

Something About Barbaro

In which a freelance writer contemplates the publishing industry, horse racing and the human-animal relationship. Hey, I'm not the first to ponder the connections. "The profession of book writing makes horse racing seem like a solid, stable business." John Steinbeck

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Almost Perfect


Here's a book full of feel-good stories for pet lovers. The first book of its kind to focus solely on stories about disabled pets and their human companions, *Almost Perfect Disabled Pets and the People Who Love Them* is filled with essays by eleven contributors from three different countries about domestic pets whose special needs changed their owners' lives.

There is Simon, a three-legged barn car whose persistence keeps him hopping along. And Cagney, a paraplegic rat whose serves as a muse to a surprised grad student. Or Ruby the Lab-Doberman mix who adapts to a muscle eating disease and rolls around with the help of a cart.

Mary Shafer, publisher and editor of the book, writes about her own special needs cats, including Idgie, who is blind and was adopted by Shafer after the cats mother abandoned it.

Sounds like a feel-good read just perfect for these trying times. If you can't follow Ben Stein's advice to get a dog, maybe you can be inspired by those who got more than special pets.

You can read more about the book, including an excerpt [here](#).

Posted by Kathryn Levy Feldman (Kit) at 7:00 AM 

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Mary A. Shafer said...

Kathryn, thanks so much for covering our new book, "Almost Perfect." We're really proud that we can bring some feel-good stories to people in this difficult time, and we appreciate you letting them know about it.

Another place where you can find related stories is on our blog at <http://almostperfectpets.blogspot.com>.

Love the theme of your blog, as well!

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About Me

Kathryn Levy Feldman (Kit) a freelance writer from suburban Philadelphia who writes regularly for family business publications, alumni magazines and who has become known for her pieces about animals. If you go back to the beginning of this blog, you will see that it started as an exercise in audience building for my hopefully-soon-to-be-sold book of the same name. Over time, it has evolved into musings on topics pertaining to animals, writing, publishing, and, of course, Barbaro. What can I say? Life goes on.

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