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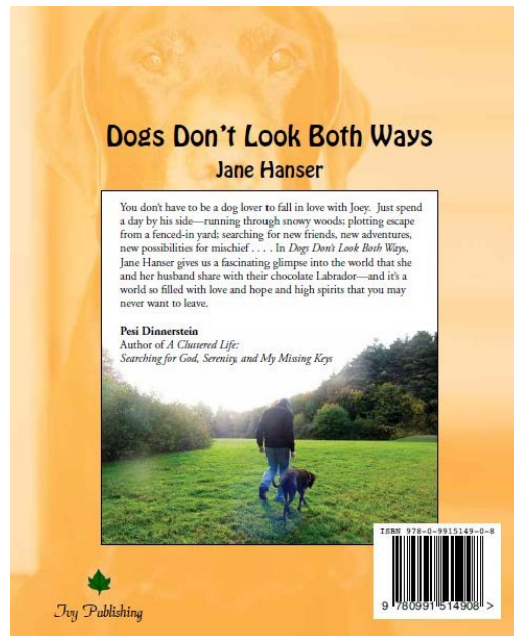
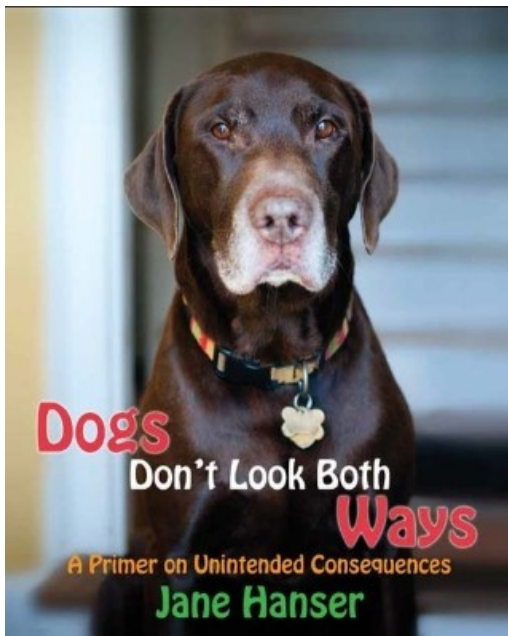
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DOG MAKES GOOD ON PROMISE TO WRITE AND PUBLISH BOOK

The *Newton Tab* and the *Waltham Daily News Tribune*, in the 2010 article “Jottings from Joey: Chocolate Lab’s blog gives dog’s eyes view of world,” relates the intention of Newton resident Jane Hanser to publish a book for children and adults based on her dog’s experiences before and after being struck by a car. **The author will be selling and signing the now completed and published book at the outdoor Newton Farmer’s Market on Tuesday, July 11, from 1:30 – 6 pm.** A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Newton Dept. of Parks and Recreation’s Off-Leash Recreation Program.

Dogs Don’t Look Both Ways, 160 pp., is written from the point of view of Joey, a chocolate Labrador Retriever and a long-distance runner, and entertains as it helps families and people of all ages to understand their dogs and to provide for their care. The book, whose foreword is written by Dr. Kiko Bracker, DVM, Director of Emergency Care at Angell Memorial Animal Center, is also available at local retailers such as the New England Mobile Book Fair and DoggoneIt. It is available locally and nationally through bookstores, and on online merchants such as Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Kindle and Nook versions are also available.

After Joey was seriously injured in 2010 along the route of the Boston Marathon, he endured months of rehabilitation, and reactions from children and others inspired Ms. Hanser, to write a book about caring for an injured animal and the natural desire – of both canines and humans - to explore and push beyond boundaries. For years afterward, the “dog” was writing in the form of a popular blog, www.dogsdontlookbothways.com, and receiving comments from readers nationally while the book was taking shape.



“*Dogs Don't Look Both Ways* will feel quite familiar to anyone who has lived with a dog that has boundless energy and curiosity, and an irrepressible gregarious nature.... I have witnessed our collective human-animal bond grow exponentially in the last fifteen years, and Joey is the embodiment of why that has happened. In reading these pages, it is easy to see why dogs are thought of as man's best friend,” writes Dr. Kiko Bracker, DVM, Director, Emergency and Critical Care, Angell Animal Medical Center, Boston, MA.

On May 23, 2014, the author formally presented one copy of the book to Newton's Mayor, Setti Warren.



Readers of all ages have expressed great enthusiasm for the moving story, for its treatment of topics such as dealing with crisis and belonging to a family, and with its messages of hope, exploration, and human kindness, which resound with people all ages, whether dog lovers or not. Seniors who have had to give away their canines when they downsize have been able to keep Joey as their “canine companion”.

Jane Hanser has developed software to teach writing, self-published a grammar book and taught English as a Second Language at City University of New York two- and four-year campuses. In her other life, she is involved in many and varied volunteer community activities such as the Newton Free Library Literacy Program, the JF&CS's Family Table project, NewtonServes, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and more. Her poetry and essays have been published in numerous print and online journals such as *Poetica Magazine*, *The Persimmon Tree*, *Every Writer's Resource* and more, and she's been a guest blogger on sites such as [BikeNewton](#).

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