Are the Best Dogs," he thanks the countless people whose dogs had their pictures taken but didn't get into the book. He writes, "For this omission we entirely blame the editors of Simon & Schuster, who, for reasons known only to them and for which they will no doubt have to answer in the Hereafter, balked at producing a 1,294-page book." "Old Dogs Are the Best Dogs" combines a striking full-face, full-page photograph of each old dog (taken by Michael Williamson) with a narrative opposite each. We meet Chester, the Pembroke Welsh corgi, on page 35. Herding is in that breed's DNA. What's a house dog to do? Every morning, Chester takes his own personal flock downstairs, one at a time, in his mouth. There are eight of them, including little gingerbread man, large gingerbread man, purple teddy bear, and mousie. He deposits each member of his flock under the coffee table and ignores them the rest of the day.

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