

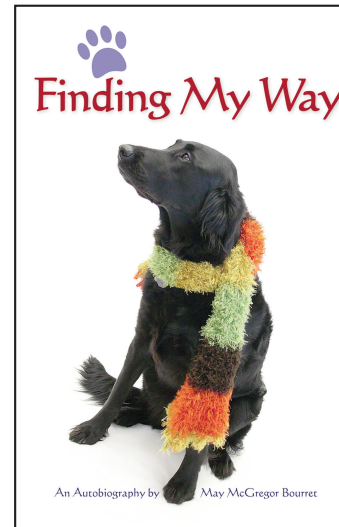
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THE TROUBLE I'VE FACED

by May McGregor Bourret
(A Labradoodle reject)



In these tough economic times, I thought you might like to know the troubles I have faced. You are not alone with stress.

Because my mother was a full-blooded Lab instead of a Doodle, and my dad was a Labradoodle (half Lab, half French Poodle) my siblings and I were rescued Labradoodle rejects. For this reason, I am offering sales of my autobiography, *Finding My Way*, to fundraising groups for shelters and institutions helpful to needy animals, particularly dogs. I am not intimately acquainted with cats.

When I was almost grown, a French poodle, Gus in Illinois, offered to woo me. I was seriously considering his offer. We exchanged photographs. Then Gus made a fatal mistake. He sent me photographs of octomom, Olive, nursing his puppies. I immediately scheduled a hysterectomy. I am certain many American women have had both experiences: an unfaithful mate and fixing.

A whisper from my sister, April, an aging Labrador-Border Collie, suggested I try for consolation by sleeping with my owners, Dwayne and Joan. Dwayne refused. Many Americans who have pets sleep with them. I showed Dwayne photographs of friends who sleep with their dogs. Eventually Dwayne let me sleep at the foot of their bed.

Feeling I needed more prestige, I wanted to join the Red Hat Society® to attend luncheons. I have a huge appetite. You have to be over 50 to qualify with your hat. I was too young and suffered rejection.

Needing a career, and with my long legs, I decided to send a portfolio of my modeling photographs to New York. I dreamed of Big Apples. I was rejected as Corn Tassel from west of the Hudson River since I live near the Mississippi River. Joan's aunt, Madeleine, was called Corn Tassel by female musicians when she attended The Juillard School in the 1920s. Her hurt echoes to me 90 years later! I was rejected too by the Weimaraners Syndicate who have books, calendars and exhibitions nationally. They must eat steak daily. My depression was deep and intense. Saving me from my fate of hanging around the house on my dog bed was an unexpected McGregor, Iowa, neighbor, the Rev. Laura Gentry who brought me laughter yoga for dogs.

A laughter expert, Rev. Laura, who has CDs available and gives lectures, wants to make the world happier, one laugh at a time. If you need a laugh in your life or want to help build and fund shelters, I offer my book, size 6x9", 112 pages with 116 photographs, mostly color.

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