

One woman's life listening to and learning from animals.

Born to a loving and educated New England family, Rachel Page Elliott, known to all as Pagey, was encouraged to develop her interests and talents wherever they would lead her. And lead her they did to a life-long fascination with animals, first to horses, then to dogs. Each passion created adventures and opportunities that make her life story so fascinating.

With a growing family and a farm in the country, Pagey bred and competed in a wide range of dog sports with her "Featherquest" Golden Retrievers. Her interests led her to the scientific study of canine structure and movement and ground-shaking research that changed, and is still changing, widely-held beliefs about how dogs move. Curl up with this reminiscence of the life of a woman ahead of her time in her independence and passionate study of her interests and be inspired to follow your own instincts to live life more fully!

Once in a generation, or maybe only once in a century, someone comes along who totally changes our way of thinking—who alters an entire field of study. In the world of dogs, that person is Rachel Page Elliott. In this powerful autobiography, her unabashed joy of living provides an intimate glimpse into the making of a master who lived among us as a mother, researcher, teacher, friend and lover of all living creatures. My life and the lives of thousands of others have been enriched by knowing this incredible, yet always humble woman.

Christine Zink, DVM and author of *Peak Performance*, *Jumping A-Z* and *Dog Health and Nutrition for Dummies*

When the history of dogs in the 20th century is written, the name at the top of the first page should be that of Rachel Page Elliott.

Quentin LeHam, AKC Judge and expert on canine structure

Crisply written, this is the self-portrait of a true pioneer, the woman whose restless spirit and insatiable intellect brought us the revolutionary *Dogsteps*. With candor and clarity, Pagey Elliott traces her journey from irrepressible tomboy to the citizen-scientist who stood the dog world on its head—and so much more. Through it all shines her rare blend of curiosity, compassion, courage, and humor that has touched so many. This is the story of a life well lived, and a book to be cherished.

Nini Bloch, writer, editor, agility competitor, dog trainer

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