

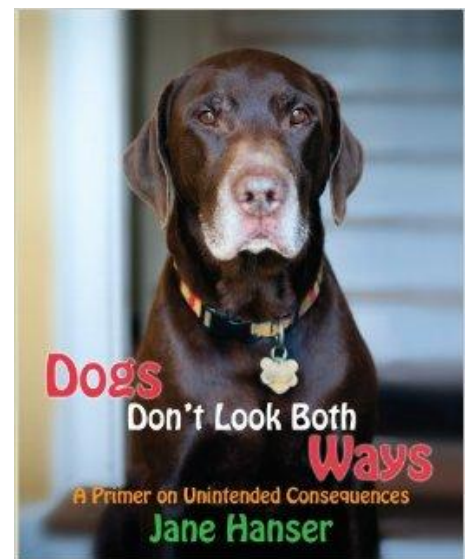


Just Labs Online Feature: Dogs Don't Look Both Ways

A Book Review

Humans, it's well known, have a deep fondness for their dogs, and we can only infer through a dog's body language how they feel about us. There is no doubt as to the deep fondness and felicity Joey feels about his family and his life as a Lab in *Dogs Don't Look Both Ways*. Author Jane Hanser gives us a Lab with a voice, a dog with character - and having character is a must for a Labrador.

Written from his perspective, Joey is thoughtful and intelligent, full of observations about his surroundings and the people around him. But he's always caught between two worlds - the world in which he lives where there are rules; and the world from which he comes, the collective history and tendencies of the Labrador retriever breed that run through his veins: "My ancestors would have told me to obey my parents. But instead they entreated me, 'Go. Go. Explore and seek opportunity.' I offered no resistance to the call. It was worth a good try."



Hanser gives us a story that all dog owners - especially Lab owners - will understand. It's often a battle of wills, a battle between species, in *Dogs Don't Look Both Ways*. But as all dog owners know, when the players rest, time and again these dogs are taken back into our homes, given a comfy place by the fire, and forgiven their misdeeds, behavior chalked up mostly to "being a Lab." Life with a Lab is a life that plainly shows how precious, unique, and real the bond is between man and dog, a bond that is at the center of everything.

Life wouldn't be the same - or the bond truly tested - without a few adventures thrown in. Joey takes us on those adventures in an enjoyable, easy to read, pithy personal exposé of being a Labrador. —*Jill LaCross, Just Labs*

***Dogs Don't Look Both Ways* (Ivy Books) by Jane Hanser is available worldwide and through your favorite bookstore, Amazon.com, Barnes&Noble.com, and Ivy Books. It's also available electronically for Kindle and Nook.**