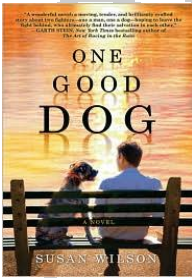




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One Good Dog, Susan Wilson
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It's no secret that I'm a sucker for a good dog story. It all started with the book *The Dog Who Wouldn't Be* by our much loved Canadian author, Farley Mowat, and progressed most recently to *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein. My recent dog tale, pun not intended, is about an unlikely pair – a pit bull who escapes from his criminal owners, who force him to battle to the death in the fight pen with others, and a forty-something year old corporate boss named Adam March, who is sent packing from his job after he is charged with a criminal offense. How their lives intersect and eventually become woven together forms the plot of this redemption story - a dog who wants to be saved from a life of brutality and a man who wants to be saved by forgiving a father who abandoned him decades ago. Alternate chapters are told through the eyes of the dog, named Chance, and like Garth Stein's book, it is a joy to see everyday objects and events interpreted by nonhuman perspective. I'll warn you – have Kleenex ready. I went through a box in the last chapter alone. Were they happy or sad tears? I'll let you discover that on your own.