



Molly's Miracle: A Chosen Dog, Not A Broken Dog

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What to Expect: Pets, responsibility, amputation, disability, perseverance

Molly's Miracle is a heart-wrenching but uplifting story about the life of a rescue dog, told from her unique perspective.

Molly didn't understand why her family stopped loving her. When she was a puppy, they used to play with her and take her for walks, but when she grew up, they yelled at her, threw things at her, and locked her in a cage. Then, one day, Molly escaped! Free from her cruel family but badly injured during her escape, Molly tried scraping a living on the streets, longing for food, comfort, and love, but finding only cruelty. Then, one day, an animal shelter takes her in and amputates her damaged leg. Can an animal as badly damaged as Molly ever find a loving home? Time will tell.

Sweet, vulnerable, and determined, Molly is an utterly relatable main character, showing readers just how it feels to be unwanted, unloved, and alone—and how *right* it feels when you finally find the place where you belong. The simple text and cartoon-style illustrations soften the distressing events while still underscoring the story's central message about our responsibility to the animals we have

domesticated. A reflection activity at the end of the story encourages readers to think more deeply about pet ownership, empathy, and commitment.

Molly's Miracle is an emotive and instructive story about animal welfare, perfect for any pet lover.

—*The Children's Book Review*