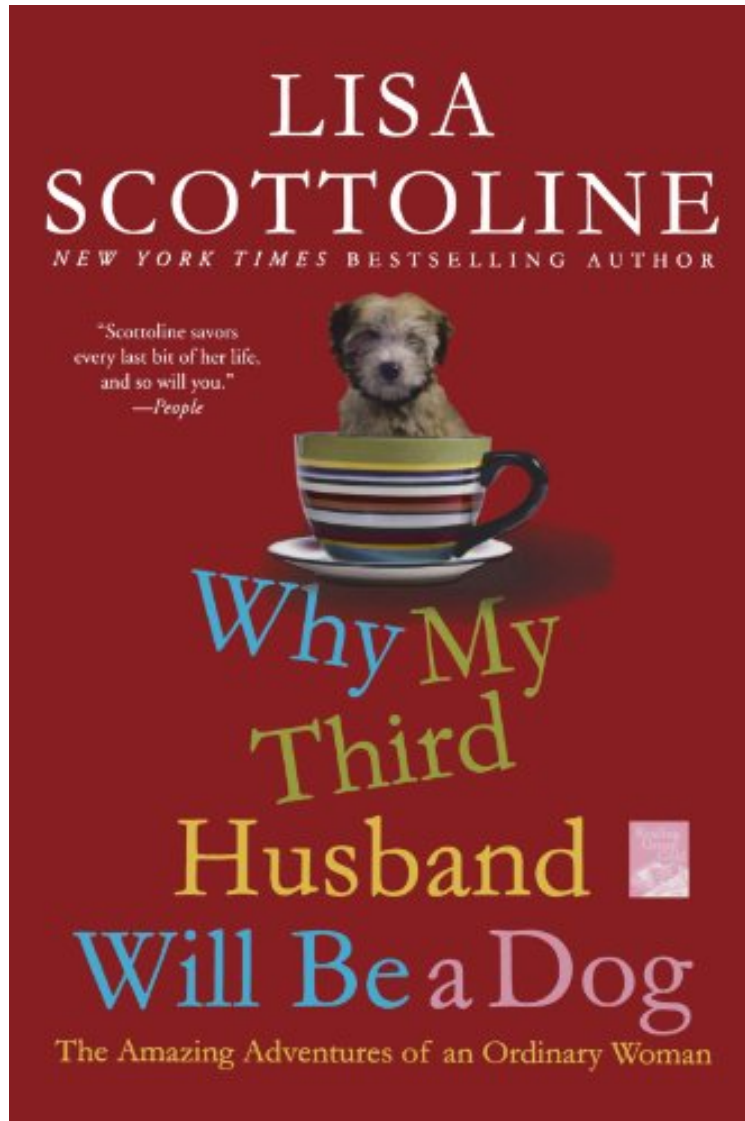


# Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog: The Amazing Adventures of an Ordinary Woman

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**Lisa Scottoline : Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog: The Amazing Adventures of an Ordinary Woman** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog: The Amazing Adventures of an Ordinary Woman:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What a wonderful collection of stories By Holly For years my book

group exchanged gifts at Christmas time. As we have gotten older and our desires for "things" fewer, we have adjusted that a bit and now each of us selects a book and buys copies of that book for the other members. Those become the monthly book selections at the beginning of the coming year. For Christmas 2009, this is the book I selected and purchased for my friends. I have just finished reading it and it was with a sigh of relief that I didn't pick a stinker (we have had a few of those over the years and certain people are still teased about their awful selections - the pressure can really be "on"). Lisa Scottoline is a 50 something, single woman who is most known for her mystery/thriller novels. This book is a deviation from that and holds a collection of newspaper columns she wrote about life, family and friendships. Each "chapter" is short comprising one column and written independently of the others. There is some overlap and re-occurring themes, but each one stands alone. I would actually recommend reading this in chunks rather than sitting down and reading the whole thing at once - it lends itself to that format and I think the reader will appreciate each piece more if digested in small bites. While there is humor in here, there are also points of reflection and introspection that go deeper rather than anything for a laugh. I really appreciated the love she shares regarding her family. The stories of Mother Mary are handled so well - she isn't unrealistically presented as perfect, but the reader is shown her flaws with love. Even the ex-husbands are not skewered but are referred to in a vague enough way as to be largely gentle with them. Some stories are hilarious, some are sad and some cause the reader to pause and take a moment for introspection - very, very good. I truly enjoyed this read and I am keeping my fingers crossed that I do as well in my selection for next year!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very funny and relatable! By DAOHIOI purchased the book at a friend's recommendation and because the title was very intriguing, and I was not disappointed. Each story was written with honest, self-deprecating humor by a woman who "is just one of us". It's the kind of book that has something for every woman. As a dog lover and golden retriever owner, those stories particularly gave me chuckles (or tears in some chapters). When she wrote the chapter "Password", she must have been inside my head and I found it hysterically true. Since I'm a mom of a son and not a daughter, those stories hit home a bit less with me, but would definitely be loved by anyone with a daughter. I can see that the stories would be even better written as weekly columns, which is how they initiated, and it made me wish I had been living in Philadelphia so that I could have been reading the columns each week in the newspaper. Since I couldn't do that, I'm glad that the author compiled the stories in the book for the rest of us to read.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A funny look at life By Lori I enjoy the Rosato Associates series so I thought I'd read something else from this author. I am glad I did but caution other readers not to read in a public place where laughing out loud is unacceptable.

This one's for you, extraordinary ordinary women everywhere! It's time for seriously hilarious girl-talk with New York Times bestselling author Lisa Scottoline. She's shared this collection of scenes from her real life, and she bets her life sounds a lot like yours . . . if you crave carbs, can't find jeans that fit, and still believe that these two things are unrelated. Pick up this book?you'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll swear off pantyhose. Here are some examples of Lisa's wit and wisdom: "Everybody has their pornography, and mine is the real estate ads." "We'll get universal health care before we get beauty salons open on Mondays, and that's backwards. Ask any woman if she'd rather have a haircut or a mammogram, and you'll see what I mean." "Mothers are a natural force, and maybe an alternative source of fuel." "Lately there's been talk about a religion that allows polygamy, so that a man can have as many wives as he pleases. Where is the religion that allows a woman to have as many husbands as she pleases?" "I have never been in an accident, if you don't count my two marriages." "My mother taught us that if you eat baked beans from a can that has dents, you'll die of botulism. This was before people injected botulism into their faces. Nowadays, the dented can will kill you, but you'll look young." Inspired by her wildly popular column in The Philadelphia Inquirer entitled "Chick Wit," Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog is a book you'll have to put down?just to stop laughing.

From Publishers Weekly Brief, punchy slices of daily life originally published in her Philadelphia Inquirer column allow novelist Scottoline (Everywhere That Mary Went) to dish on men, mothers, panty lines and, especially, dogs. Somewhere in her mid-50s, twice divorced (from men she calls Thing One and Thing Two) and living happily in the burbs with her recent college-graduate daughter and a passel of pets, Scottoline maintains a frothy repartee with the reader as she discusses ways she would redecorate the White House (Cupholders for all!), relies on her built-in Guilt-O-Meter to get dreaded tasks done (a broken garbage disposal rates only a 1, while accumulating late fees at the library rates a 7) and contemplates, while making a will, who will get her cellulite. For some quick gags, Scottoline brings in various family members: mother Mary, a whippersnapper at 4'11 who lives in South Beach with her gay son, Scottoline's brother Frank, and possesses a coveted back-scratcher; and her Harvard-educated daughter, Francesca. Plunging into home improvement frenzy, constructing a chicken coop, figuring out mystifying insurance policies and how not to die at the gym are some of the conundrums this ordinary woman faces with verve and wicked humor, especially how her beloved dogs have contentedly replaced the romance in her life. (Dec.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Scottoline, author of several thrillers featuring women and writer of the weekly Chick Wit column in the Philadelphia Inquirer, offers a collection of her published columns and additional commentary on life from a woman's perspective. Her columns feature the people in

her life—mom (aka Mother Mary), brother, daughter, friends, and her pets, including four dogs of long and faithful companionship, thus the title of the book. Minor characters are two ex-husbands she calls Thing One and Thing Two. Among her observations and ruminations: how divorce has led to families having multiple dogs, the virtues of visible panty and bra lines, starting a religion that allows women to have multiple husbands, how women's magazines ignore women over 40, the bittersweet experience of a child going off to college, and the awkwardness of men determined not to look at women's breasts, which results in fixed stares. Scottoline takes the fodder of everyday life and offers witty reflections from a female perspective. --Vanessa Bush "Scottoline savors every last bit of her life, and so will you." ?People magazine"Plunging into home improvement frenzy, constructing a chicken coop, figuring out mystifying insurance policies and how not to die at the gym are some of the conundrums this ordinary woman faces with verve and wicked humor, especially how her beloved dogs have contentedly replaced the romance in her life." ?Publishers Weekly"Scottoline takes the fodder of everyday life and offers witty reflections from a female perspective." ?Booklist"...shrewd, tart, sensitive and hard to resist." ?Kirkus s"She has compiled about 70 of the funniest, smartest and most poignant dispatches into one deliciously exuberant collection. What really makes this collection so addictive is Scottoline's way of capturing everyday moments, dissecting them and coming up with unexpected and slightly off-kilter observations about life." ?Book Page