

JESSICA BRADLEY PRESENTS

*The Beautiful World of*

THE ART OF RACING  
IN THE RAIN

*Written by Garth Stein*



*The novel takes place in rainy Seattle*

"IN SEATTLE WE LIVE AMONG THE TREES AND THE  
WATERWAYS, AND WE FEEL WE ARE ROCKED  
GENTLY IN THE CRADLE OF LIFE. OUR WINTERS  
ARE NOT COLD AND OUR SUMMERS ARE NOT  
HOT AND WE CONGRATULATE OURSELVES FOR  
CHOOSING SUCH A SPECTACULAR PLACE TO REST  
OUR HEADS."

THE NOVEL IS WRITTEN FROM THE PERSPECTIVE  
OF A GOLDEN RETRIEVER NAMED ENZO. HE  
TEACHES THE READER ABOUT LOVE, FEAR, AND  
LIFE. WITHIN THE NOVEL, ENZO DESCRIBES  
STUNNING LANDSCAPES, CAR RIDES, AND THE  
CITY HE WAS BORN IN. HE ROMANTICIZES THE  
BEAUTY OF LIFE.

AND THAT IS MY FAVORITE PART OF THE NOVEL.  
ENZO SEES THE WORLD IN IT'S RAW NATURAL  
BEAUTY, AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE WORLD  
THROUGH HIS EYES.

MY GETAWAY IS A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE;  
I WISH TO SEE THE WORLD AS THOUGH  
EVERYTHING IS NEW AND EVERYTHING I SEE IS  
NATURAL, AND BEAUTIFUL, AND REAL.



*He sees things differently...*

"HE IS SO BRILLIANT. HE SHINES. HE'S BEAUTIFUL  
WITH HIS HANDS THAT GRAB THINGS AND HIS  
TONGUE THAT SAYS THINGS AND THE WAY HE  
STANDS AND CHEWS HIS FOOD FOR SO LONG,  
MASHING IT INTO A PASTE BEFORE HE  
SWALLOWS."



*He sees things beautifully...*

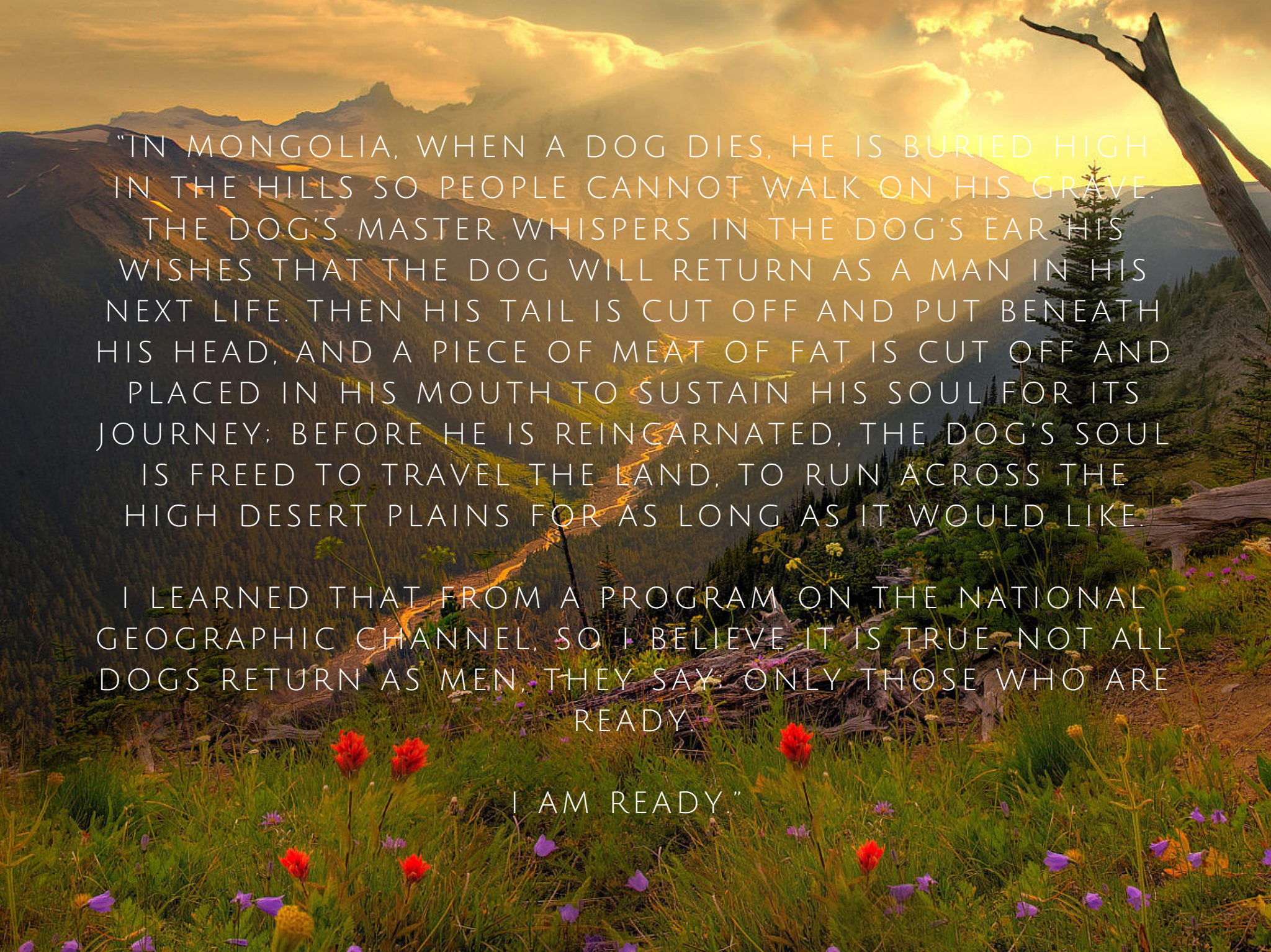
"THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU," HE SAYS, "I  
KNEW WE BELONGED TOGETHER."

*He sees things the way I want to see things...*



"YOUR CAR GOES WHERE YOUR EYES GO. SIMPLY  
ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING THAT WHICH YOU  
MANIFEST IS BEFORE YOU."

MY FAVORITE  
PLACE



"IN MONGOLIA, WHEN A DOG DIES, HE IS BURIED HIGH IN THE HILLS SO PEOPLE CANNOT WALK ON HIS GRAVE. THE DOG'S MASTER WHISPERS IN THE DOG'S EAR HIS WISHES THAT THE DOG WILL RETURN AS A MAN IN HIS NEXT LIFE. THEN HIS TAIL IS CUT OFF AND PUT BENEATH HIS HEAD, AND A PIECE OF MEAT OR FAT IS CUT OFF AND PLACED IN HIS MOUTH TO SUSTAIN HIS SOUL FOR ITS JOURNEY; BEFORE HE IS REINCARNATED, THE DOG'S SOUL IS FREED TO TRAVEL THE LAND, TO RUN ACROSS THE HIGH DESERT PLAINS FOR AS LONG AS IT WOULD LIKE.

I LEARNED THAT FROM A PROGRAM ON THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL, SO I BELIEVE IT IS TRUE. NOT ALL DOGS RETURN AS MEN, THEY SAY. ONLY THOSE WHO ARE READY.

I AM READY."

GARTH STEIN'S THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN  
IS A BEAUTIFUL NOVEL THAT SHOWS US HOW TO  
LOVE.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT SHOWS US HOW TO  
SEE THINGS FROM A NEW PERSPECTIVE, TO  
EMBRACE LIFE IN THE MOMENT, AND TO REALIZE  
THAT WE CREATE OUR OWN DESTINY.

MY GETAWAY IS AN IDEA, RATHER THAN A PLACE;  
HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT MY GETAWAY IS  
BEAUTIFUL.

*Thank you for viewing this.*