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# The Heaven Of Animals



## Synopsis

**Pet Loss** With all of my heart, I believe it is true that there is a heaven for animals, too. The heaven of animals is a magical place. Angels know every dog's favorite game; cats bask in their own rays of sunshine; horses thunder across the sky. The loss of a pet is heartbreaking. But in the heaven of animals, the love you have for your animal friends lives on. National best-selling author Nancy Tillman's message of comfort will help readers of all ages through the process of grieving and healing.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

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K-Gr 2 "Tillman describes a heaven for animals that is a magical place. Angels know every dog's name and its favorite games, and all of the creatures coexist peacefully. A gorilla is eye to eye with a cat, a dog is curled up with a buffalo, etc. The digitally rendered illustrations feature an idyllic landscape suffused with light and are the best part of the book. All of the angels depicted are small children. Unfortunately, the text consists of awkward rhyming couplets whose meaning is sometimes fuzzy. "I think that maybe it's heaven they see,/beyond what their wishes/could wish it to be." Also, while angels abound, there is no mention of God. Cynthia Rylant's *Dog Heaven* (1995) and *Cat Heaven* (1997, both Scholastic) are better choices, as they both address the issue without the

sentimentality.âGrace Oliff, Ann Blanche Smith School, Hillsdale, NJ

âTillman describes a heaven for animals that is a magical place.â âSchool Library

JournalâFans of Tillman's sentimental rhyming couplets, pretty pictures and relentlessly positive worldview will welcome this vision of a happy heaven populated by pampered pets, ethereal angels and friendly animals of all sorts . . . This is likely to be another best-seller to add to her list.â â

Kirkus ReviewsâTillman has an uncanny knack for providing images of pure pleasure; perhaps because of its weightier theme, this is a particularly affecting addition to her library of titles.â â

Publisher's Weekly

My mother got me this lovely book when our dear pup of 14 years passed away from cancer. I cried the entire time I read it, but only because it's so sweet, and beautifully written. My good friend recently lost her cat of 22 years. I ordered this book for her, wrapped it and gave it to her while we were out to lunch one day. I told her to wait and open it at home (as I was afraid it would really choke her up). She called later from her house thanking me for making her wait (as of course the tears flowed), but saying it was perfect for her. She loved it! I honestly can't say enough nice things about this heart-warming book. It is not just a children's book!

Such a beautiful story about Heaven. I recently bought this for my children and the wording and pictures are both enchanting and soothing. It's a great book to teach kids about heaven and a wonderful book for pet lovers. I ended up gifting our copy to a family member that lost a long time family furry family member (pet) and she and her family loved the book. I plan to purchase another copy to gift my kiddos at Christmas as they really enjoyed this book.

We recently lost our dog suddenly when he was hit by a car. Finding resources to help children grieve isn't an easy one. This book was recommended by a friend and it was helpful in explaining our loss to my children.

This is a lovely little book. The illustrations are beautiful. I actually purchased the book for myself, and sadly about a month after it arrived, I lost one of my beloved dogs. Thought the book was written for a young audience, I found it very comforting.

I bought this book after losing my dog. She was more than a dog. She was the coolest, sweetest,

bravest, and amazing dog I've ever had. She was our family. She is greatly missed and this book is beautifully written by Nancy. It really helps with grief.

What a wonderfully perfect book for talking to our toddler about the passing of our family dog. I was referred to this book by our vet office and it didn't disappoint. The pictures are beautiful and there is a section on dogs, cats, horses, and other animals. If you ask our 3 year old, our sweet Ginger is now dancing in heaven with the angels. Definitely worth buying!

This actually served to help me more than my daughter at the time... I bought this because my almost 17 year old dog passed away. I thought it might help my little one better understand what happened and feel better knowing that she would get to see him again someday. She wasn't very interested in listening to it at the time (too many words for her short 4 year old attention span), but it was helpful to me because my dog was truly my first kid. Now that she is a little older (she's 7), this seems to be a little more appropriate.

This book is wonderful. I have heard so many stories through the years, and all have been good stories. This one is different. This is what I believe!

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