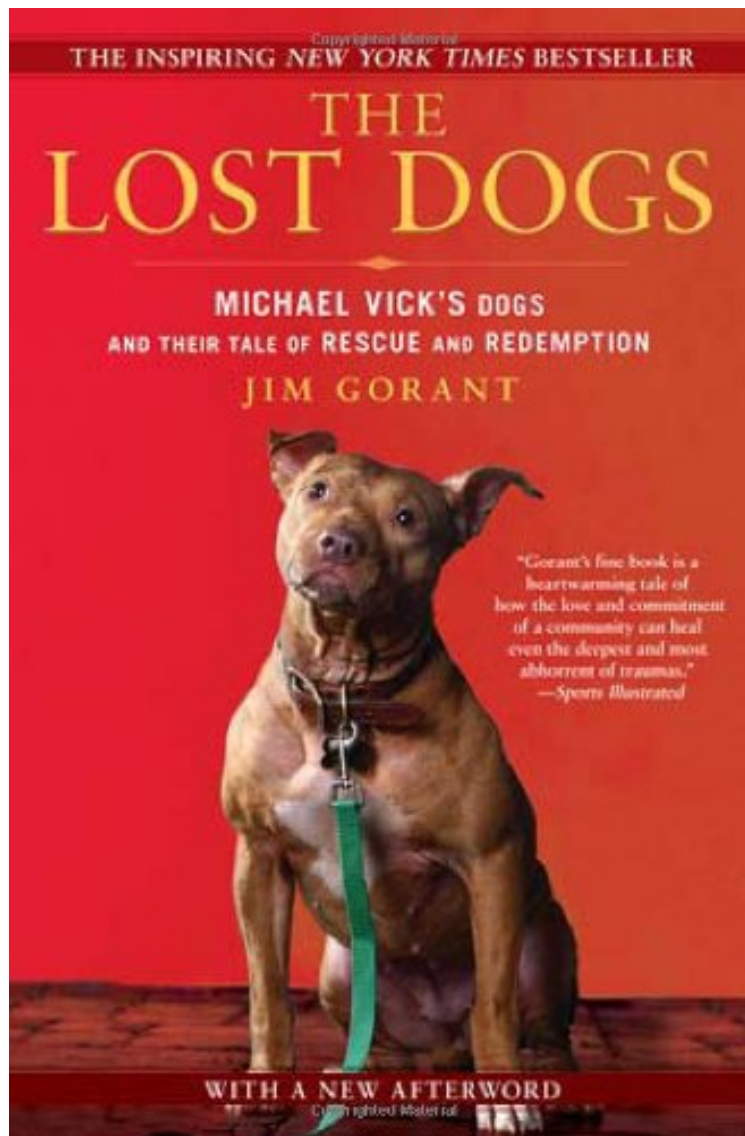


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**Jim Gorant : The Lost Dogs: Michael Vick's Dogs and Their Tale of Rescue and Redemption** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Lost Dogs: Michael Vick's Dogs and Their Tale of Rescue and Redemption:

490 of 502 people found the following review helpful. Bravo Jim Gorant! By CustomerOnce I started reading this book, I was unable to put it down. The only time I put it down was to walk my two pit bull rescues. I read it in a day,

and it sent me through a wide range of emotions. There were parts of the book that were very difficult to get through but necessary to understand the monsters that were eventually prosecuted. I do think the book was fair. Vick is a monster, and sorry...he's going to look like a monster even if you are just telling the story from an unbiased point of view. It shows his clear lack of remorse, not from commentary but from Vick's actions following his guilty plea (specifically his court ordered monetary payment for the rehabilitation of the dogs). It was fascinating to learn about the legal hoops that law enforcement officers were forced to jump through in the county of Surry. I was unaware of the local politics which leaned toward letting football players display open sociopathic behavior without any threat of arrest. These investigators risked their careers; they are true heroes, and it is nice to know that these tough guys have such a soft spot for our canine best friends. It was also uplifting to hear of a U.S. attorney that cares about animal cruelty. While Vick's gang was a perfect storm of monsters, the investigators, attorneys, veterinarians, legal representatives and rescue organizations that came together afterward were a perfect storm of the best of mankind. This book does make me wonder about the NFL in general. Why do we continue to reward criminal behavior with loyal fans? As football season starts, I see college kids walking around with new Vick jerseys. I try to understand that Eagles fans are a loyal breed, but do they have to wear Vick jerseys? I used to think that the Eagles organization should be ashamed of themselves, but now I blame the entire NFL organization. Vick made absolutely no effort to redeem himself following his sentence, and they rewarded him by welcoming him back. That's the negative and it is the part of this story that leads me to sometimes feel anger and disgust...on to the positive...and yes, there is a positive side to this story. One of the reasons I felt good after reading this book is that I found myself addicted to reading about the progress these dogs made outside the confines of the prison of a monster. I still am unable to think of Jonny Justice or Leo without laughing, and I'm unable to think of Sweet Jasmine without shedding a tear. At the same time I shed a tear for Sweet Jasmine, I'm so content to know that she found kindness and love in this world. One of the biggest surprises I found after reading this book was the feeling I had this morning. I walked my dogs down to the beach where I live in San Diego as I do every morning, and I thought that I would look down on them as they waited for their treats and think about how lucky they are to have a "sucker" like me as their human. Instead, I thought about how lucky I am to have them. This book left me with a peaceful feeling that there are others like me out there who devote a good chunk of their lives to enriching the lives of this sweet, goofy and loyal breed. I can't forget to point out that Jim Gorant is another new hero for me. He actually took the time to document this case, and he "gets it". There are portions of the book where he peeks into the mind of what a dog must feel, and it is touching. He also enlightens us on where the money goes with rescue organizations, and he shines a light on organizations that wanted nothing to do with saving these dogs; they just wanted a sound bite on CNN (I'm talking to you PETA!!!). Gorant is just an excellent writer; his descriptions of these dogs and their goofy behavior hit close to home with me. So Bravo Mr. Gorant. Excellent job. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A great read, Jim Gorant did an excellent job. By LynnHard to read at times, images are still in my head and probably will never go away. Even though the Michael Vick incident happened several years ago, I just now read this book. A great read, Jim Gorant did an excellent job, at times too well, depicting the situation these dogs were in. My heart breaks that any canine should be treated in such a way, the horror is just overwhelming. Dog abuse/neglect/fighting is a despicable crime and needs much stricter penalties. I am so grateful to all the rescue groups (BAD RAP, Best Friends, etc) who stepped up and did all they could to try to rectify the situation these dogs were in and give them the best possible life. My pit bull is a shelter dog, and I know they understand we have rescued them and the bond is even greater. There is no dog like a pit bull!!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautifully written from both dog human perspectives. By Jim Schumacher I've been a dog lover my entire life. However, I didn't know much about pitbulls, other than from "Our Gang" seeing old WWII posters, so unlike those who believe the mainstream media, when the Vick case broke, I did some actual research, much like Jim did for this book. I found exactly what he did, this is "America's" dog, the "American Pitbull Terrier" epitomizes what America stands for, their loyalty and compassion is second to none. In doing so, and after watching the Vick headlines, I had to see if I could help one, albeit a few years later once I moved into a house. I was lucky and found an 8 week old black white pup that fit in my hand, Freya is now a fully grown 60 pound goofball. She was much luckier than all the Vick dogs, she was taken in by a rescue with her 7 brothers sisters mom, directly from the pound to a foster home, so she's had a comparatively "easy" life, which I am proud that she picked me to be part of. Jim tells their story from both the dog human point of view, he, very successfully, gives voice to all the souls involved. While their story is filled with heartache, which can be very difficult to read, it is well worth the journey as the hope they offer an otherwise doomed species (I'm referring to humans, not pits) may very well help us to become a better species.

The bestselling story of survival and our powerful bond with man's best friend, in the aftermath of the nation's most notorious animal cruelty case. Featuring a new Afterword with updates on the Vick dogs. Animal lovers and sports fans were shocked when the story broke about NFL player Michael Vick's brutal dog-fighting operation. But what became of the fifty-one dogs who survived? As acclaimed writer Jim Gorant reveals, their story is the truly newsworthy aspect of this case. The Lost Dogs traces the effort to bring Vick to justice and turns the spotlight on these

infamous pit bulls, which were saved from euthanasia by an outpouring of public appeals coupled with a court order that Vick pay nearly a million dollars in "restitution" to the dogs. As an ASPCA-led team evaluated each one, they found a few hardened fighters, but most were lovable, friendly creatures desperate for compassion. In *The Lost Dogs*, we meet these amazing animals, many of whom now live in loving homes and work in therapy programs. *The Lost Dogs* exposes the terrible practice of dog fighting and shows us that even after being subjected to heartbreaking abuse, above all, a dog still wants to be man's best friend.

From Publishers Weekly Expanding on his *Sports Illustrated* cover story, Gorant (*Fanatic*) offers a chilling investigation into Michael Vick's dog-fighting operation and the men and women who brought him to justice and rehabilitated the rescued dogs. Gorant outlines the rise of Bad Newz Kennels, describing in sometimes painful detail the abuse, torture, and execution of the animals--particularly disturbing is an episode in which Vick and a friend swing a failed fighting dog over their heads like a jump rope and kill it by repeatedly slamming it into the ground--and tracing the rescue of dozens of pit bulls seized from Vick's property. Gorant outlines the efforts to save these animals from euthanasia, challenging the negative public perceptions of pit bulls and reporting back on the status of dogs like Sox (now a certified therapy dog), Zippy (adopted by a family of five), and Iggy (still shy but growing comfortable with his adopted circle of friends). At a time when Vick has returned to professional football and much of the public outcry about Bad Newz Kennels has been forgotten, this book provides a stark reminder about the horror and prevalence of dog fighting. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Gorant's fine book is a heartwarming tale of how the love and commitment of a community can heal even the deepest and most abhorrent of traumas." — *Sports Illustrated* "The *Lost Dogs* is a page-turning investigation of dog fighting and an implicit indictment of the sport." — *The Daily Beast* "The *Lost Dogs* has the quality of a page-turner as it chronicles the entire story, in all its upsetting detail, of the dogs' rescue and re-entry into the world." — *Los Angeles Times* "A well-researched, moving account" — *The New Yorker Book Blog* "The *Lost Dogs* shows us that goodness can be found in the places where we may least expect it." — *The Christian Science Monitor* "Packed with vivid characters and dramatic incidents, *The Lost Dogs* is a sobering reminder that man's best friend isn't always viewed that way. But this deeply affecting portrayal also reflects that fairy-tale endings are within reach when those involved are infused with spirit, confidence and commitment." — *The Seattle Kennel Club* "Gorant has crafted an insightful and uplifting tale about the way that nurture can sometimes triumph over nature, and how the remnants of cruelty can be transformed through the power of hope and love." — Allen St. John, author of *The Billion Dollar Game: Behind the Scenes at the Super Bowl* "Jim Gorant provides a powerful narrative that is, at times, heartbreaking, but also illuminating and inspirational. You will come away from *The Lost Dogs* warmed by the knowledge that it wasn't only Vick who got a second chance." — George Dohrmann "The *Lost Dogs* should be read by dog lovers." — Temple Grandin, author *Animals in Translation* "The *Lost Dogs* is a gripping story of redemption that uncovers the other side of the Michael Vick story." — Ken Foster, author of *The Dogs Who Found Me* "Jim Gorant goes beyond the headlines of Michael Vick and the Bad News Kennels to richly tell the rest of the story: how these amazing dogs, in the wake of such brutality, help bring out the best in the human spirit." — Tom Verducci, author of *The Yankee Years* About the Author Jim Gorant has worked as a magazine editor and writer for twenty years and is currently a senior editor at *Sports Illustrated*. He is the author of *Fanatic: Ten Things All Sports Fans Should Do before They Die*, and his work has appeared in magazines such as *Men's Journal*, *GQ*, and *Outside*.