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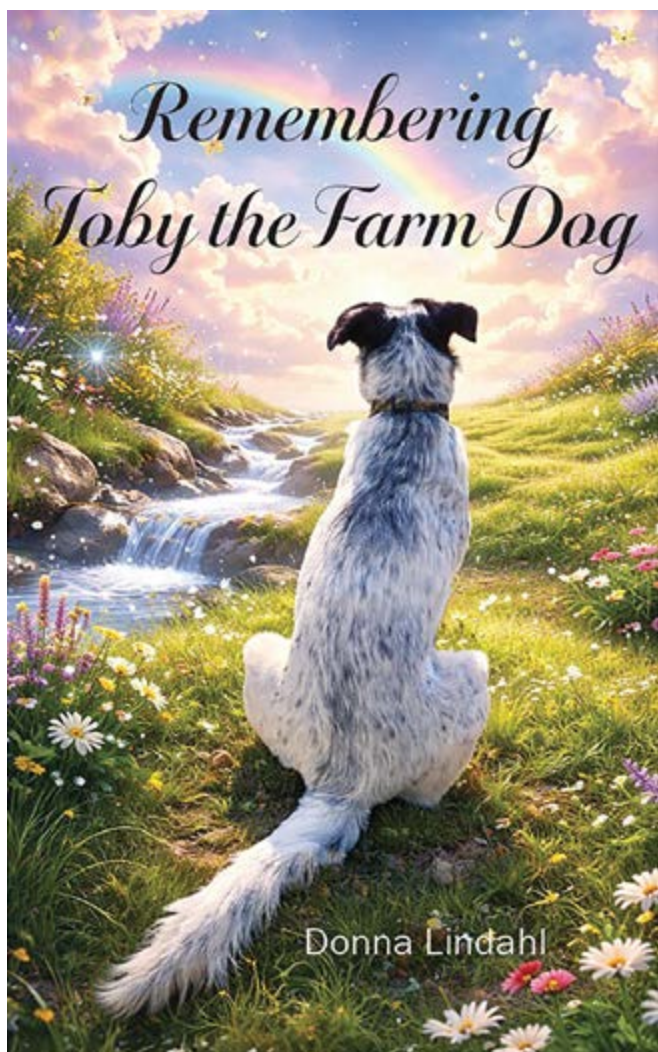
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Dedication



Doreen Lindahl
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This book is dedicated to my mom, Doreen Lindahl, known as “Dorita” and a “Minnesota Poet Laureate” by many. She is affectionately known to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her many friends as “Grandma D.”

During many of her 96+ years on this planet, Doreen spent much of her time raising five children and working with written material. She has worked in a legal office and as Family Editor for a small-town newspaper.

Doreen was born and grew up on the Iron Range in Minnesota; she lived there her entire life until 2021, when, at age 92, she

moved to Woodland Park, Colorado, to live with her daughter, Diann. She loves life in the mountains, and her goal is to reach 100. She is an avid reader and spends her days reading and doing jigsaw and word search puzzles.

Meet Toby the Farm Dog



Hi, I'm Toby the Farm Dog. Something very unusual happened to me, and I want to share it with you.

Toby's Head Hurts

Sometimes my head hurt while I was playing, and I felt tired. It hurt even when I tried to sleep.



My people called my doggie doctor. He came to see me, listened carefully, and looked at my head.

The doctor said my head had gotten bumped too many times while I ran and played with my horse friends. He told my people I needed to rest.

My horse friends like to run and play. Sometimes they kick their feet. I got too close and got hurt. The doctor said

he could not make my big headache go away.

My people were very sad, but they said it would make them sadder for me to keep hurting so much.

Saying Goodbye to People Friends

My people loved me very much. I loved them too. They hugged me and told me I am a good dog. When they tell me they



love me, I feel safe and happy.

For some reason, I felt very sleepy. My people put me in my doggy bed with a nice soft blanket. They kept telling me that I was a good dog. I liked that.

As they talked to me, their voices got

softer, everything felt peaceful, and my head did not hurt anymore.

I looked up, and I saw a beautiful road



made of colors, like a rainbow, rising into the sky!

Crossing the Rainbow Bridge

I touched the pretty road with my paw.



It felt soft like my comfy blanket on my doggie bed. It made me feel happy and free

I slowly put all my paws onto the colorful road and began walking toward the sky. I felt good and happy inside—and I was so glad my head stopped hurting.

The colorful road went uphill. At the top of the hill, I saw a tan creature sitting still, watching me. As I got closer, the hair on my neck stood up—it was a cat!

Wait, I don't feel bad about meeting the cat. Something is different here.

Meeting a Cat Named Garfield

At the top of the bridge, I met Garfield, a wise and friendly cat. He told me I had crossed the Rainbow Bridge and that my people still loved me.



“Hi, Toby. I’m your cousin Garfield,” said

the cat. “I’ve been watching you for quite a while now. I was happy to see you cross the Rainbow Bridge.

“If you look carefully at the bottom of the bridge,” Garfield continued, “you will see where you used to live and the people who love you.”



I turned and looked past the Rainbow Bridge. It was true. I saw my people-friends—they looked so sad. I wanted to tell them that my head didn’t hurt anymore.

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Donna Lindahl

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Donna Lindahl grew up in a small mining town in northern Minnesota, where her dad was a photographer, and her mom was a photojournalist. From an early age, Donna watched her parents describe people's lives with pictures and words.

"Get the story" became Donna's focus from a young age as she helped her dad process photographs in the darkroom and spent time with her mom talking about stories and news assignments.

During college, Donna worked as a newspaper photographer. As an Army wife, she worked as a dog groomer. She describes her "best day ever" as when she got a job at a military riding stable as a trail guide and "entered the world of horse."

Donna is now retired on her horse farm, where photo-ops and stories abound. Each person and animal has something to share, and Donna wants to "get the story."



Toby and Donna



Garfield and Donna

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Experience the gentle farewell of a beloved farm dog as he crosses the Rainbow Bridge.

Discover the healing power of love and memories that never fade.

Find comfort in knowing our animal friends are happy, safe, and free from pain.

Celebrate the joyful reunion of old friends and the promise of meeting again.

Share in the warmth of sending love and happy thoughts back to those we miss.



Embrace the message that letting go is the greatest act of kindness—and that love always remains.



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