

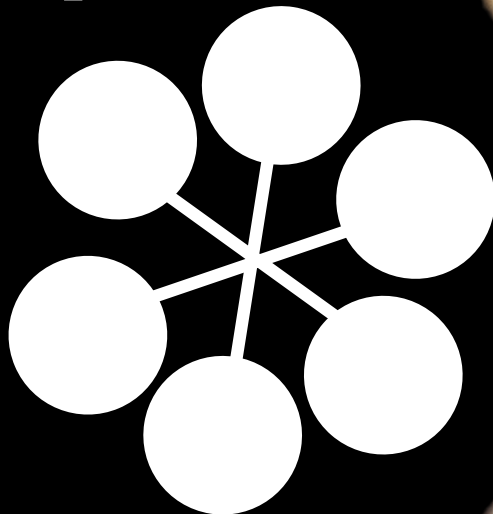
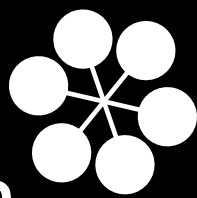


One Book, One Mesa County Presents

Marley & Me

Life and Love
with the
World's Worst
Dog

by
John
Grogan



Join One Book, One Mesa County

Find *Marley & Me* at a Mesa County Library close to you, buy it at a book store or borrow it from a friend. Take part in the "Read It. Sign It. Pass It." campaign using a bookmark you can get from the library. Read the book, sign the bookmark, and pass the book and bookmark along. Drop the bookmark off at a branch library and everyone who has signed will be entered into a prize drawing. Take part in the March 3, 2007 county-wide celebration of *Marley & Me*.

On March 3...

- Have your book signed by John Grogan at the Central Library in the morning.
- Show off your pet in the pet parade on Main Street in the afternoon.
- Hear John Grogan speak at the Avalon Theatre in the evening. (Avalon Theatre underwritten by the City of Grand Junction)

Find out more about *Marley & Me* by calling 683-2435 or visit www.mcpld.org

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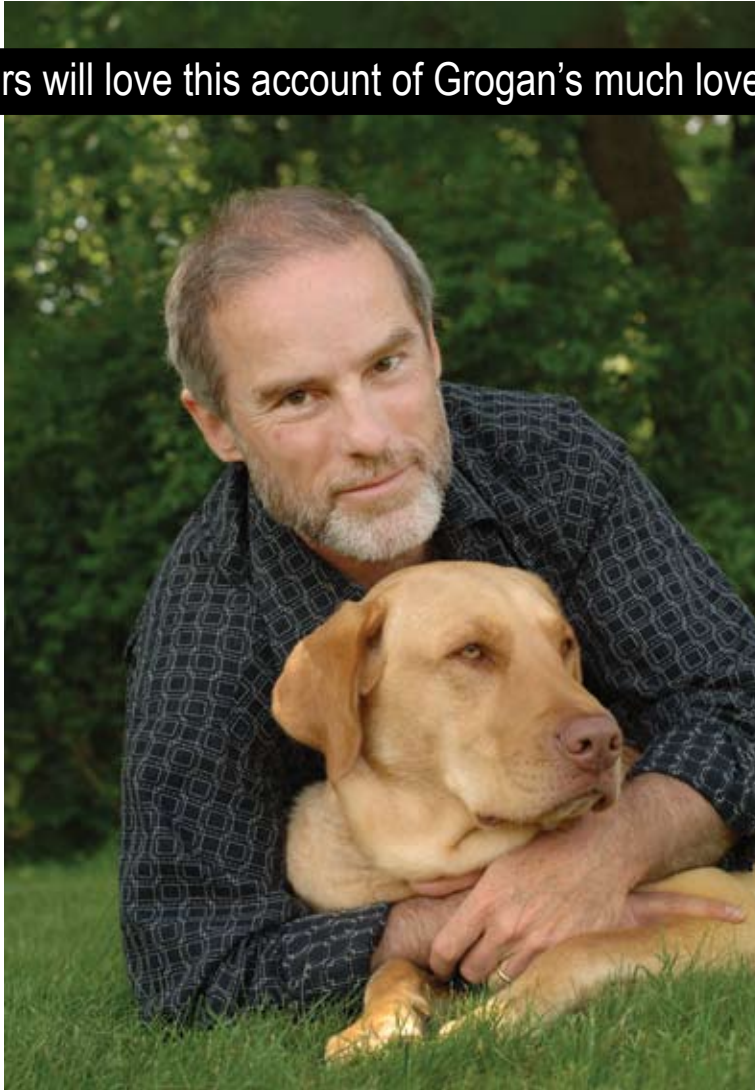
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Author of *Marley & Me*
John Grogan,
 photographed here with
 his dog Gracie, is a
 journalist turned author.
 Grogan kept a daily
 journal, including stories
 about his dog Marley.
 Those stories eventually
 turned into the best
 selling book and **One
 Book, One Mesa
 County's** 2007 selection.

John Grogan: About the Author

John Grogan is the Pennsylvania columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the former editor-in-chief of the Rodale's *Organic Gardening* magazine. Previously he worked as a reporter, bureau chief, and columnist at newspapers in Michigan and Florida. His work has won numerous awards, including the National Press Club's Consumer Journalism Award. He lives on a wooded hillside in Pennsylvania with his wife, Jenny, and their three children.

What If Everybody in Mesa County Reads the Same Book?

What if the book chosen is a best seller, a fun, likeable, non-fiction book, and people are attracted to reading it? What if, by celebrating the book by bringing the author to town, people get excited about a community event and they participate? Could a book bring us together as a community? We think so.

That's why we've chosen for our third **One Book, One Mesa County** book, *Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog*, the *New York Times* best selling book for over 60 weeks. If the title makes you smile, wait until you read it.

**For all things Marley log on to
www.mcpld.org**

Get complete event details, *Marley & Me* book reviews, discussion questions, and much more. You can also share your pet stories and photos online.

Marley & Me: About the Best-seller

John and Jenny were just beginning their life together. They were young and in love, with a perfect little house and not a care in the world. Then they brought home Marley, a wiggly yellow furball of a puppy. Life would never be the same.

Marley quickly grew into a barreling, ninety-seven-pound steamroller of a Labrador Retriever, a dog like no other. He crashed through screen doors, gouged through dry-wall, flung drool on guests, stole women's undergarments, and ate nearly everything he could get his mouth around, including couches and fine jewelry. Obedience school did no good — Marley was expelled. Neither did the tranquilizers the veterinarian prescribed for him with the admonishment, "Don't hesitate to use these." And yet Marley's heart was pure. Just

as he joyfully refused any limits on his behavior, his love and loyalty were boundless, too. Marley shared the couple's joy at their first pregnancy, and their heartbreak over the miscarriage. He was there when babies finally arrived and when the screams of a seventeen-year-old stabbing victim pierced

the night. Marley shut down a public beach and managed to land a role in a feature-length movie, always win-

ning hearts as he made a mess of things. Through it all, he remained steadfast, a model of devotion, even when his family was at its wit's end. Unconditional love, they would learn, comes in many forms.

Is it possible for humans to discover the key to happiness through a bigger-than-life, bad boy dog? Just ask the Grogans.

John and Jenny... were young and in love, with a perfect little house and not a care in the world. Then they brought Marley home.



"Grogan offers a humorous and loving tribute to Marley." — *Library Journal*

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Marley & Me Events

Saturday, January 27, 11 a.m.

Dog Manners - Putting Your Best Paw Forward. AKC award winner Sandy McFarland will demonstrate how to train your dog at the Central Library Program Area.

Saturday, February 10, 2:00 p.m.

History of Canines and Their Domestication. Long time dog trainer Bob Simpleman will discuss dog behavior and human interaction at the Central Library Program Area.

Saturday, March 3

Writers Conference For more information and to register visit www.mcpld.org.

Saturday, March 3, 2007

10 a.m.

Book signing with author John Grogan at the Central Library Program Area.

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Pet Parade in the 600 block of Main Street, Grand Junction. Come show off your pet...costumes are encouraged! Prizes will be awarded.

6:30 p.m.

Doors open for author John Grogan's presentation at the Avalon Theatre, 645 Main Street, Grand Junction. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are free but required for entry.

For complete event information check www.mcpld.org

How to Get Tickets

Tickets for John Grogan's author presentation are free and are available at all Mesa County Libraries' branches.



Find More Marley & Me Info on the Web

Mesa County Libraries' website is the best and easiest way to find *Marley & Me* information. Log onto www.mcpld.org and click on the **One Book, One Mesa County** logo to access all things Marley.

You can find...

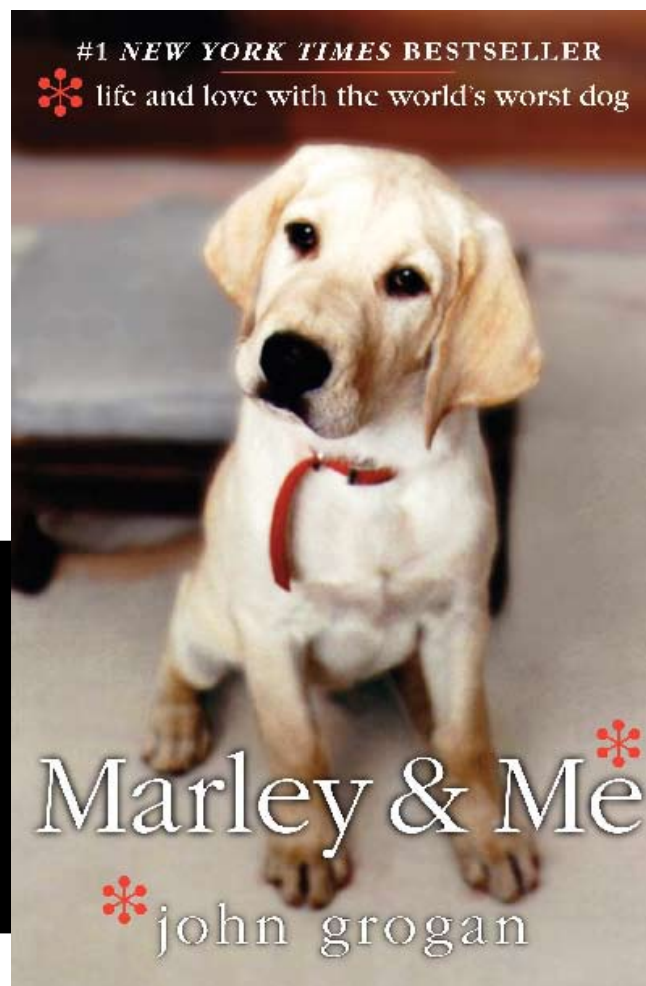
- Detailed calendar of events
- Downloadable "Read It. Sign It. Pass It." bookmarks
- Links to John Grogan's website
- Discussion questions for bookclubs, groups and families
- Lists of other books like *Marley & Me*

Where to get *Marley & Me*

Mesa County Libraries offers *Marley & Me* in several formats:

- Books, including large print
- Audio CDs
- Playaways, a new self-contained electronic book player

The book is also available at local bookstores



Since its release, *Marley & Me* has spent over 60 weeks on the *New York Times* best seller list, including 23 weeks at No. 1.



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Contact **One Book** through the Mesa County Libraries. 970-683-2435 or www.mcpld.org.

About One Book, One Mesa County

One Book, One Mesa County encourages everyone in the community to read and discuss the same book. All are invited to a variety of book events.

One Book, One Mesa County is a community wide reading project brought to you by Mesa County Libraries, Colorado Humanities, *The Daily Sentinel*, KREX, the City of Grand Junction, CWOA, Inc., and American National Bank. It is modeled after a one book/one community project that started in Seattle in 1998. They have been wildly successful in hundreds of communities across the nation over the past eight years.

Here's how it works: Everyone reads the same

book at the same time and we come together to discuss it and celebrate it with special events. We have chosen *Marley & Me* as the book for 2007.

The late *Washington Post* writer Mary McGroary described the purpose beautifully: "The idea is that the community that opens the same book closes it in greater harmony."

This project:

- Improves literacy
- Involves our children, as well as adults
- Is cross-cultural and reaches every economic household
- Heightens community spirit

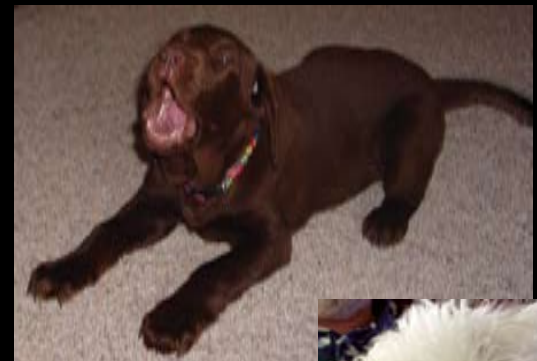
Animal Artwork Art Contest

The Altrusa Art Fair is a contest for local middle and high school students and includes a special category for art that reflects the themes of *Marley & Me*. Artwork will be displayed April 19-28 at the Art Center. Contact your school's art teacher for details on entry.

Marley & Me Writing Contest

Budding writers enrolled in grades 6 – 12 are invited to submit to the writing contest. Entries must be no longer than 300 words. Winning pieces will be printed in *The Daily Sentinel*. All entries must be submitted by February 9 to *The Daily Sentinel* office. Please include your name, address and phone number on your entry. Check www.mcpld.org for complete information.

Make Your Pet Famous



We're collecting pet photos to use at various *Marley & Me* events and to post on the **One Book, One Mesa County** website. Send us your pet showing off their "inner Marley"... destroy-

ing things, looking adorable or dressed to the nines. All pets are welcome, not just dogs. Visit Mesa County Libraries' website to find out how to submit your pet photos, www.mcpld.org