

## = Further Adventures of Lad =

Further Adventures of Lad , also known as Dog Stories Every Child Should Know , is a 1922 American novel written by Albert Payson Terhune and published by George H. Doran . A follow up to Lad : A Dog , it contains an additional eleven short stories featuring a fictional version of Terhune 's real life rough collie Lad , including the stories of Lad 's initial arrival at the " Place " , the death of his mate , and the day of his own death . Most of the stories were originally published in various magazines , and touch on themes of justice and the concepts of right and wrong . Terhune notes that he decided to publish the novel due to numerous letters received in response to the first novel , and the thousands of visitors who came to Sunnybank to visit the real life Lad 's grave . Though he initially intended for Further Adventures of Lad to be the final book of Lad stories , he would eventually publish one more book of stories , Lad of Sunnybank in 1929 .

The novel was a bestseller and well received by fans of the first novel , as well as new readers . Critics praised the stories as " charming " and " entertaining " , finding Lad a " delightful " and desirable dog . A critic for the New York Tribune , however , criticized Terhune 's writing style and felt Lad was an unbelievable character , while also still noting that book lovers would enjoy it . It was listed among H.W. Wilson Company 's 1922 list of 10 ,000 books they deemed the " most useful " . Warner Brothers purchased the film rights for Lad : A Dog , Further Adventures of Lad , and Lad of Sunnybank , intending to produce a series of films and possibly a television series . The first film , Lad : A Dog , was released in June 1962 but it was unsuccessful in the box office and the project was dropped . The novel is now a public domain work .

## = = Plot = =

### " The Coming of Lad "

A couple , referred to only as the Master and Mistress , purchase a pure bred rough collie named Lad to be the guard dog of their home , the Place . Though they are surprised when they receive a puppy instead of an adult dog , they decide to keep him and he quickly shows himself to be very intelligent and easily trainable . At first , Lad views all people as friends , including a burglar who robs the house one night . When the man climbs out the window with a bag of loot , Lad thinks he is playing a game and snatches the bag in play . The thief chases Lad , then shoots him to get back the bag . Lad realizes the man is not friendly and turns to attack him , but the thief falls into a ditch , knocking himself unconscious . Afterward , Lad no longer trusts strangers so easily and has become a true watchdog .

### " The Fetish "

While in town with the Mistress , Lad saves her from an attack by a sick dog being chased by the police and other citizens , who believe it to be rabid . The dog is shot and the upset Mistress , who knew it was not really rabid , goes home . The next day , the town constable comes by boat to the Place to execute Lad under the notion that he is now rabid . The Master argues that the other dog was not rabid and refuses to allow Lad to be shot , ordering the officer off his property . As the man is leaving , his boat overturns . Unable to swim , he is in danger of drowning until Lad jumps in and brings him back to shore . The grateful officer states that he killed the dog he came to kill and Lad only looks a little like him .

### " No Trespassing ! "

Two young couples trespass on the Place 's lake shore , only to be driven off by the Master and Lad . A week later , Lad is taken to compete in a dog show in Beauville . One of the men from the lake is there to show his boss ' champion Lochaber King . He plots to dye Lad 's coat red to embarrass the Master for the earlier incident , but accidentally dyes Lochaber King 's coat instead , after the two dogs change locations . He is left having to answer for the dog 's ruined coat while Lad wins the silver trophy .

### " Hero Stuff "

The Master and Mistress buy a female collie puppy named Lady to be Lad 's companion and mate . Lad becomes her protector and slave , as she bullies him from his food and the best places to lie ,

and endures the flashes of nasty temper that lead her to bite his ears and paws . As she grows older , she becomes a generally well @-@ behaved house dog , but when she is eight months old , she tries to attack a beloved mounted bald eagle belonging to the Master . He whips her and then locks her in a shed for the night as punishment ; however , during the night it catches on fire . Lad desperately tries to break down the door to free her , then howls in agony , before jumping through its high window to join Lady inside . The Master , awakened by Lad 's howl , arrives in time to free them both , though both have badly burned coats .

#### " The Stowaway "

When Lady returns from a fifteen @-@ week hospital stay , she abandons Lad to play with their son Wolf , whom she no longer recognizes . The moping Lad takes to hiding in the car to beg for a ride , and accidentally becomes a stowaway when the Master and Mistress go to the Catskills to visit friends . As dogs are not allowed in the residential park where they are staying , they take Lad to a kennel , but he quickly escapes and returns to the park . While waiting for the Master and Mistress to wake up , he follows a strange scent through a neighbor 's house , leading to his being blamed for destroying a room in that house . However , it 's quickly discovered that the vandal was another neighbor 's pet monkey , hidden by its owner who did not like the park 's new " no pet " rules . When Lad returns home , Lady effusively greets her returned mate .

#### " The Tracker "

Cyril , an eleven @-@ year @-@ old with a nasty penchant for making trouble , comes to stay at the Place for three months . While there , he frequently lies , sneakily torments Lad , and plays such horrible pranks on the staff that two quit . After he is caught kicking Lad in plain sight , the Master loses his temper and scolds him . Cyril goes into a rage and runs away in a snowstorm . He gets lost and falls off a high cliff , landing on a small ledge . Lad finds him there , but has to jump down to the ledge to save the boy from a bobcat . Now trapped with the boy , Lad keeps him warm until a rescue party arrives .

#### " The Juggernaut "

Lad 's mate Lady is run over and killed by a speeding driver who deliberately aimed his car at her . Lad and his owners both saw the crime , but were unable to catch up to the driver in time . Lad grieves terribly until they go to a local tennis tournament where he finds Lady 's killer . He attacks the man to kill him , but the Master calls him off . The Mistress explains to the shocked crowd what the man had done , then takes a cured Lad home . They later learn that the crowd destroyed the man 's expensive car and he was expelled from the club for killing Lady .

#### " In Strange Company "

The Master and Mistress take Lad on their annual fall camping trip to the mountains for two weeks . During the trip , Lad playfully teases a bear , leading to a fight , which the master ends by scaring off the bear . At the end of the trip , Lad is accidentally left tied to a tree at the camp site . While his owners are returning to find their missing dog , Lad is trapped by a forest fire . When the bear he fought earlier rushes past with singed fur , Lad chews through his rope and follows the other animals of the forest to sit in a nearby lake . When his owners arrive , he runs through the burning fire to join them , blistering his paws on some coals .

#### " Old Dog ; New Tricks "

After 12 @-@ year @-@ old Lad is praised for bringing the Mistress a lace parasol that he found on the road , he begins searching the road for more things to find , sometimes stealing them unintentionally from people who were nearby but not watching their items . As he had gotten more sensitive in his older age , his owners always praised him for the gifts , which ranged from a full picnic basket to roadkill . One night , he " finds " a baby , who was kidnapped from a wealthy household by a disgruntled former employee and his kin . The baby had been set in the grass by his two kidnappers while they changed a flat tire . The kidnappers eventually catch up to Lad , who is carrying the child home . He fights off the men when they attack him , eventually chasing them back to their car , and they escape . The baby is returned to his parents and the kidnappers arrested , but Lad is hurt that his present results in no praise , just a lot of activity around the house .

#### " The Intruders "

A large , cranky sow escapes from its herd and attacks the Mistress after she tries to shoo it out of

her garden . Lad charges between them and battles the sow , but with his old age and blunt fangs he struggles with the fight and is badly injured . Bruce and Wolf return from a forest romp in time to aid him , and the younger dogs are able to easily drive her off . While fleeing , the pig runs directly into the path of one of the Place 's cars , driven by a car thief who is knocked unconscious . Lad 's feelings are hurt by the battle being finished by the other dogs and the Mistress ' holding him back from joining them at the end , but he quickly forgives her .

#### " The Guard "

At 16 , the aging Lad befriends Sonya , a seven @-@ year @-@ old girl whose father works at the Place . Her father forces her to assist him with his work , then brutally mistreats her if she is slow . The Master and the Place 's superintendent try to quell the behavior , with no success . During a walk with the girl , Lad protects her from her father . The next day , while the Master and Mistress are at a show and the other workers are off on holiday , Sonya 's father starts to beat her for accidentally dropping a heavy basket . Lad comes to her rescue and they retreat to the veranda where she pets him while he sleeps . When Sonya goes to the barn , her father is waiting for her and closes the door . Somehow she senses Lad beside her , which gives her the courage to stand up to her father . The man imagines he sees Lad beside her and runs away in fear . Unknown to both , Lad had died in his sleep and the Master and Mistress were crying over his body on the veranda .

#### = = Development and publication = =

In 1915 , Albert Payson Terhune penned his first canine short story , " His Mate " , basing the main canine character on his real @-@ life rough collie Lad . After the short story 's publication in the January 1916 issue of Red Book Magazine , Terhune began writing additional short stories . The Lad Stories were published in the Saturday Evening Post , Ladies ' Home Journal , Hartford Courant , and the Atlantic Monthly , though Red Book remained the most consistent purchaser of the stories . Terhune collected twenty of the stories into a novel form , publishing it as Lad : A Dog in 1919 , the year after the real Lad died . The novel was well received by critics and readers , becoming a best seller .

Available evidence indicates that the real Lad was born in December 1902 , and that unlike his fictional counterpart , Lad was a collie of unknown lineage with no American Kennel Club registration papers . After living five years with a heart tumor , the dog died on September 3 , 1918 and his obituary was featured on a multi @-@ page spread of the September 14 , 1918 issue of Field and Fancy magazine . Terhune reported that he received hundreds of letters from fans asking him to publish more stories about Lad , and that over 1 @,@ 700 people visit Lad 's grave at Sunnybank . In 1922 , he collected together eleven more short stories into a novel ; the stories were published earlier in The Ladies ' Home Journal , with some new stories and some from other magazines . The new set of stories primarily revolved around the themes of right and wrong , abuse of authority , and justice . Intending it to be the last book he would write about his late collie , Terhune killed the fictional Lad in the last chapter of the novel . The novel was published by George H. Doran as Further Adventures of Lad . Seven years and twenty other novels later , he would change his mind and release one more Lad novel , Lad of Sunnybank , which was published by HarperCollins .

After the initial publication , Further Adventures of Lad was re @-@ released in the same year by Grosset & Dunlap . In 1941 , it was republished by Doubleday as Dog Stories Every Child Should Know , and has since entered the public domain . It has released online by Project Gutenberg , in print @-@ on @-@ demand form by Echo Library , and as a downloadable eBook by Ebookslib .

#### = = Reception = =

Further Adventures of Lad quickly became a best @-@ seller and was praised by both new readers and existing fans . Critics , however , gave it more mixed reviews . The Literary Digest called the stories " delightful sketches " that invoked a feeling of " privilege [ at being ] admitted to the

friendship and to obtain the devotion of an animal like Lad . " The reviewer for the Springfield Republican found it as " entertaining " as the previous novel , and felt it was " written with the same understanding of dog nature which made the other stories universally read . " A reviewer for the Olympia Daily Recorder considered it a " charming story " and a " worth while " book , calling Lad both " delightful " and a " great hero " . However , Isabel Paterson , of the New York Tribune , considered Lad to be an unbelievable and undesirable dog and felt that Terhune wrote in a " rather hysterical style " whose " incessant piling up of the agony and adjectives [ was ] wearing . " Despite these failings , she did note that dog lovers would likely enjoy the book .

The H.W. Wilson Company listed it in its 1922 Standard Catalog Bimonthly , a selection of " 10 @, @ 000 titles of the most useful books covering all classes of literature . " In the 1960s , Warner Brothers purchased the film rights for the novel from the late Terhune 's wife Anice Terhune , hoping to produce a sequel and possible television series as a follow @-@ up to Lad : A Dog , the film adaptation of the first novel it released in June 1962 . However , the film was not as successfully as the studio hoped , and plans for follow @-@ ups were dropped .