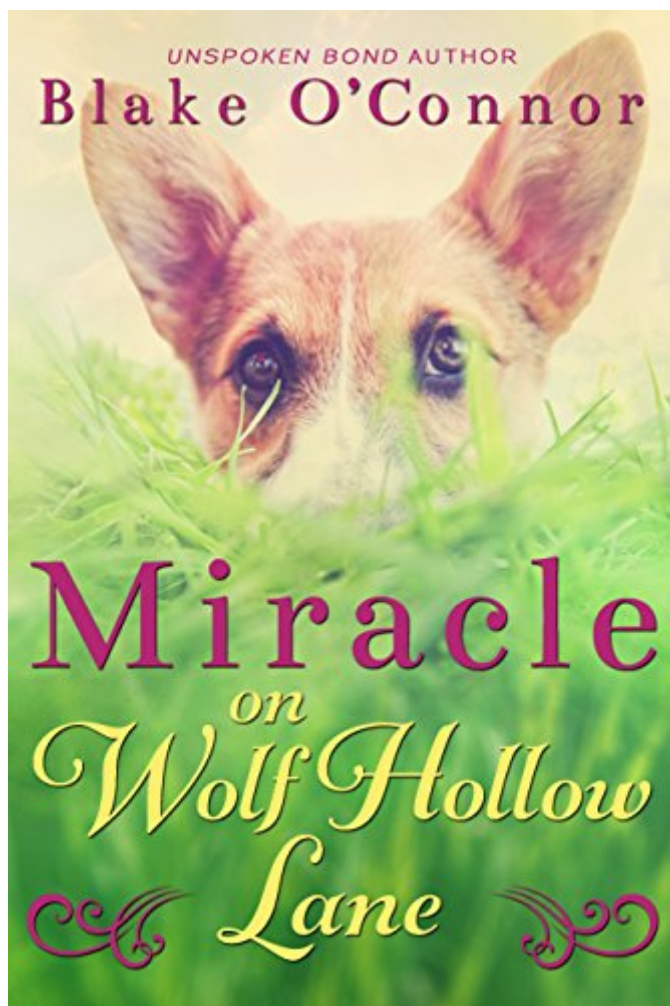




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Miracle On Wolf Hollow Lane



Synopsis

Because everybody loves a good dog story...Winner of two awards: Houston Writers Guild Fall 2014 novel contest, and Houston Writers House 2014 contest. Blake O'Connor returns with a harrowing survival tale about one dog's quest to be reunited with the family she was born to protect. Set in the unforgiving wilderness of South Texas, a harsh land where danger lurks under every rock and behind every tree, the story reveals that real danger doesn't lurk in the wilderness, it's found where no one expects it. One snowy night, exhausted parents Evelyn and Gabe Mitchell have just put their colicky four month old baby, Abigail, to sleep in the nursery of their farmhouse. Afraid their large mixed breed dog, Girl, will wake the baby, they unsuccessfully try to coax her out from under the crib where she has slept since the baby was born. Girl refuses to budge, because Girl senses what nobody else knows: something is catastrophically wrong. Told in lean, luminous prose, and inspired by a real life rescue, *Miracle on Wolf Hollow Lane* is a riveting story about one dog's power of fortitude and gritty determination to live, to beat the odds, to return home, and maybe, just maybe, save the family from impending tragedy. OTHER BOOKS BY BLAKE O'CONNOR: *Trust Me* *Unspoken Bond*

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Customer Reviews

Miracle on Wolf Hollow Lane was a very well written story. Admittedly, I had a lot of trouble getting into the book and put it down and picked it up at least four times. I was intrigued with the opening and frankly lost interest when the story focused exclusively on the dog, Girl. I kept picking it up and trying again because I had read Blake's first book, Unspoken Bond, and thought that book was amazing. Thus, I knew she was a great writer so I didn't want to give up on her second book. My interest kicked in when Girl encountered Dwayne and Earl and I was "all in" until the end of the book. I think my problem was that I'm not interested in an exclusively all dog story. I want to read about how the dog interacts with humans and how their stories come together. That's mainly why I rated the book four stars rather than five but that's probably more a reflection of my own bias than anything on the book. What was good about this book? First of all, I really enjoyed Blake's descriptive style. She takes you right to the scene and you feel like you're watching the action unfold and you just can't read fast enough. I also enjoyed the descriptions of South Texas and the Hill Country around Austin. I was in Austin for three years working at the University of Texas and I loved the area. I truly enjoyed remembering it through Blake's vivid descriptions. I liked the scene with Girl and the two lowlifes although it was loaded with tension. Of course, I liked the finale when Girl's purpose became crystal clear. And finally, I loved the little story about the old mouse and the barn owl at the very end. Blake, really nice job. What a way to end a book!

I had stumbled upon Blake's other two books before reading her last book, Wolf hollow lane. I actually am not much of a novel reader, I know, what's wrong with me. But history and biographies have been my norm. However, having also spent time training Labs. And since retiring I just reached out to read a couple of canine books. Blake got me hooked on her first two books by her uncanny ability to explain in such great detail that you would think you're a doggie cam on the back of the canine. This book is by far all about life from a dog's eye view. It will keep you turning the pages so quickly, hoping that the end is not near.

I bought this book to read with my granddaughter yesterday. It looked like an interesting animal story, and I thought it would be one she enjoyed. Their family just lost dear cat recently, so I wanted to read it first and make sure it would not be too sad or upsetting for her before we read it together. I

picked up the book earlier planning to read a chapter or two and see if it was too emotionally fraught for my little sensitive 7 year old, and...well it's 2:15am and I just finished it. Once I started reading it, I could not put it down. I had to know what happened to Girl (the dog and main character of the story). The book is beautifully written, sharp in it's animal perspective, lovely, sad, and poetic by turns. Yes, I cried. Stories about bravery, love, loss, and redemption have a way of getting under my skin, and when the story revolves around a big hearted dog, how could it go wrong?

I cried, I held my breath and I cheered for Girl all through the book. She is a real Hero. I was glad for Earl he was a good person. I live in south Texas about 5 miles from the Rio Grande River and I know the brush country from Del Rio across to Corpus Christi. Felt every one of those thorns or stickers that Girl got into. My son and his wife have a rescued mixed breed German shepherd and he is very protective \of his pack he \patrols his yard several times a day, puts up with his four other housemates but he ignores the cat. Every time I look at Jake I think of Girl...Just get book plan on not being able to put it down but get you a box of tissues to go with it cause are going to need them.
Missy

It is very difficult to give this book the review it truly deserves. Sometimes, 5 stars are just not enough. After reading "Unspoken Bond" by this author, I had no choice but to download another of her books. I was not disappointed. I didn't expect any of her work would top "Unspoken Bond", but I was wrong. This book was brilliant. It takes you full circle in the life of 'Girl' an unassuming ranch dog that loves her human family (or pack) above all else. A near tragic event ultimately separates her from her home and her loving family. She has to call up her 'wild' nature in order to survive the elements and other predators, including humans that seek to destroy her. Her life becomes a struggle of survival of the fittest along with a deep aching and loneliness for the ones she left behind. You begin to wonder why she has to endure such suffering and what will become of her. Blake O'Connor skillfully takes you along in this story of survival and the power of a dog's love. Her writing is beautiful and descriptive. Once in a while I give my term 'word artist' to an author. I'm obliged to add her to this list. Expect to read this in one setting because you won't allow yourself to put it down.

There seemed to be too many characters with them having very little input into the actual story; so seemed like wasted time. I was more interested in the main characters and how their lives would unfold. I'm not one to like descriptions of food being served, etc. and there seemed to be a lot of

descriptive sections which I found myself skipping over to get back to the real story that was unfolding. I was a little disappointed in this book after reading other Blake O'Connor books.

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