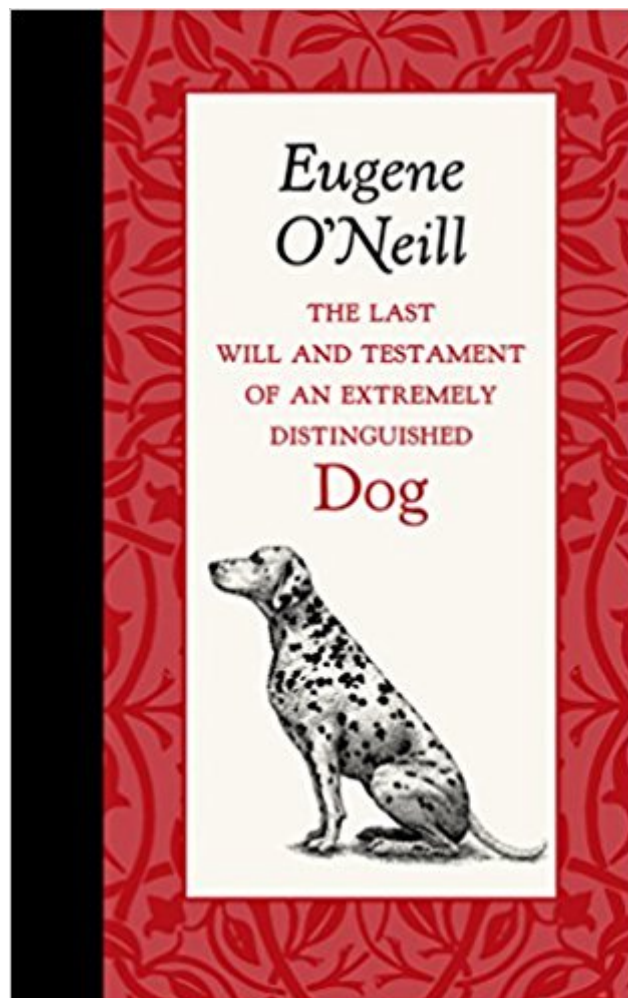




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# The Last Will And Testament Of An Extremely Distinguished Dog (American Roots)



## Synopsis

Renowned playwright Eugene O'Neill composed this work in 1940 to comfort his wife about the death of their Dalmatian, Blemie. Better known for his despairing and pessimistic dramas, O'Neill's touching piece, written in the voice of the dying pet, is somehow uplifting and joyous in its touching memory of a life shared between owner and animal. It is sure to comfort anyone experiencing the loss of a beloved, furry member of the family. This short work is part of Applewood's American Roots, a series, tactile mementos of American passions by some of America's most famous writers.

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## Customer Reviews

Eugene O'Neill, one of America's greatest playwrights, was the author of *Beyond the Horizon*, *Desire Under the Elms*, and *Long Day's Journey into Night*. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

"After our first dog, Cadie, died, it took a long time for my wife and me to bring another dog into our lives. Cadie was smart and active, protective and loyal, but mostly she was our beloved first child. My wife adopted her when we were in college. Cadie lived nineteen years before my two young boys and I, connected by phone with my wife at work, listened to Cadie take her last breaths on the floor of our bedroom. There would never be another like her; she was my wife's other soul mate. I

wish I had found this beautiful message from Blemie to share with my wife then. It would have been salve for both our hurts." â •Phil Zuckerman, Publisher

This is an outstanding book for anyone who has ever loved or lost a great dog companion. For a short book it puts a lot about the loss of a special companion into perspective. For example, it gives an answer to the proverbial question "can I ever find another great dog like the one I just lost?"It is clear that Eugene O'Neill truly had a special bond with at least one dog.This book is a good companion to the book "I Will Always Love You" written by Hans Wilhelm.

I gave this wonderful book to some good friends whose dog passed, and they were touched by the sentiment. Of course their dog was the best dog ever! They've recently adopted another dog, and I think that honors the spirit of their other one very nicely. I wish I'd known about this book earlier since my parents could have used the kind, moving words when their last dog passed.

My son and daughter-in-law lost a dog that was a major part of their life --I gave them a copy of this book --a good read about animals that become a big part of our lives

This is a must for anyone who has lost their loving dog. Have a box of tissues ready, but will help you heal your heart and continue on the road to puppy happiness. I have had many copies of this book over the years. I've read it each time I've lost a "best friend" and given copies as gifts.

I purchased several of these books as a number of friends have lost their pets recently. Very touching.

Though I believe this book is out-of-print (its' text can be found online) it's been an invaluable resource for me and for those I've loaned it to when their dog died.

Every time a friend loses a pal, I send them this book. The first time I read it, I was sobbing until I threw up. Now, ordinarily, I wouldn't recommend something to make someone puke, but this is the most amazing book about dogs I've ever read. My Lab/Greyhound mix had died a few years before, and I already had my new pup, but I could just hear Murphy talking to me in this book.

(Anthropomorphize, much Mary?).Every time I have given this to someone, they call or write and say essentially the same thing: 'I read this once, and cried my eyes out. Then, I read it again, and it

was amazingly healing.". The illustrations are beautiful, as well.

At first we were not going to get another OES. But reading this book helped us to understand that another OES dog would be honoring our departed dog of 13 years. We were so spoiled with his loving nature. It felt like we were going to disrespect him by running out and getting another dog. But the book explained that we were honoring him by getting another dog. We did purchase a 6 week old OES puppy. He is now 15 weeks old and the charm of our lives. If I did not know any better, I would suspect that our old OES came back to us as this puppy! Life is Good when you have wonderful companions...

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