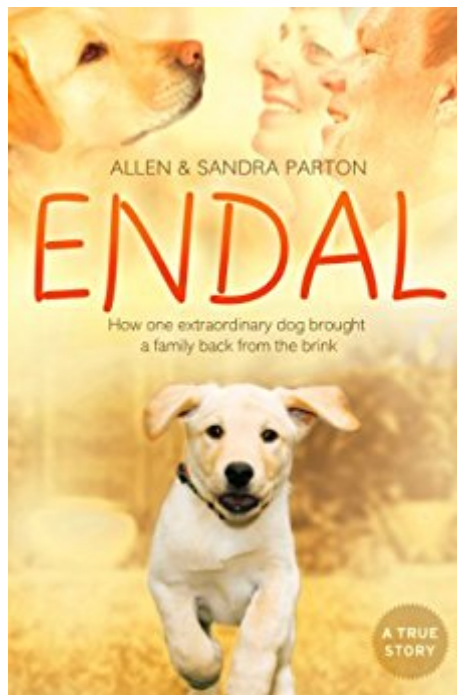


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# Endal: How One Extraordinary Dog Brought A Family Back From The Brink



## Synopsis

The remarkable story of Endal, voted "Dog of the Millennium"™, and how, through his remarkable skills, companionship and unstinting devotion, he gave Allen Parton a reason to live again. Allen Parton was seriously injured while serving in the Gulf War. He lost the use of both of his legs, plus all memories of his children and much of his marriage. He was left unable to walk, talk or write - isolated in his own world. After five years of intensive therapy and rehab, he was still angry, bitter and unable to talk. Until a chance encounter with a Labrador puppy - Endal - who had failed his training as an assistance dog on health grounds. They 'adopted' each other, and Endal became Allen's reason to communicate with the outside world, to come to terms with his injuries, and to want to live again. Not content with learning over 200 commands to help Allen complete everyday tasks like getting dressed and going out to the shops in his wheelchair, Endal gave Allen the ability to start living again, and to become a husband and father again in his own special way. This is the incredible story of Allen, his wife Sandra, and his family. And, of course, Endal.

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This is an incredibly moving book about true events centering on one amazing woman, her family and one of the most special dog I have ever read about. Allan Parton was in the Royal Navy and while being driven to the home of some Ex Patriots in another country which the Navy required their service men to do when the opportunity arose, the four wheeled vehicle over turned and Allen received some sort of internal head trauma which was not very evident at the time of the accident. He was taken back to the ship and after a good bit of time went by, someone took notice that there was something drastically wrong with him. This was in 1991 so I imagine there wasn't as much about head injuries as there is now. He was passed around quite bit before he was sent home to England. He had completely lost his memories and only could remember what he used to do which was working with missile development but he had lost so much in the way of words, he couldn't communicate well. He didn't remember his wife, nor his two children. I have to say, after reading this book, I am thankful I live in the good ole USA.. They certainly didn't do well for him and would send him home to his wife on the weekends who had NO way to cope with a man so badly handicapped. I never saw where the Navy helped out much at all. Sad butâ | there are six years here where his wife and kids are trying to do the best they can and Allen is despondent and miserable and takes it out on everyone. That is the only part I think they should have shortened up a bit. It does however, show one just how bad it could be so when Sandra get's involved with what she calls "dog walking" to help to work with young puppies that are going to be used for the helping of the disabled, the real story begins.

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