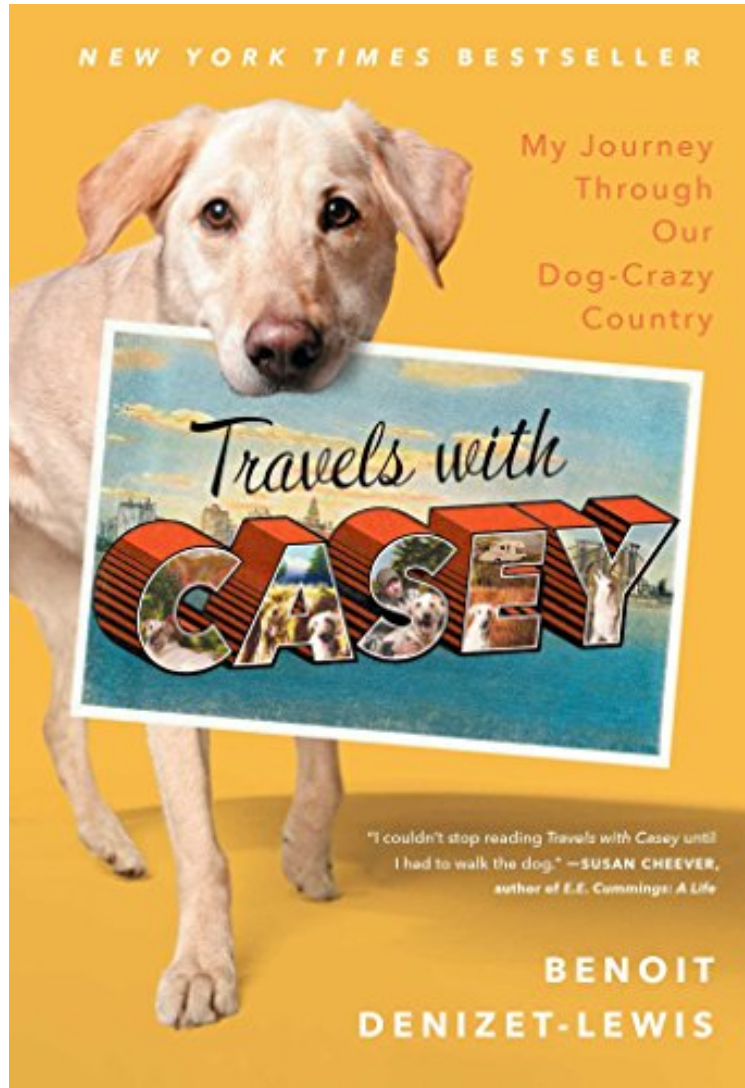


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**Benoit Denizet-Lewis : Travels With Casey** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Travels With Casey:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Great Book for Dog Parents: Travels With CaseyBy Rob GutroIf you've ever wondered what it would be like to pack up and drive an RV across the U.S.A. with your dog, you can do it. Just read Benoit Denizet-Lewis' novel "Travels with Casey." Casey is Benoit's yellow Labrador Retriever. Benoit is a writer for the New York Times Magazineand a professor of Writing, Literature and Publishing at Emerson College. He rented an RV and spent 4 months driving from Provincetown, Massachusetts to Florida to Texas, California, the

Pacific Northwest and back toward the east through Montana, the Dakotas, Chicago, the Ohio Valley and back to New England. He created a Facebook page for the trip and met a lot of fascinating people along the way. Throughout the book he shared stories and experiences of his own and of others he met. He introduces the reader to some really fascinating people, from dog rescuers to dog communicators and trainers. He also explores some of the hardest places for dogs from Native American reservations to kill shelters in Texas and feral dog problems in St. Louis. It really gives you a good look at dogs around the U.S. This is a fun book, and all dog parents should read it. You'll learn a lot and feel like you're driving with Benoit and Casey. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great read for people and dogs! By Cathy Sweeney I love books about dogs and this one was interesting. Benoit came to realize how much he and Casey belong together even before they made a new friend. It was interesting to see how people in different areas of the country view their dogs. The author takes you on a wonderful look at our country through dogs. Worth the read! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Learning About Dogs, Learning About Dog Owners By Donna L. Halper First, let it be said that I am not a "dog person"-- in fact, I'm allergic to dogs, although I think they are cute, and I certainly don't want to see them, or any animal for that matter, treated badly. So why did I buy "Travels With Casey"? Because so many of my friends have pets (a few have cats, but most have dogs), and I am eager to try to understand their passion, or obsession. "Travels With Casey" definitely gave me some insights I didn't have before, although the insights were often about the owner, Benoit Denizet-Lewis, rather than about Casey, or Rezzu (the other dog he later adopted). Denizet-Lewis has written a book in which he (along with his dog) goes out on the road and meets a wide variety of dog owners: some seem to regard their pets as if they were human children, some believe their pets have amazing abilities, some are just happy to have the companionship a pet can offer. During his travels, the author meets famous dog psychology experts like Cesar Millan, as well as owners of pet shops and kennels, people who socialize at their local dog park, people who rescue strays and try to help them find homes, a homeless couple who love dogs, etc. The vignettes are well-written and fascinating to read. At times, however, Denizet-Lewis uses the book as therapy, perhaps excessively so. His insecurities are as much a part of the book as his interest in dogs and dog owners: he often wonders whether he is the right kind of owner, and worries about whether his dog really likes him. He has concerns about whether his friends, and especially the men he wants to date, will like his dog. He meets a pet photographer and hopes he doesn't seem like someone who can't get his dog to behave. He is at his strongest when just telling the stories of what dogs mean to the various people he encounters; Denizet-Lewis is an excellent story-teller, and even a non-dog owner like me easily got caught up in the devoted guy who rescues strays, or the tragic plight of "reservation dogs" who have been abandoned. But on the other hand, I am not a fan of pop psychology nor pseudo-science (the author talks, at one point, to a "pet psychic"), so those vignettes were not as meaningful to me. That said, if you love pets, or if you are (like me) fascinated by the people who own them, this book is a good read, and well worth your time.

A New York Times bestseller and People Book of the Week: This hilarious, charming road trip through canine-loving America is essential reading for dog lovers and armchair travelers (Library Journal, starred review). I don't think my dog likes me very much, New York Times Magazine writer Benoit Denizet-Lewis confesses at the beginning of his cross-country journey with his nine-year-old Labrador-mix, Casey. Over the next four months, thirty-two states, and 13,000 miles in a rented motor home, Denizet-Lewis and his lovable, moody canine companion try with humorous and touching results to pay tribute to the most powerful interspecies bond there is, in the country with the highest rate of dog ownership in the world. On the way, Denizet-Lewis master at effortlessly weaving bits of research into his narrative (Los Angeles Times) meets an irresistible cast of dogs and their dog-obsessed humans. Denizet-Lewis and Casey hang out with wolf-dogs in Appalachia, enter a dock-jumping competition in Florida, meet homeless teens and their dogs in Washington, sleep in a Beagle-shaped bed and breakfast in Idaho, and visit Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan in California. And then there are the really out there characters: pet psychics, dog-wielding hitchhikers, and two women who took their neighbor to court for allegedly failing to pick up her dogs' poop. Denizet-Lewis's memoir is a lot like Casey: fun, sweet, and a little neurotic (Chicago Tribune) a delightfully idiosyncratic blend of memoir and travelogue coupled with a sociological exploration of a dog-obsessed America. Travels With Casey is a thoroughly engaging and often hilarious investigation of the therapeutic nature of our relationships with dogs (Booklist).

As an entertaining, somewhat whimsical glimpse into life with dogs in the 21st century, [Travels with Casey] covers a tremendous amount of ground, literally and figuratively. . . . Denizet-Lewis is warm, often hilarious company." (Bronwen Dickey The New York Times Book ) Travels with Casey is a charming, touching, human and humane book. The author's self-deprecating humor, his keen eye for the truth of the people he encounters, his respect for those who live in what too many others might call fly-over country, and his affection for dogs make this a unique book. (Dean Koontz, author of The City: A Novel and A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog) "Book of the Week: The abundance of fun facts makes [Denizet-Lewis's] journey well worth sharing." (People) "Book pick of 'The Culture.'" (Time) "Denizet-Lewis is a master at effortlessly weaving bits of research into his narrative. . . . An intentionally intellectual, geographically expansive analysis of dog culture." (Ken Foster The Los Angeles Times) I couldn't stop

reading *Travels with Casey* until I had to walk the dog. It's an adventure story, a love story, and a brilliant commentary on dog literature from J.R. Ackerley to Cesar Millan. Everyone who has a dog will love this book. (Susan Cheever, author of *E.E. Cummings: A Life*) Dog people will fall in love with *Travels with Casey*. . . . Even if you are indifferent to dogs, you will be charmed by this book. (Amanda St. Amant St. Louis Post-Dispatch) Benoit Denizet-Lewis has written about some pretty strange and fascinating people in his career, but no group is more entertaining than Dog People. Benoit captures this group with warmth and wit in *Travels With Casey*. Sit! Read! Enjoy! (A.J. Jacobs, New York Times bestselling author of *The Year of Living Biblically*) Dog lovers will be entranced by Benoit Denizet-Lewis' *Travels with Casey*, but so will everyone, because it's a book about all of us and a book about America. His observations are funny and poignant and the writing is exquisite. (David Sheff, author of *Beautiful Boy* and *Clean*) *Casey* takes his place alongside *Charley and Tulip* and *Skip* as Denizet-Lewis takes his alongside John Steinbeck and J.R. Ackerley and Willie Morris. *Travels with Casey* is a book for dog lovers that reaffirms why we love them so. And it is a book for misanthropes that will restore their faith in humanity. (Kevin Sessums, author of *Mississippi Sissy*)

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