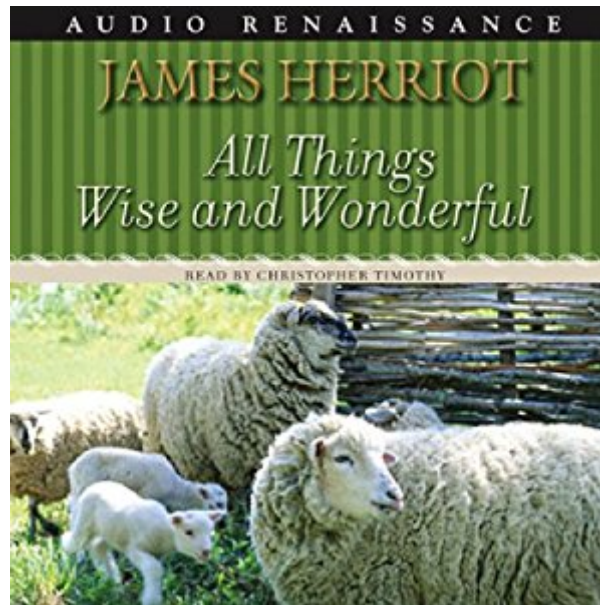


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All Things Wise And Wonderful



Synopsis

This third bestselling collection finds beloved veterinarian James Herriot training for the Royal Air Force while going home to Yorkshire whenever he can to visit his wife and his many dear friends--of all species--and enthralling us once again with his marvelous and engaging stories. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

The only difference between this book and Herriot's others is that he has to cover more ground. He's flitting back and forth between his World War II experiences in the RAF and more of his experiences in the Yorkshire countryside with his beloved farm animals and some domestic animals. This made for a very complete autobiography. I found the story of his first solo flight to be very interesting. I think that there seem to be more people stories in this one than in the others, and some of them are sad, poignant stories. I think I have become addicted to Herriot's style of writing in his other books where he will provide us with stories of his day-to-day experiences with the animals and their owners. The effect is more immediate--he tells how the phone awakens him in the night and every detail of what happens when he reaches the side of the animal who is in labor or in pain or distress of some sort. Never what you would call a true animal lover, I have found that these stories put me in another place--they make me feel compassion for the animals (and their owners). Whereas, in this book he will tell rather typical military stories and then write that he is reminded of the time when he had to go out to a farm and nurse a certain animal back to health. We still get many of the stories which we have learned to crave from our warm and compassionate veterinarian,

but the effect isn't as focused. It's still a very good book, but I will say that there were times when his people stories, whether military or civilian, dragged a little for me. I'd find myself eager to return to his animal world. This is where he shines--when describing both the farm animals and the domestic animals whom he treated and, in many cases, learned to love. I'm very glad that I read this book.

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