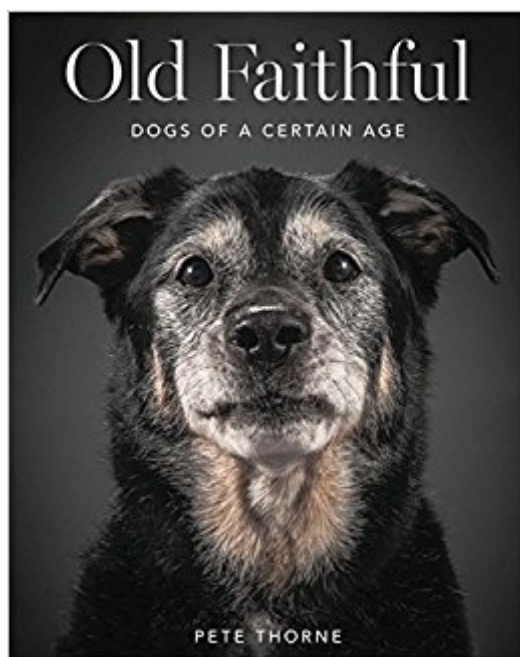


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# Old Faithful: Dogs Of A Certain Age



## Synopsis

A stunning and indelible collection of portraits and stories that capture dogs of a certain age in all their patchy, scruffy, jowly, and devoted glory—*an homage to man’s best friend*, based on the popular international photography project. The dogs in *Old Faithful* are well worn, well loved, and well on in years. After his grandmother’s 100th birthday party, photographer and dog lover Pete Thorne found himself taking photos of elderly dogs. In their aged, imperfect faces, he saw a depth of life, joy, and wisdom missing from more youthful subjects. He gathered these rich and powerful portraits into a web series he called “*Old Faithful*.” The reaction was instant—and astounding—from media outlets as diverse as Huffington Post and BuzzFeed to Esquire and ABC, to thousands of people around the globe who reached out to Thorne with their heartwarming stories of their own faithful companions. The photos triggered a wide variety of emotions, eliciting smiles and tears, and unleashing a flood of anecdotes and memories. “*Old Faithful*” became a shared platform for dog lovers all over the world. Based on his web series, *Old Faithful* features dozens of color photographs that bring these dogs vividly into focus, accompanied by poignant descriptive sketches that capture the spirit and personality of each, illuminate his life and experiences, and celebrate the shared relationship with a beloved human companion. A sweet and moving keepsake, *Old Faithful* demonstrates that aging can be beautiful, and offers profound lessons for all of us, no matter our age.

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## Customer Reviews

“Faces, like companionship, just get better with age,” writes photographer Pete Thorne. His lovely compendium of dogs past will charm you into agreeing. (People) “I doubt you will leave Old Faithful sitting on a table or shelf... Unlike many elegant books featuring photos accompanied by small blurbs of explanation, this one is filled with heartfelt joy and wonder...” (San Francisco Book Review)

Old Faithful is a striking and heartrending collection of photographs and stories featuring dogs who are well worn, well loved, and well on in years. The Old Faithful Project started after photographer Pete Thorne snapped photographs for his grandmother’s hundredth birthday party. Inspired, he began photographing elderly dogs. What he discovered were faces with more life, more joy, and more wisdom than he could have ever anticipated. After he posted a few photographs, stories and pictures came pouring in from around the globe—people wanted to share tales of their own senior dogs. Thorne met with hundreds of senior dogs and their best friends and human companions. Old Faithful features seventy-five of these dogs and their stories. Each dog has a different background. Some were rescued from pet mills, like seventeen-year-old Chihuahua Sam, who has exceeded his life expectancy by five years and counting. Some needed a forever home after their owners could no longer care for them, like sixteen-year-old toy poodle Grimm, who’s had a long list of health problems but remains as unique and lovable as ever. And some have been companions since puppyhood, like ten-year-old rottweiler Brut, who loves his human siblings as if he were their mother. But all of these dogs are beloved, in their own patchy, scruffy, jowly glory.

I always give my vet’s office a book for the holidays since they are covered with food and flowers and this is this year’s gift. I also got one for myself. This past July saw the demise of my wonderful Hannah Rose, aged 14 (which is a long life for an Airedale), after 72 weeks of chemo. She was such a trooper and really showed the spirit of “old dogs”—just like the ones in this excellent tribute to them. A perfect gift and a great book to own yourself if you’ve ever been owned by an old dog.

Old dogs are the best dogs. When your best friend starts going gray around the muzzle, perhaps harder of hearing with eyes maybe a little blue, he continues to love you with every beat of his heart. The bond that was forged in youth is now stronger than the strongest steel, and whether you realize it or not, your hearts beat as one. This book brought immediate tears that didn’t end until the final page was turned. Seeing these magnificent animals that seem to represent all that is good, now in their twilight years, brings forth unbidden memories of previous losses, previous goodbyes. When

your best friend goes home, a part of your heart always goes along. It's inevitable. The photographs in the book are sensitive and were obviously made with great care. The accompanying stories were written by - by people just like you - who express far more eloquently than I the great love they carry in their hearts for their "Old Faithfuls". And that love is never unrequited. Never demanding. It's close to perfect. Just perfect.

Our 16 1/2 year old shih tzu passed away 2 months ago. This book was both heartbreaking (because it reminded us of our Oreo) but also a testament to older dogs and the people who love them. The photos are beautiful....Truly a masterpiece!

Tom T. Hall once sang a song about "Old Dogs, Children and Watermelon Wine." Well, I have never had the opportunity of sampling watermelon wine and I certainly agree with his line about 'God Bless little children while they're still too young to hate' ... but I can testify first-hand to the pure Love of old dogs and OLD FAITHFUL will touch your heart too. If you have ever been blessed with the Love of an old dog, you will want this book.

I am so charmed by this book! As a ,lover of dogs of ALL ages, can't deny the special bond and affection for my old guys, whether they have been with me for years or a more recent rescue. The pictures are beautiful, soulful; the stories heart warming. Put it on your must buy list!

Love this book... Pete has able to captured these beautiful souls perfectly

One of the most beautiful books I have ever come across. I fell in love with every precious dog and their stories. I got this book to prepare me for the inevitable. Thank you Peter Thorne for capturing such human like faces.

Love this. Pictures are beautiful

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