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Editorial Review

Review

Hodgson, writer, speaker, and humorist, shares her poignant personal story of how their family rebuilt their lives after an arsonist set fire to their home. Hodgson details the experience of the sudden loss as she takes stock of not only their material possessions but the lost feeling of emotional security and the shock of leaving behind myriad cherished memories. She describes the aftermath in heartrending detail, exploring the ways she, her husband, and their children come to terms with the loss. As this life-defining fire set their lives on a new course, the Hodgsons found their faith to be the solid foundation upon which to start over. In the midst of all this chaos, a small blessing also came into their lives: Oliver the pug. Hodgson's witty style of communicating both the serious and comical helps to balance out what could have been a dismal and downhearted tale of woe. Readers will find themselves revisiting the value they place upon their own homes and how such a devastating crime can alter a family's sense of security. This memoir is a testament to the power of emotional therapy for life's darkest times. Through the irresistible Oliver, Hodgson reminds readers that true safety in this world rests beyond our worldly desires and possessions. (*Publishers Weekly*)

A charming, funny and brutally honest take, demonstrating in surprising ways the power of God's constant love. (*Simple Grace Magazine*)

This heartwarming true story concerns a family who, after losing everything in a fire set by an arsonist, pick up the pieces of their life with the help of a wheezing, un-housetrained rescue Pug... An immensely likable story about family in all its forms and the joy and even blessings to be found in life's struggles. (*Modern Dog*)

'The Pug List' is an honest memoir about loss as Hodgson reveals that an arsonist set the fire, the struggles the family faced, and the journey toward healing they are still on. It's heartwarming, wry, and hilarious, as well. (*Grand Rapids Magazine*)

Readers will find themselves laughing, crying, and then sitting silently while contemplating how they might handle such an event themselves. (*CBA Retailers & Resources*)

This is a beautiful story, and beautifully told, of family and loss and love and rebuilding. Alison Hodgson's love for literature is evident on every page. (*Shauna Niequist, author of Bread & Wine and Savor*)

You don't have to like pugs to love this book. You'll laugh and cry as you follow the family's adventures through tragedy and triumphs, facing it all with honesty, faith, and humor. (*Dale Hanson Bourke, author*)

At long last, research is confirming what dog lovers already know: Each dog is a unique, sentient being with a complex personality. And Oliver, the snorty little black dog of *The Pug List*, has more personality, and less bladder control, than most. I'm in love with this powerful story about a hurting family who adopts and is adopted by an unforgettable dog that makes a little girl named Eden smile once again. (*Susy Flory, New York Times bestselling author or coauthor of ten books, including Thunder Dog and Painting with Metro*)

A beautifully penned story of resilience and recovery, *The Pug List* is an inspirational memoir for anyone who has ever loved and lost. This family's emotional journey provides a poignant lesson from a hopeful little girl and a troublesome pug to remind us that love is always worth the struggle. (*Julie Cantrell, New York*

Times and USA Today bestselling author of The Feathered Bone)

I loved this story---heart-wrenching, heartwarming, and ultimately life-affirming. Alison Hodgson shows us very clearly the wonderful impact a dog can have on a family and the spiritual truth they teach us. Highly recommended. (*Jim Kraus, author of The Dog That Saved Stewart Coolidge and The Dog That Whispered*)

By turns sweet and terrifying, Alison Hodgson takes us on a journey through the rebuilding of a house and a home. Regaining trust, recovering personalities, and adding a fur kid to the family on the way, she talks without sentimentality about the love of God for us, the love of mothers for families, and the love between kids and dogs. This memoir is a charmer. (*Wendy Welch, author of The Little Bookstore of Big Stone Gap*)

Alison Hodgson's tender lament in the wake of her family's house fire rings with faith and hope, even laughter. Her story mirrors life itself: love and beauty, complicated by grief---but never fully extinguished. (*Jen Pollock Michel, author of Christianity Today's 2015 Book of the Year, Teach Us to Want*)

Why is a pug so good?" So a little girl ponders in the pages of her journal while her family rebuilds following an inexplicable and devastating loss. The answer to this simple but deeply theological question is unfolded through this riveting and delightful memoir, encompassing everything that really matters: faith, family, and the unfailing goodness of God in the midst of both suffering and joy. (*Karen Swallow Prior, PhD, author of Booked: Literature in the Soul of Me and Fierce Convictions: The Extraordinary Life of Hannah More?Poet, Reformer, Abolitionist*)

The Pug List is the best kind of book: heartwarming and hilarious and everything in between. In her family's wrenching story of loss and discovery, Alison Hodgson reminds us that even in the worst bits of life, God stands ready to restore and redeem. And that this redemption is all the better when it comes with a dog. (*Caryn Rivadeneira, author of Known and Loved: 52 Devotions from the Psalms*)

Alison Hodgson's The Pug List is an affecting story of the author's experience as a person of faith, a victim of arson, a present wife and mother, and a lover of dogs, who sometimes---in desperation---finds herself praying in all capital letters. And it's an account of God's mysterious, loving answers to her prayers. (*Jennifer Grant, author of Disquiet Time and Wholehearted Living*)

What if a ludicrous little dog was the capstone for a family rebuilding---not their physical house, but their feeling of home and haven? What if he was the sneezing, wheezing answer to their prayers? In this tenderly wrought memoir, Alison Hodgson brings wisdom, spirit, and laughter to the story of what happened to her family after an arsonist set fire to their home. Anyone who has ever suffered devastation and loss or loved an animal with their whole heart will find a kindred soul in Alison, her family, and Oliver the Pug too. (*Lorilee Craker, author of Anne of Green Gables, My Daughter, and Me: What My Favorite Book Taught Me about Grace, redemption, and the Orphan in Us All and the New York Times bestseller Through the Storm with Lynne Spears*)

About the Author

Alison Hodgson is a writer, speaker, and humorist whose life experiences have made her an involuntary expert on the etiquette of perilous times. She is a Moth StorySLAM champion and a contributor to the design website Houzz.com. Her writing has been featured on Forbes.com, Christianity Today's Her.meneutics blog, and the Religion News Service. Alison lives outside Grand Rapids, Michigan, with her husband, their three children, and two good dogs.

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