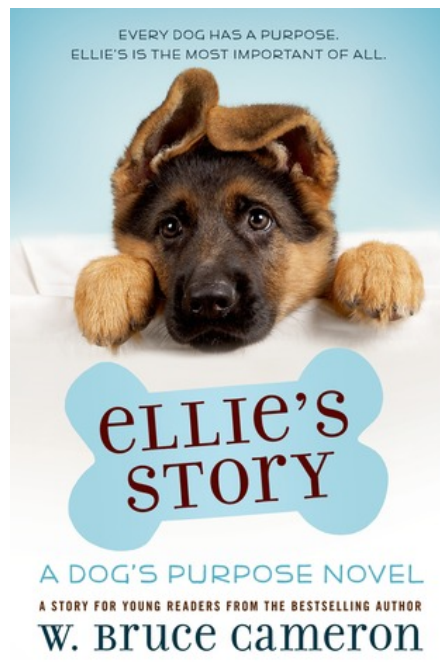




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Ellie's Story is a heartwarming illustrated novel adapted for young readers from the beloved and *New York Times* bestselling *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron.

Ellie is a very special dog with a very important purpose. From puppyhood, Ellie has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog. She can track down a lost child in a forest or an injured victim under a fallen building. She finds people. She saves them. It's what she was meant to do.

But Ellie must do more. Her handlers--widowed Jakob, lonely Maya--need her too. People can be lost in many ways, and to do the job she was born to do, Ellie needs to find a way to save the people she loves best.

Ellie's Story is an inspiring tale for young animal lovers. Adorable black-and-white illustrations by Richard Cowdrey bring Ellie and her world to life. A discussion and activity guide at the end of the book will help promote family and classroom discussions about *Ellie's Story* and the insights it provides about humankind's best friends.

Ellie's Story Details

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Stephanie says

A cute and easy read..it's tailored to kids but I absolutely loved it, ha! There were moments of sadness of course because it wouldn't be A Dog's Purpose series book without it but so many happy tears too!

Erika says

What a great, great story for dog lovers everywhere! Seth has been reading all things dog and animals lately, and he suggested I read this one before we go see the Dog Purpose movie together. This is a tween-aged version of one the dog stories in the Dog's Purpose adult novel--this one is about Ellie, the search and rescue German Shepherd. It is heart-warming, exciting, and eye-opening, the whole book is told from the dog's point of view. Recommended to dog lovers everywhere!

Shelby says

5 Stars

I am not really a dog person but when I was reading this book I fell in with Ellie's Story. It is about Ellie is a puppy that gets adopted and she is trained to be a service dog that is supposed to find people. It is amazing story. I like how it is really different from other stories. I like how it is a dog's life and perspective instead of a humans perspective. I have never read any kind of books that are like that until I read this. I really love this story. I would recommend this book to anyone even though you may not be a dog person or a animal person, but I think you would really love this story.

Mary says

The story of a search-and-rescue dog, from puppyhood to retirement, told from the dog's perspective. I think a lot of kids would like this book because so many of them have had encounters with the various types of working dogs. And the information at the back will help them to learn about more than just Ellie.

Ellie Chun says

This story is a heartwarming tale of a search-and-rescue dog who is devoted to her cause, and won't leave a person behind. This is an incredible book that EVERYONE should read!

Maria Espadinha says

Um Rebuçado de Ternura

Que doçura de livro!

Começa na capa e termina na ultima página!

Nota: Em português intitula-se "A história de Ellie"

Madeline Flowers says

Very good. Lots of action.

Amy says

This story is written for the juvenile reader, but it is enjoyable for the adult reader as well!! Very well done, and a great addition to animal-related literature for kids.

Ms. Yingling says

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Ellie is excited to be adopted by Jakob, and loves to have her ears scratched and cuddle up to the gruff man, who seems to prefer "work". Ellie understands that this is important, so practices "finding" people. She eventually gets good at it and has to locate a woman who has run away from a nursing home. Ellie also finds missing children and others, delighting in Jakob's company, until he is wounded while finding a child who has been abducted. Ellie is then taken in by Maya, who was a beat cop but is out of shape for working in a canine unit. She is also having a tenuous romance with the man next door, and is trying really hard to keep Ellie active and happy. Eventually, the two go to an earthquake zone to rescue survivors, and Ellie's abilities are compromised. The two do school visits, and reconnect with Jakob years after he worked with Ellie.

Strengths: Good descriptions of what a search and rescue dog's training entails, and interesting jobs that Ellie has to do. Dog books are quite popular with my students, and the cover alone will sell this one.

Weaknesses: The voice of the dog got fairly annoying, especially when Ellie is the ring bearer in Maya's wedding. Just not my favorite thing to read-- I'd prefer it in third person rather than first. I am a bit curious about the adult version of the novel. (A Dog's Purpose?)

What I really think: Falls on the "commercial schlock" side of some line for me, but kids will probably read it. And it also made me want to train my dog to read to children so she doesn't feel valueless and lonely during the day...

Autumn says

It was sad ,happy , with the same thing I am wanting to read in my books I read on my shelf and this is one of my favorites on my whole entire bookshelf.

Good job W. Bruce Cameron.

Tomjerry1 says

Einfach nur eine süße Geschichte rund um Ellie.

Sheri says

Ellie's life story as told from her perspective. Touching yet informative as the reader learns how search and rescue dogs are trained. Recommended for children and adults.

Reading_geek says

Can't wait to read this! I hope it is as good as A Dogs Purpose!!

Lara says

Ellie's Story is an inspirational, heartwarming and memorable book that people of all ages will enjoy. It is both awakening, sweet and upbeat. Don't miss out on this spectacular book!

Ellie was born to do something special. Ever since she was with all her brothers and sisters in the litter, she could tell that she was simply made to do something more. Then, when adoption day comes, Ellie finally gets her big break. Recently widowed police officer Jakob takes in the curious puppy. Every day is an adventure for Ellie as she trains to search-and-rescue and even gets a chance to do it for real. Though as time goes by, Ellie begins to realize the people who really need saving. This young pup must save her owner Jakob from the grief of losing a loved one. It won't be easy, though Ellie was never one to give up. Sometimes the people that really need our help are not the ones fighting a war on the outside, though the ones fighting a battle on the inside. This is Ellie's purpose, a dog's purpose.

This novel is by far one of the best book that I have ever read! I loved how W. Bruce Cameron really gave Ellie a personality. He portrayed everything in so much detail, though from a dog's perspective. The creativity that it must have taken to put yourself into the shoes of another living thing is tremendous. It left me wondering at what my dog thinks of me and if he is trying to save me just like Ellie is trying to save Jakob. It was truly an eyeopener. The only thing I did not like was that the plot was a bit hard to follow at times and the author did not give enough information about Jakob's past. Despite this, the book was a rush of emotions. I laughed at all the different perceptions that Ellie had of the human world. Though most importantly, I felt hope. I felt so much hope that things can and will get better. Even when you feel like giving up, work through it and it will pass. This is probably one of the biggest morals of this book. Anyone who enjoys a humorous and deep story will love this novel. If you have enjoyed any other book by this author, you will fall in love with the story as well. It is a lot like the book [Bailey's Story](#) which is by the same author and the sequel to the book, as well as the new movie [A Dog's Purpose](#).

Christine says

Ellie's Story is about a German Sheppard puppy named Ellie who has been trained as a service dog, specifically search and rescue. If you don't read it because the puppy on the cover is so cute, read it for the story – it is heartwarming. The story is told from Ellie's point of view, which makes it all the more adorable.

Ellie's training has taught her to be an excellent search and rescue dog and the reader learns all about her adventures as she does her job. She also has handlers in whom she senses sadness and she wants to help them too. Overall, this is just a sweet, wonderful, and enjoyable story, particularly for dog lovers.
