

# MY DOG TULIP

J. R. Ackerley



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Distinguished British man of letters J. R. Ackerley hardly thought himself a dog lover when, well into middle age, he came into possession of a German shepherd named Tulip. To his surprise, she turned out to be the love of his life, the "ideal friend" he had been seeking in vain for years. *My Dog Tulip* is a bittersweet retrospective account of their sixteen-year companionship, as well as a profound and subtle meditation on the strangeness that lies at the heart of all relationships. In vivid and sometimes startling detail, Ackerley tells of Tulip's often erratic behavior and very canine tastes and of his own fumbling but determined efforts to ensure for her an existence of perfect happiness.

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—Julia Glass, National Book Award-winning author

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"A stroke of genius." —*New York Magazine*

**J. R. ACKERLEY** (1896–1967) was for many years the literary editor of the BBC magazine the *Listener*. A respected mentor to such younger writers as Christopher Isherwood and W. H. Auden, he was also a longtime friend and literary associate of E. M. Forster. His works include three memoirs—*Hindoo Holiday*, *My Dog Tulip*, and *My Father and Myself*—and a novel, *We Think the World of You*.

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