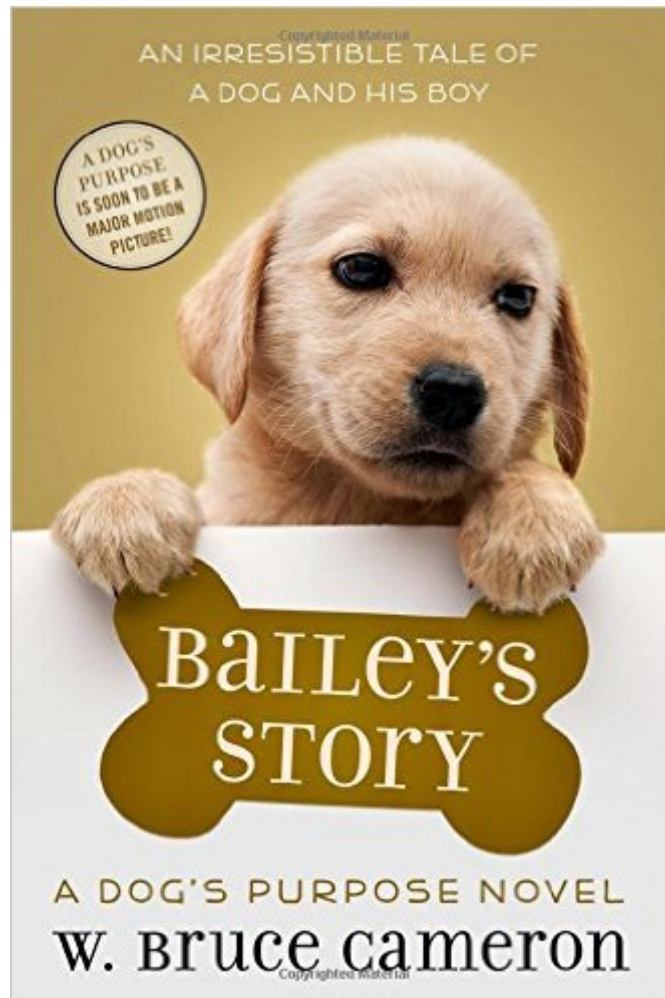


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# Bailey's Story: A Dog's Purpose Novel



## Synopsis

Bailey's Story is a heartwarming illustrated novel adapted for young readers from the beloved and New York Times bestselling *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron. Every dog has work to do. Every dog has a purpose. When Bailey meets eight-year-old Ethan, he quickly figures out his purpose: to play with the boy, to explore the Farm during summers with the boy, and to tidy the boy's dishes by licking them clean (only when Mom isn't watching). But Bailey soon learns that life isn't always so simple--that sometimes bad things happen--and that there can be no greater purpose than to protect the boy he loves. *Bailey's Story* is a moving tale about a dog and his boy for young animal lovers by W. Bruce Cameron, bestselling author of the acclaimed novel *A Dog's Purpose*. Adorable black-and-white illustrations by Richard Cowdrey bring Bailey and his world to life. A discussion and activity guide at the end of the book will help promote family and classroom discussions about *Bailey's Story* and the insights it provides about humankind's best friends.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

We love our dogs unconditionally, they love us the same way. Sharing our lives with them, we talk to them, and they to us. We are family. Bailey's Story is a heartwarming age appropriate book for children from the series *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron. Follow the life of Bailey, the golden retriever, as he explores the world around him, told by his perspective, and enjoy the story as destiny leads him to Ethan, *His Boy*. Read about Bailey's own birth, in a

puppy mill, and the sadness involved. Learn about Bailey's devotion and desire to fulfill his destiny, his purpose in life, to protect, care for, and love Ethan, and his family. The closeness that Bailey has for Ethan is palatable and unmistakable. How blessed was Bailey to find his forever home with such a great family. The adventures that they take, only prove that together, Bailey and Ethan, can accomplish and overcome many of life's challenges. The bond between Boy and Dog is far truer than that of fiction. How many of us have had in our lives, that one special dog that we call our "heart dog"? That one Dog that we had a connection to, that no matter how many other dogs come into our lives, they will always have that spot right next to our heart~ Bailey and Ethan had that~ I recommend this to all young readers, and their elders to enjoy. It is full of Hope and Love, and that is something that fills that empty spot that we all have.

"I thought "Bailey's Story" was a good book. I think W. Bruce Cameron did a good job of getting inside a dog's head and making the dog act like a dog. I would recommend this book to dog people (people who have and love dogs). He did a great job creating tension and there were funny parts for people who understand dogs." - Nicholas Enders 11 years old I have had the privilege of reading Bailey's Story with my 5th grade son. The author did such a great job of creating the bond between Bailey and his boy that I didn't want to leave that world. It was hard for me to resist the urge to read ahead. The subject matter and size of book, the drama and humor were at the right intensity level for this age group. The language was accessible but challenging enough to engage and encourage my child, increasing his reading level. The story was warm and charming and my son and I were both sad that the book was finished. We look forward to seeing the movie. Jill Enders (Mom)

Bailey's Story: A Dog's Purpose Novel is a simplified version of the New York Times bestseller, A Dog's Purpose, also by W. Bruce Cameron. This illustrated novel for younger readers (recommended for ages 8-12, though at 48, I also loved the story!) is told from the point of view of Bailey, a Golden Retriever, and his love for--and his purpose--his boy, Ethan. The film version of A Dog's Purpose is coming out in 2017, so if you're planning on taking your kids to the movie (and why wouldn't you?), I highly recommend you give this to your kids to read first. Because as good as a movie is, the book is always better. Just be prepared that after your kid reads this, they WILL ask for a dog if they don't already have one.

I bought the book for my 7 year old granddaughter. She is enjoying the story very much and reading it by herself. I know it's 5 star because Bruce Cameron's books always are. After she finishes it, I will

read it. Can't wait!

W. Bruce Cameron has done it again with his latest release of *Bailey's Story*. He has an uncanny ability to write from the dog's point of view resulting in capturing my attention from the very first line all the way to the end. While reading this book, I felt I could really relate to all the joy and, at times, confusion that a dog certainly must experience while growing up. Bailey's realization that Ethan was his boy and his purpose was to love and protect him seems to perfectly describe the wonderful relationships that do result between a boy and his dog. While written for middle-school aged readers, I felt that Mr. Cameron made it a delightful read for both the young and young-at-heart!

This heartfelt story about the strong bond Bailey and his boy Ethan share is a must-read for any young person. The challenging adventures they experienced and the life lessons they learned kept me engaged from beginning to end. The author brings the characters to life through Bailey's sense of wonderment and discovery, and Ethan's relationships with friends, family and his loyal companion. Told through the eyes of Bailey, this heartfelt and inspiring story is perfect for middle-schoolers, but will appeal to readers of all ages.

Absolutely LOVED this book. It makes me wonder if W. Bruce Cameron is at least part golden retriever because he seems to have perfectly captured the personality and mindset of one. This sweet story is told from the point of view of Bailey the puppy, who knows immediately upon meeting 'his boy' that his job is to take care of him no matter what. He is taught many important things like 'Get the Ball' and 'Dog Door', but it's the things that he knows instinctively and the boundless love he gives to his boy, Ethan, that make him the most good of all the good dogs. This is an excellent chapter book for middle school readers and full grown readers who love dogs. Warning, if your child does not yet have a dog, they will be asking for one before they finish reading this book.

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