

# The Real James Herriot The Authorized Biography

Gyp, a cheerful but always silent sheep dog, startles everyone with uncharacteristic behavior during the championship sheep dog trials.

No one is better poised to write the biography of James Herriot than the son who worked alongside him in the Yorkshire veterinary practice when Herriot became an internationally bestselling author. Now, in this warm and poignant memoir, Jim Wight talks about his father--the beloved veterinarian whom his family had to share with half the world. Alf Wight (aka James Herriot) grew up in Glasgow, where he lived during a happy rough-and-tumble childhood and then through the challenging years of training at the Glasgow Veterinary College. The story of how the young vet later traveled to the small Yorkshire town of Thirsk, aka Darrowby, to take the job of assistant vet is one that is well known through James Herriot's internationally celebrated books and the popular All Creatures Great and Small television series. But Jim Wight's biography ventures beyond the trials and tribulations of his father's life as a veterinarian to reveal the man behind the stories--the private individual who refused to allow fame and wealth to interfere with his practice or his family. With access to all of his father's papers, correspondence, manuscripts, and photographs--and intimate remembrances of all the farmers, locals, and friends who populate the James Herriot books--only Jim Wight could write this definitive

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biography of the man who was not only his father but his best friend. NOTE: This edition does not include a photo insert.

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World War II intrudes on the pastoral life of the Yorkshire veterinarian and #1 New York Times–bestselling author of *All Creatures Great and Small*. Only a couple of years after settling into his new home in northern England, James Herriot is called to war. In this series of poignant and humorous episodes, the great veterinarian shares his experiences training with the Royal Air Force, pining for a pregnant wife, and checking in on the people back home who made his practice so fascinating. As the young men of Yorkshire are sent into battle and farmers consider the broader world they're a part of, Herriot reflects on the lives—human and animal alike—that make his home worth fighting for.

The highs and lows of being a vet in the Yorkshire Dales are perfectly captured in James Herriot's *All Creatures Great and Small* which contains *If Only They Could Talk* and *It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet*.

James Herriot, strapped into the cockpit of a Tiger Moth trainer, feels rather out of place, but he hasn't found a new profession and it surely won't be long before the RAF come round to his point of view . . . From the author whose books inspired the BBC series *All Creatures Great and Small*, *Vet in a Spin*, James Herriot's sixth volume of unforgettable memoirs sees him dreaming of the day when he can rejoin his wife Helen, little son

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Jimmy, veterinary partner Siegfried, the eternal student Tristan - and all the old Darrowby cows, both two-legged and four.

The seventh instalment in James Herriot's classic series of memoirs The fourth volume of memoirs from the author who inspired the BBC series All Creatures Great and Small Finally home from London after his wartime service in the RAF, James Herriot is settling back into life as a country vet. While the world has changed after the war, the blunt Yorkshire clients and menagerie of beasts with weird and wonderful ailments remain the same. But between his young son, Jimmy, trailing him around aping his every move, stubborn farmers refusing to try his "new-fangled" treatments and a goat that has eaten 293 tomatoes, Darrowby is far from quiet. And with another baby on the way, life is about to get even more chaotic... Since they were first published, James Herriot's memoirs have sold millions of copies and entranced generations of animal lovers. Charming, funny and touching, The Lord God Made Them All is a heart-warming story of determination, love and companionship from one of Britain's best-loved authors.

Marvels of the animal world.

The famous veterinarian/writer shares the true story of how an independent-minded stray cat gives a woman and her three Basset hounds a Christmas present.

Farmer Skipton is persuaded to enter his old carthorse, Bonny, in the Darrowby Pet Show.

A biography of Alf Wight, alias James Herriot. Alf was born in Sunderland but moved to Glasgow. He qualified as a vet in 1939 and accepted a job in Thirsk, Yorkshire, where he remained in practice for over fifty years.

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Adventures in the English countryside and beyond with the Yorkshire veterinarian and #1 New York Times–bestselling author of *All Creatures Great and Small*. When World War II ends and James Herriot returns to his wife and new family in the English countryside, he dreams mostly of Sunday roasts and Yorkshire puddings, but new adventure has a way of tracking him down. Soon Herriot finds himself escorting a large number of sheep on a steamer to Russia, puzzling through the trials of fatherhood, and finding creative ways to earn the trust of suspicious neighbors who rely on him for the wellbeing of their beloved animals. Herriot's winning humor and self-deprecating humanity shine through every page, and his remarkable storytelling has captivated readers for generations. "This is Herriot at his best," said the *Washington Post* of this New York Times bestseller by the author of *All Things Bright and Beautiful* and *Every Living Thing*. *The Lord God Made Them All* is a true story of postwar England that, according to the *Columbus Dispatch*, "just explodes with the joy of living and loving and caring." A collection of the author's stories for children, including "Moses the Kitten," "The Market Square Dog," and "Smudge, the Little Lost Lamb."

The first two books in James Herriot's classic series detailing life as a 1930s country vet. James Herriot's stories about his life as a vet in Yorkshire have charmed and delighted millions of readers in the twenty years since his first book *If Only They Could Talk* was published in 1972. *All Creatures Great and Small* is the first James Herriot omnibus and contains *If Only They Could Talk* and *It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet* together with James and Helen's courtship from *Let Sleeping Vets Lie*. The beloved New York Times bestsellers that inspired the popular BBC series—from a Yorkshire veterinarian and a "wise and wonderful writer" (*The Boston Globe*). Perhaps better than any other writer, James Herriot reveals the ties

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that bind us to the natural world. Collected here are three of his masterpieces—All Creatures Great and Small, All Things Bright and Beautiful, and All Things Wise and Wonderful—which have been winning over animal lovers everywhere for almost fifty years. From his night visits to drafty barns during freezing northern England winters, to the beautiful vitality of rural life in the summertime, to the colorful menagerie of animals—and their owners—that pass through his office, Herriot vividly evokes the daily challenges and joys that come with being a veterinarian. Witty and heartwarming, this collection of whimsical, dramatic, and touching anecdotes reveals the ties that bind us to the animals in our lives. This edition features a new introduction from the author's son and bonus archival photos.

The Yorkshire dales have never seemed more beautiful for James - now he has a lovely wife by his side, a partner's plate on the gate and the usual menagerie of farm animals, pets and owners demanding his constant attention and teaching him a few lessons along the way. All of the old Darrowby friends are on top form - Siegfried thrashes round the practice, Tristan occasionally buckles down for finals and James is signed up for a local cricket team. From the author whose books inspired the BBC series All Creatures Great and Small, Vet in Harness is the fourth volume of James Herriot's classic memoirs; a book for all those who find laughter and joy in animals, and who know and understand the magic and beauty of Britain's wild places.

Sternlicht (English, Syracuse U.) explores the life of the best-selling author and country veterinarian to show how he captured the imagination of popular culture in television and films. Includes a chronology, and bandw photos. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

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A country veterinary surgeon in Yorkshire describes the joys and trials of his profession and recalls his early career and experiences with his unique clientele.

A Yorkshire veterinarian describes the adventures and experiences of his career as he tends to sick cattle, pregnant ewes, ailing dogs, and their eccentric owners, in a celebration of the relationships between human and animal

A Sunday Times top ten bestseller. Amanda Owen has been seen by millions on ITV's *The Dales* and Channel 5's *Our Yorkshire Farm*, living a life that has almost gone in today's modern world, a life ruled by the seasons and her animals. She is a farmer's wife and shepherdess, living alongside her husband Clive and seven children at Ravenseat, a 2000 acre sheep hill farm at the head of Swaledale in North Yorkshire. It's a challenging life but one she loves. In *The Yorkshire Shepherdess* she describes how the rebellious girl from Huddersfield, who always wanted to be a shepherdess, achieved her dreams. Full of amusing anecdotes and unforgettable characters, the book takes us from fitting in with the locals to fitting in motherhood, from the demands of the livestock to the demands of raising a large family in such a rural backwater. Amanda also evokes the peace of winter, when they can be cut off by snow without electricity or running water, the happiness of spring and the lambing season, and the

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backbreaking tasks of summertime – haymaking and sheepshearing – inspiring us all to look at the countryside and those who work there with new appreciation.

A portrait of the author of "All Creatures Great and Small" by his son describes the life and times of the Yorkshire veterinarian, his devotion to his family, his work as a rural veterinarian, and his writings.

Tells the story of James Herriot's formative years at veterinary college in Glasgow in the 1930s.

Tells the stories of fifty dogs and their unique relationships with their owners

The #1 New York Times–bestselling author of All Creatures Great and Small reflects on the rewards of training the next generation of veterinarians. As an aging James Herriot begins to see more house pets than livestock, the challenge of treating animals—and reassuring their owners—provides plenty of excitement, mystery, and moments of sheer delight. After building up his own practice, the renowned country vet begins to teach a new generation about a business both old-fashioned and very modern. He watches with pride as his own children show a knack for medicine, and remarks on the talents and quirks of a string of assistants. There is no perfecting the craft, since people and their animals are all remarkably different, but Herriot proves that the best healers are also the most compassionate.

Recalls the early career of James Herriot, a country

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veterinary surgeon in Yorkshire, describing the joys and trials of working with his unique clientele.

In a full portrait of one of the world's most beloved animal writers, the author reveals the man behind the myth, exploring his tragedies and triumphs in detail

Set in Glasgow in the 1930s, *Young James Herriot* is the fascinating story of Herriot's formative years at veterinary college, recounting the tales behind his calling to work with animals and his early friendships. With no modern drugs, and a lot of trial-and-error, James sets about learning how to treat the local farm animals and the pets of city folk. Accompanied by a cast of eccentric professors and an ensemble of aspiring veterinarians, this book reveals a world now lost to us, showing how life in pre-war Britain changed an enthusiastic young student named Alf Wight into the man who would charm millions of readers the world over.

When you enter the world of *James Herriot's Animal Stories*, you'll share his wonder and humor, his adventures and misadventures as he contends with pet owners and landowners; rough-spoken farmers and soft-spoken gentry; orphaned lambs, litters of piglets and puppies, cattle and draught horses; and a miscellany of cats and dogs including, of course, Mrs. Pumphrey's inimitable Pekinese, Tricky Woo. Watercolor illustrations accompany a collection of ten stories about dogs--from border collies and



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sheepdogs to the exploits of Tricky Woo, the unforgettable Pekinese

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The life story of vet Peter Wright, as he walked in the footsteps of the famous 'James Herriot', from work experience with him as a lad - to taking over his practice in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales. Packed full of laugh-out loud moments, heartbreaking stories and transporting tales of his love for working with the animals and people of this breath-taking part of the country. Covering his bucolic childhood growing up on a farm right through to the heady days of his successful Channel 5 TV series, Peter's warm nature and professional attitude shine through every page. The dedicated British veterinarian conducts a guided tour through the land of All Creatures Great and Small with walks and drives over the beautiful rolling countryside where he lives and works

Contains Vets Might Fly and Vet in a Spin The third volume of memoirs from the author who inspired the BBC series All Creatures Great and Small Training as an RAF pilot in the smoke and bustle of London is a far cry from James Herriot's day job as a country vet in the Yorkshire Dales. And while he is keen to serve Queen and country, James cannot help but miss his life in Darrowby - despite frequent arguments between his colleagues, ornery cattle and equally ornery farmers, and the continuing saga of Cedric the flatulent dog. But most of all he misses his wife Helen; pregnant with their first child. The question is constantly hanging over him - will he be going to war? And when will he get to go home? Since they were first published, James Herriot's memoirs have sold

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millions of copies and entranced generations of animal lovers. Charming, funny and touching, *All Things Wise and Wonderful* is a heart-warming story of determination, love and companionship from one of Britain's best-loved authors. A renowned writer on animals offers a collection of stories about the cats he has known

When taking a cow's temperature the old-fashioned way, never let go of the thermometer... James Herriot has settled happily into life as a Darrowby vet, tending to livestock and pets alike - not to mention dealing with his mercurial boss Siegfried and his irrepressible, puckish vet student brother Tristan. Day to day, he finds himself testing entire herds of cattle for tuberculosis; acquiring another generous animal nephew alongside Tricky Woo the Peke (this time, Nugent the pig); fending off a ferocious Great Dane with a rickety chair - and attempting to court a farmer's daughter, the lovely Helen Alderson...

From a Yorkshire veterinarian and a "wise and wonderful writer": The New York Times bestseller and basis for the beloved BBC series of the same name (The Boston Globe). In the rolling dales of Yorkshire, a simple, rural region of northern England, a young veterinarian from Sunderland joins a new practice. A stranger in a strange land, he must quickly learn the odd dialect and humorous ways of the locals, master outdated equipment, and do his best to mend, treat, and heal pets and livestock alike. This witty and heartwarming collection, based on the author's own experiences, became an international success, spawning sequels and winning over animal lovers everywhere. Perhaps better than any other writer, James Herriot reveals the ties that bind us to the creatures in our lives.

Full-color photographs and line drawings complement an entertaining selection of unforgettable episodes from the late Yorkshire veterinarian's best-selling memoirs, from *All*

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The Real James Herriot A Memoir of My Father

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