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Dogfight At The Pentagon: Sergeant Dogs, Grumpy Cats, Wallflower Wingmen, And Other Lunacy From The Wall Street Journal's A-Hed Column



Synopsis

A delightful collection of the wild, the weird, and the wonderful culled from the Wall Street Journal's popular, and long-standing A-hed column. One of the Wall Street Journal's most popular features for more than seventy years, the daily A-hed column—named for a headline that looked like a letter A—has diverted readers from the more glum news of war, economic woe, natural disasters, and manmade malfeasance. Covering a wide range of lunacy and the unusual from across the nation and the world, the A-hed continues to enchant longtime readers. Now, the best A-hed stories from recent years have been bundled into this delightful collection. There are romantic tales, including the Japanese infidelity phone (it keeps trysts secret) and the story of wingmen and wingwomen who escort wallflowers to nightspots and maneuver them into the arms of prospective catches. Lovers of dogs, cats, and fish will learn how a Marine Corps bulldog got promoted to sergeant, how a grumpy cat acquired a Hollywood agent, and will be left wondering if a 63-pound carp named Benson died naturally in England or was the victim of foul play. From pantyhose (or mantyhose) for men to a campaign to recruit youthful nudists, a hairdo archeologist to five escaped wallabies and hippies smoking catnip, these stories will make readers laugh and keep them entertained.

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Customer Reviews

Very enjoyable, very funny. I only wish it were longer. It is made up of articles that once appeared in the Wall Street Journal. While reading it in a doctor's waiting room, I had to interrupt my husband's own reading several times to show him some passages in it. That took guts.

This is a series of articles originally published in the A-Hed, a column in the Wall Street Journal. Begun in 1941 by the first managing editor, Barney Kilgore, it offers little stories of lunacy to give the readers a break from serious business. The articles are often followed by updates. The subjects vary widely from the controversy over whether Benson, the 63-pound carp was murdered or died naturally; the Marine Corps's mascot Chesty XIII's confrontation with Leon Panetta's golden retriever; and the "hairdo archaeologist" Janet Stephens, whose recreations of historic hairstyles are featured on You Tube. Very funny, I just wish there was more.

Anyone familiar with the quirky "A-hed" page one column in the Wall Street Journal will enjoy this collection of essays. Wacky, oddball stories from around the world provide levity and balance to somber news of the day.

Very fun....liked the short vignettes....could stop conveniently

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