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## Almost Perfect: Disabled Pets and the People Who Love Them – a review

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Almost Perfect: Disabled Pets and the People Who Love Them is an anthology of eleven essays. Each one is written with the love and wonder only an animal lover can share about the indomitable spirits our pets possess.

Edited by Mary A. Shafer of [Word Forge Books](#), an independent publishing firm in Bucks County, PA, Almost Perfect: Disabled Pets and the People Who Love Them speaks to the heart of the matter – how a less than 'normal' creature can be the inspiration for the humans who love them.

Unfortunately we live in a more and more 'disposable' society and with many that means if the pet isn't perfect there is no place for it in the lives of the human. Yet, in recent years there has been a larger embracing of the less than perfect of society thanks in no small part to events like the Special Olympics and crusaders like [Christopher Reeve](#) who not only represented but also advocated for the physically handicapped after his tragic accident made him a ventilator-dependent quadriplegic.

Shafer was inspired by her own cat, Iddie who not only was born without eyes but was given the terminal diagnosis of Feline Leukemia as a kitten. "Miracles do happen" is what her veterinarian determined after re-testing of Iddie determined she was free of [FeLV](#).

This book is effectual in making the reader comprehend that no matter what the disability may be all living creatures have something to contribute and deserve a chance to 'strut their stuff'. With determination to survive despite what life throws at them, these pets demonstrate absolute love, unrestricted devotion and the most awe-inspiring "Yes, we can" attitude from which we human counterparts should take a lesson.

[To order a copy of Almost Perfect: Disabled Pets and the People Who Love Them](#) take a look at the web site.

Shafer is holding a book signing tomorrow evening May 8 between 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Lakeland Office Park, 8133 Easton Road, Ottsville, PA featuring a disabled pets slideshow along with refreshments, door prizes and showcasing from local animal organizations. Betty Kerr Orlemann author of [Mission: Murder](#) will also be there. Mission: Murder is the first in a Mystery series about octogenarian, Hattie Farewell. Sounds spunky!

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