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### Editorial Review

#### Review

“James Herriot found a gentle, wise and often humorous way to write about animals and to evoke a beautiful but fading way of life in those Yorkshire Hills. He showed me how to focus not just on the animals, but on the people who lived with the animals, and their loving, sometimes difficult and very wonderful connections with one another. While he is known for his wonderful writing about animals, I often think of his ability to capture people. From the first, I've tried to capture that feeling, that uplifting and heartwarming style. I can't say that I have ever quite matched the writing of James Herriot, but he has always inspired me and given me something to aim for. He often makes me smile, sometimes makes me cry, you can't really ask more from a writer than that.” ?Jon Katz, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Second Chance Dog, A Dog Year, A Good Dog, and many others*

“I recall reading *All Creatures Great and Small* many years ago, while working as a veterinary technician for a mobile vet in Los Angeles. We worked with cats and dogs, of course, but with farm animals, too, and apes and monkeys and angry pet raccoons, burros, crows, macaws— the variety of pets in Los Angeles was limitless. During that wonderful time, I'd be beaten senseless by a kangaroo, held hostage by a love-struck chimpanzee, chased by angry hogs, and sat on by a miniature horse inside of a well-known celebrity's home. It was a magical time, and it made perfect sense for me to read Herriot in the evenings, a grand fellow who'd roam the English countryside making veterinary house calls, effortlessly moving from draft horses to kittens, healing, telling stories. I felt a kinship with him and his magical world, and marveled at his talent for drawing me into his cast of characters. Later in life, when I too would write of my experiences with animals and their people, I would hearken to Herriot's Yorkshire Dales, and to prose so genuine that it would help inspire my own career as a writer and pet behaviorist. Herriot to me remains a superhero of sorts, who, in visiting home after home like some veterinary Santa, taught me how simple, heartwarming prose about people and their animals could rise above the commonplace, and become art.” ?Steve Duno, author of *Last Dog on the Hill, The Everything Cat Book and The Amazing Dog Trick Book*

“The kind of book that makes an evening seem a little warmer and your pet a bit more important.” ?*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

“A very warm, very engaging read . . . the reader falls totally under his spell.” ?*The Associated Press*

“Whether sad or glad, each story shows his affection for animals and people . . . this man is a celebrant of life.” ?*Chicago Tribune*

“Herriot is both tender and wise . . . *All Things Bright and Beautiful* is a book to be happy with.” ?*The Boston Globe*

“You had better read this book yourself. It's a treat, a rare one, and God knows we all need all treat these days.” ?*The Washington Post*

“Human beings just naturally respond to a writer as lovable, wholesome, eloquent, humorous and well-stocked with anecdotes as James Herriot. He offers a mastery of both the comic and the tragic.” ?*Chicago Tribune*

“*All Things Bright and Beautiful* is like a visit to a loved place inhabited by dear friends . . . certainly the happiest book so far this season” ?*The Plain Dealer (Cleveland)*

“Humour, realism, sensitivity, earthiness; animals comic and tragic; and people droll, pathetic, courageous, eccentric—all of whom he views with the same gentle compassion and a lively sense of the sad, the ridiculous, and the admirable.” ?*The Columbus Dispatch*

“James Herriot has served up another warm, witty, wonderful book in *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.” ?*The Indianapolis News*

“It is impossible to speak of this second book without thinking strongly of the first. For it is truly a repeated 'miracle' as *All Creatures Great and Small* was described. Whatever joy one found in the first is in the second, only even more joyous; whatever laughter rippled from the throat in the reading of the first, finds even greater gusto in this one. It is funny, wry, simple in its story but as deep and perceptive of life's truths as the superlative sensitivity of the writer and his talent can make it. Best seller list, look out!” ?*The Hartford Courant*

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“Superb, a book to be enjoyed in one sitting or in bits and pieces to make it last longer.” ?*Library Journal*

#### About the Author

**James Herriot** (1916-1995) is the bestselling author of memoirs including *All Creatures Great and Small*, *All Things Wise and Wonderful*, *The Lord God Made Them All*, and *Every Living Thing*. At age 23, Herriot qualified for veterinary practice with the Glasgow Veterinary College, and moved to the town of Thirsk in Yorkshire to work in a rural practice. He would live in, work in, and write about the region for the rest of his life. Though he dreamed for years of writing a book, his veterinary work and his family kept him busy, and he did not start writing until the age of 50. In 1979, he was awarded the title Order of the British Empire (OBE).

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