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After years of abuse and neglect, Parker is found chained in a junk-filled backyard after a drug bust. The little guy's terrified of people. Officer Ned Barringer brings him to a nearby shelter for medical care. When Ned learns how hard it is for dogs like Parker to get adopted, he must do more. He's also instantly taken with Kim Harper, one of the shelter managers. She offers to train Parker for free. Ned instantly accepts. That same day, he meets his next-door neighbor, a ten-year-old boy named Russell. Russell is hiding a black-eye, compliments of two bullies at school. This angers Ned. He suffered the same fate as a child. It's the main reason he became a cop. But what can he do? When a near-death tragedy occurs, what role might Parker play in bringing these three lives together?

Dan Walsh is known for page-turning, character driven novels. Fans of Dan's other novels, as well as dog-lovers everywhere will especially enjoy *Saving Parker*.

Saving Parker Details

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Ralph Roller says

Wonderful Book

I am a big softy when it comes to animal books. This one did not disappoint me. The rescue of Parker by the police officer was a nice touch. So many times we look at police officers in a negative manner, many are very loving persons. That is why they do the job they do. The interactions of the individuals in the story was what I like to see. Very good life lessons for us all. Thanks again!

Cass says

Another Great Read

Dan Walsh has done it again, told a touching story to span the generations from Jr. High through Grandma leaning on her cane. Although one of the primary characters is a nerdy boy of middle-school age, the story grabs the reader and hangs on. Throughout the ups and downs of the boy Russell, the cop Ned, the dog Parker, and Kim, the Humane Society worker, the reader pulls for them and hopes for a good outcome. Will they get it? You'll have to buy the book to find out.

Donald says

Dan has done it again! Another terrific book in the Forever Home series. Ever been in dog rescue? You'll love this book. Ever been bullied or know someone who has? You'll identify with this book. Ever wished all the bad things in life could be turned around for good? You'll want to give this book a try.

A dog & a boy who are both victims of abuse & a humble hero cop who comes to the rescue....literally! And you thought all cops were bad. I couldn't put this book down. Started it on a lazy Saturday & finished it Sunday evening.

I highly recommend, not only this book but the whole Forever Home series. looking forward to the next one, Dan!

Pamela says

This heartwarming story was a joy to read and was brimming with uplifting and inspirational wisdom. I especially enjoyed how all of the main characters, including the abused dog, Parker, shared their individual point of view as the narrative progressed. The lives of Parker, the mistreated dog, Ned, the police officer that rescued Parker, Kim, the shelter worker helping Parker prepare for adoption, and Russell, the middle school student dealing with bullies, all become interwoven into this touching tale that will leave you smiling. Very Nice Story!!!

Dorianne Swift says

Smitten for life!

I have laughed, cheered and even cried through all three of Dan Walsh's "Forever Home" series. If I could, I would relocate to Summerville, Florida...that little town just seen out of the corner of your eye....I would live getting to know Kim and the hard working folks at the Humane Society, cheer the new residents in Taylor's small community (I hope one day we get a peek at John and Kenzie-and see how Riley is doing at home in Savannah!~ read Riley's story in book 2) and watch Russell (funny, that is my son's name, too!) grow into the man he is meant to be. I REALLY want to know which treats Kim uses...I know my crew of mis-fit rescues would love them too! But these stories are FAR more than just enjoyable reads. PTSD, loss, bullying, addiction, fear, animal cruelty-but most of all God's Love and Redemption flow through these tales....and with each hard won tail-wag, you realize just how much He Loves us, through these little miraculous hearts known as DOG. Dan, thank you!

William says

I just want to say how great this story and the two preious ones in the series were. I just love the characters in the books - they come over as so real. I love the subject matter of dogs being rescued and being fostered/re-homed with such care, love and attention. I love the underlying Christian ethos which so well demonstrates what Christian faith is about (wish we saw more of it here in the UK). I even like the romance portrayed especially as it never majors on hot sex scenes. I just wish that this was not the last in the series. Dan you should write more from the same settings.

Alex ? says

Isn't this cover absolutely adorable and beautiful?! ?

I'm not into Christian romance, I think it was my 1st one and it was much better than I expected. Not that I don't believe in God, but I don't read Bible every day. So maybe I had false interpretation of this genre?

Anyway. The chapter's from Parker's POV were the best! Such a sweetie!!!

I don't think I can curse in this review, so I try to rephrase my lines with f*** word.

Dear God, please punish animal abusers and bullies!!!

The book wasn't steamy, but it had many good human messages.

Parker, my love!!! ???

Doug says

very good, once I started reading didn't want to put it down

Andrea anetzley says

Very sweet story

I have enjoyed every one of the Dan Walsh novels I have read so far, including the Jack Turner Suspense Novels! Saving Parker is a well-written book. I really enjoyed how Mr. Walsh brings his characters in and sort of blends his story from all angles. Just reading about the sweet dog being rescued was interesting. But also reading about the policeman named Ned, his neighbors, Russell and his mother Marilyn, and drawing Kim in, too, made it really hard to put down! I appreciate the faith references and Bible verses used, as well.

Randy Tramp says

The reason I love this series so much is one of the P.O.V's is in D.O.G.

Parker is abused. Officer Ned Barringer takes the dog to the shelter and meets Kim Haper, who offers to train Parker.

The same day Officer Barringer finds out his next-door neighbor, Russel, is getting bullied at school.

This is a story of three people, plus Parker and the effects upon their lives.

I really enjoyed this book. It brought memories of younger years when older and bigger students bullied. While reading, I found myself emotionally moved.

There was insight into the bullying problem while addressing animal cruelty. Very good read. It makes me want to get a dog.

Melissa says

Very enjoyable story! This is the second book in this series that I have read (I need to go back and read book 2, although there are some continuing characters, they stand alone easily).

Walsh features a dog as a character, but his portrayal is incredibly realistic and gives the reader insight into what a dog might possibly be thinking in different situations. It makes you step back and pay attention to your interactions with animals and look at the in a different way.

The romance in the story is sweet and the spiritual element is present but not preachy.

Dana says

I read the previous two books in this series...and while you can easily read Saving Parker as a stand alone novel, it's always more enjoyable to read them in order.

Dan's writing has heart, personality and integrity. There are several messages in this book that contain wisdom - and it was interesting to see one of them mirroring a message I've just shared in my own soon to be released book.

Read Rescuing Finley and Finding Riley whether you get to them before this one or not. If you love dogs and heartwarming stories, you'll love them all.

5 stars...with more if that was possible.

Cathleen says

A Wonderfully Written Story About Love

I just loved reading about "Parker" and his human friend. A very touching and well written story with interesting POV's. It was fun and amusing to read a POV from a dog named Parker.

This story certainly touched my heart as my husband and I adopted a rescue dog that was neglected, abused and starved of both love and food. It is such a tremendous feeling when you help turn a dog into a part of your family unit as you teach them that not all humans are mean.

I will definitely check out the other stories in this series.

Leslie M. says

Officer Ned Barringer encounters a small dog named Parker when responding to a police call. Parker has clearly been abused and neglected, and Ned wants to help. He takes him for medical treatment, where he learns that it is difficult for dogs like Parker to get adopted, so he decides to take him in. Kim Harper, manager and trainer at the local shelter, agrees to help with the training and transition. She has no interest in getting involved with someone in such a dangerous career field as Ned. In addition to helping Parker, Ned wants to help his neighbor Russell, who is being bullied at school. Will Parker be the link which connects them all?

This is the third installment in the "Forever Home" series, and I think it's the best one yet. Walsh skillfully addresses some difficult topics, such as animal cruelty/neglect and bullying, which does create some heartbreaking scenes. The story is told in alternating POV's, including Parker's (the dog). Some situations wrap up a bit too quickly, such as the resolution to Russell's problem, but the approach taken to address bullying is a solid one which could provide a helpful option for some children. As a fan of the Karate Kid movies, I really enjoyed the references to the movie and Mr. Miyagi. There are a number of tender scenes, particularly between Ned and Parker. The theme of trusting God for guidance is woven throughout.

Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy of this book, but I was not required to leave a positive review.

Barbara says

Dogs and Bullies

What a beautiful story! Parker was an abused dog who was blessed to be found by Officer Ken. Russel was a small boy next door who was bullied by two older, bigger boys. Parker and Russell became best friends and Officer Ken and Kim who worked for the Humane Society became best friends. Many lessons about bullying and animal cruelty contained in this sweet story.
