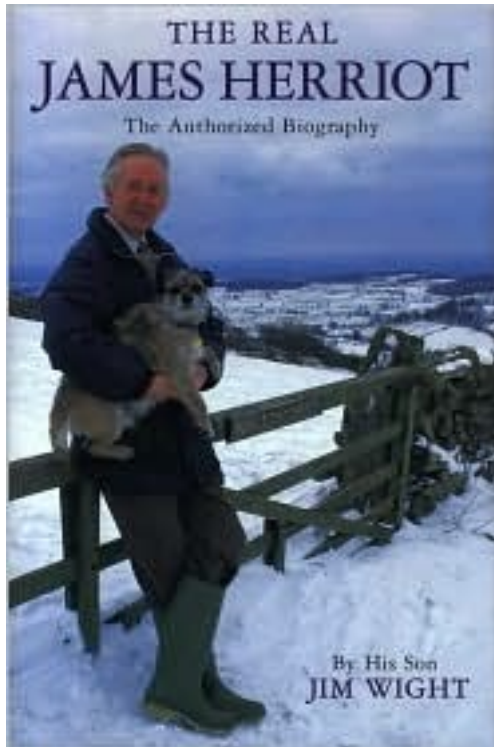

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Description

"The day that my father died, I lost my best friend." So says Jim Wight of the man who wrote the internationally acclaimed best sellers *All Creatures Great and Small*, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, *All Things Wise and Wonderful*, *The Lord God Made Them All*, and so many more. Despite his fame, Alf Wight remained an intensely private person. This illuminating program reveals the man behind the title "The World's Most Famous Vet." Parting the curtain of myth surrounding his father, Jim Wight paints an endearing portrait of the "vit'ner" who turned a modest practice in rural Scotland into a worldwide phenomenon. He writes of his father's deep devotion to family, nature, the farmers of the countryside, and the animals he cared for; tells of this relationship with his wife, children, and parents; and introduces us to the real characters who were portrayed as Helen, Siegfried, and Tristan. With full access to his father's papers, correspondence, and manuscripts, Jim Wight has created a fitting and affectionate tribute to a man millions loved but never really knew -- until now.

Insightful reviews

Joe: Interesting information, just what I was looking for in that regard, but this is not a very well-written book. Could have used a ghost-writer and a good editor.

Linda: There are two authors on the top of my personal favorites list. One is Sebastian Barry and the other is James Herriot. I devoured everything JH wrote in my younger years, so when we planned our four week return to England, I just had to visit his house/surgery in adorable Thirsk. It was such a moving experience for me. I was one of the Americans who loved his stories about animals and people with a passion. I laughed and cried my way through the books by this beloved writer. It's only fitting his son should tell the story of his Dad. His admiration and love soak the pages. There are some surprises in this book; they made me appreciate and love (JH) even more. Now I must read his books again. Yorkshire was just as gorgeous as he said it was. I highly recommend *The World of James Herriot* for anyone in the area. It's an interesting time capsule of the 1940-50s if you're a fan or not. IF you're a fan, it's an absolute must! So is this book.

Lisa Valeri: To compare and expect Jim to write like his father is an unfair expectation. Having said that, however, Mr. Herriot's son may have inherited his love and knowledge of veterinary science, he unfortunately did not pick up any of his (or anybody else's) writing skills. I was hoping for an interesting inside look at James Alfred Wight's real life, only to be muddled down in the younger Jim's heavy handed (though earnest attempt) at writing it. I made it about halfway through, reading passages that I could find almost verbatim pages before, when I finally threw in the towel on this disappointingly boring book.

Isabel: This biography on Alf Wright, the true guy at the back of James Herriot, used to be written via his son, Jim Wright. I beloved it a lot, it's very informative, attention-grabbing and an exceptional read. the single challenge I had with it at times, used to be that i presumed it used to be too soppy. the writer every now and then forgot to maintain the pro distance, as a result he

used to be praising his dad (and his mother) too often. Anyway, I suppose he can not help it. ;)

Cathi: approximately 20 years ago, I learned the entire James Herriot books, and that I cannot even start to describe how much I loved them. I am not a lot of an animal-lover, however the tales of Herriot's adventures as a tender veterinarian in Yorkshire, England, totally thrilled me in each way. So while I heard approximately this biography of James Alfred "Alf" Wight (Herriot's identify in genuine life), I jumped on the probability to learn it. It is a bit too specific in a few spots, yet overall, I discovered it very relaxing and informative. I enjoyed studying concerning the heritage tales for his tales and characters in his books, and that I beloved studying approximately his weaknesses and challenges. (We've all received 'em!) so much of all, I used to be satisfied to benefit that Wight/Herriot used to be pretty much as good in genuine lifestyles as I imagined him to be. He was once thoroughly unpretentious, even if he grew to become very well-known and well-loved (especially in America) and his family members intended extra to him than anything within the world.

Nancy Dawe: This booklet good captures the spirit of "The genuine James Herriot," Alf Wight, in its humour and sentimentality. It used to be frequently hilarious, and provided a candid investigate Mr. Wight's lifestyles as either vet and author. My simple criticism is that a few sentiments have been oft repeated making a longer publication than necessary.

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