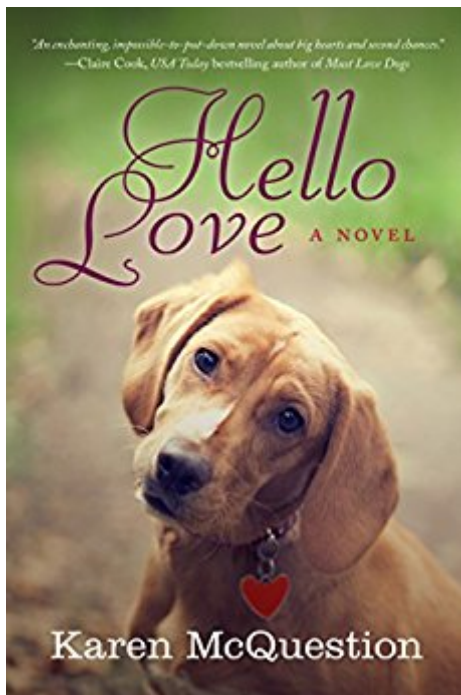


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Hello Love



Synopsis

"An enchanting, impossible-to-put-down novel about big hearts and second chances." --Claire Cook, USA Today bestselling author of *Must Love Dogs* A year after the death of his wife, Christine, Dan is barely holding on. But one thing gets him through the long, lonely nights and that is his cherished dog, Anni. When she is stolen from his front yard, Dan and his daughter, Lindsay, are devastated. Meanwhile in another part of town, Andrea Keller is recovering from the heartbreak of a messy divorce. After she rescues a defenseless dog from an abusive tenant, her life changes in ways she never could have anticipated. Dan and Andrea cross paths again and again, only to keep missing each other and the opportunity of a lifetime. As Anni works to find her way home, can she bring together these two lost souls desperately in need of a second chance at happiness?

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Customer Reviews

This review for "Hello Love" by author Karen McQuestion was a hard one to write. A lot of good in this book, but also so much that I find troubling. More than a year after his wife Christine's death, Dan is still trying to cope with his loss. He and his daughter, Lindsay, have each other and their little dog, Anni, for support and comfort. One day, Anni is stolen from in front of their house by a bunch of

rough punks--"frat boys". As the weeks go by, Lindsay continues a hopeful search, but Dan begins to despair of ever seeing their beloved Anni again. Meanwhile, Andrea, an office manager for a property owner, has to contact a tenant about a complaint, and she discovers a mistreated dog chained on a balcony outside in the cold. Going with her heart's instinct, she rescues the poor dog and takes her home. Andrea has been suffering the lingering effects of a painful divorce, and the sweet-natured dog, whose collar says "Anni", becomes a welcome companion. Dan and Andrea casually begin to cross paths without realizing that they have a mutual furry friend--Anni. Fate seems determined to somehow bring Dan, Andrea, Lindsay, and Anni together. Dan and Lindsay even have visitations from Christine's spirit, who tries to guide them in the right direction. I found the main characters appealing, and the story was well-paced. However, the plot was propelled by the mishaps and mistreatment, either by carelessness or direct abuse, that befell dear little Anni. In particular, one event near the end of the book, in which the heroine makes a very poor choice considering all that has already occurred, left me shaking my head. The author actually mentions this same event in her acknowledgements, and apologizes to the owners of the real Anni (who inspired the character dog), stating that she knows they would never do the same thing to their own dog. Others may read this book and not be bothered by Anni's misfortunes because of the final happy outcome, but in my mind, I wondered if the humans really learned their lesson of how to truly love and protect a pet.

I have always loved dogs (actually most animals) and have always had either a dog or a cat in my home! Right now, my daughter has found a little kitten for me because I live alone and I'm looking forward to sharing my apartment with this little gray kitten (born in the empty garage next door). I can tell that the author shares her love of animals!

I enjoyed this book. Yes, I know. Everyone pretty much knows the ending when you start but hey, this is what I call a Sundae for after dinner. It's nicely written and there was quite a bit more to it than I first thought. I enjoy this type of book when life has sort of left you feeling dark inside and you need a bit of a lift. The characters are decently fleshed out but that is remembering that this is NOT War and Peace! LOL That said, she does hit on some important social things going on in our world. Having two ladies in a retirement home and all that glitters, (Marco) is certainly not real gold. Bad things happen way too often to the animals that share our lives but that goes for so many other problems we see everyday in the news. At least we are working toward a happy ending here. Hence the reason I enjoy one of these to lighten my mental attitude. So, raise a

glass to one more Sundae!

Well all I can say is that when I decided to get this book was just to read in between my next read. But what to my surprise it was one of those books that you can not put down. At the beginning it was a little bit confusing going back and forth until I got to understand just what was going on. After that it was so interesting. It was mysterious and exciting sad and happy that I couldn't read fast enough. I mean it was only \$0.99 cents. Now I am starting on my second book by the same author. I hope it is going to be as good. Seems as so it will as it is starting out with a little mystery and intrigue which I like. I don't know much about this author and I am hoping to add her to my limited list to be sure and read. I usually just read all the books from the same authors and then I have an idea of what to expect. So I am looking forward to many more books by her.

I have four mostly grown children, with my "baby" going off to college like Lindsay in this story. All of us are dog lovers. Over the years we have had a series of dogs, including rescues that were not as lovable as Anni. This book makes me think about Christine's belief in paying it forward and Andrea's rescue of Anni the dog. Currently I have good natured puppies that make me want to learn about therapy dogs, which Anni seem to have a natural ability to be. Very uplifting story about how we are all connected and that we can make a positive difference if we try.

Hello Love is an amazing very well written story and I found myself going through many emotions which were tears running down my cheeks, gasping at times, smiling , giggling , got angry with one character who I wanted to give a few karate kicks too, I cheered for characters, I cried a few times, I had indignation for a few evil cruel characters, felt a lot of courage and determination by a character, felt anticipation, hope and respect and held my breath at times. There were twists, turns and action . Karen's characters are fictional yet she writes like they are non-fictional and I am sure a lot of readers will say " gee that character or characters are people I have come across during my life". The good characters and the bad characters. I loved Love and she is such a loving, special, smart companion. I have had dogs for many many decades since I was a small child and I can't imagine my life without one. Kudos Karen McQuestion for being able to bring out so many of the emotions I went through while reading Hello Love , that doesn't happen often for me.:>) I have read and highly recommend all of Karen's books.

I had to give this book 5 stars because it is a "happy" book and it made me cry tears of joy and

made me happy. In these times of political tension, I needed an escape book. This book provided all of that. It was old school and I loved it. I miss those days. Well written and fast paced. I will try another McQuestion book.

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