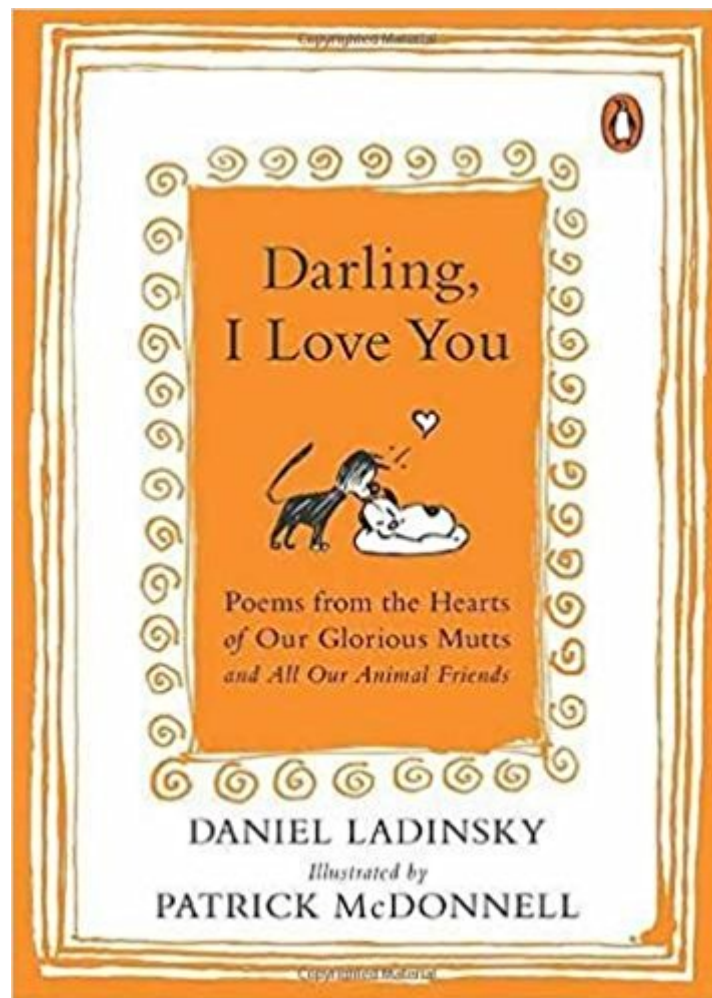


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Darling, I Love You: Poems From The Hearts Of Our Glorious Mutts And All Our Animal Friends



Synopsis

A heartwarming collection of short verse celebrating our beloved pets and the wonder of life. Daniel Ladinsky is the internationally acclaimed poet and translator known for his inspired, contemporary versions of works by Hafiz, Rumi, St. Francis of Assisi, and poet-saints East and West. Patrick McDonnell is the venerated author, artist, and creator of the beloved MUTTS comic strip. In *Darling, I Love You!* these two artists have collaborated for the first time to create a delightful, universal collection of sweet, welcome-to-the-moment poems about the essential places animals and wonder hold in our lives and in our hearts, accompanied by line drawings of the illustrious MUTTS characters that readers have come to know and love. “Pet owners will chuckle knowingly about the way the speakers shift between simple observations and deeper statements . . . that remind us why humans need animals as much as they need us.” —*The Washington Post*

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“The perfect read for those seeking respite from the seemingly endless stream of unsettling events in the news these days . . . The pages . . . present a variety of insights about everyday pleasures and demonstrate the value of living in the moment and treating our companions with respect and affection. The text is accompanied by charming line drawings . . . which add to the energy, depth and warmth of the writing. Pet owners will chuckle knowingly about the way the speakers shift between simple observations and deeper statements . . . that remind us why humans

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Daniel Ladinsky’s books include *The Gift*, *The Purity of Desire*, *A Year with Hafiz*, *I Heard God Laughing*, and *The Subject Tonight is Love*, as well as a collection of translations of poems by twelve mystics and saints, *Love Poems from God*. *Darling, I Love You!* is the first book to feature selections from Ladinsky’s thousands of original, unique haiku. Patrick McDonnell (illustrator) is a New York Times bestselling author and the creator of the comic strip MUTTS, which appears in over seven hundred newspapers around the globe. He has received numerous awards internationally, including the National Cartoonists Society’s highest honor, The Reuben.

What a lovely book! Beautifully written poetry about the wonderful and sweet role animals and nature play in this world.

Love Mutts...this pairing with Daniel is priceless...a Valentine’s gift for my GF

I love the mutts they make my day

Gave to my grandkids, no feedback, but i can only assume anything written by Patrick is going to great

Fantastic Book! "Darling, I Love You" is a delightful read that will bring joy to the hearts of both young and old alike. A light and easy read that I couldn't put down, and then I kept on smiling, way after the end. :)

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