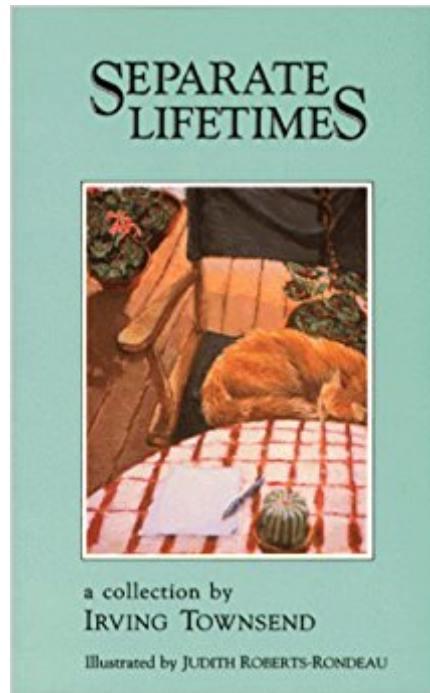




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Synopsis

Now in its third printing, this collection of essays about living with animals, and coping with their loss, is "a joy for any nature or animal lover." (Roger Caras, President, ASPCA).

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I have been in the veterinary industry for over 15 years. Sadly, we often send condolence cards to owners when their pets pass away. Many years ago I started seeing a particular quote by Irving Townsend on these cards. It read, "We who choose to surround ourselves with lives even more temporary than our own live within a fragile circle, easily and often breached. Unable to accept its awful gaps, we still would live no other way. We cherish memory as the only certain immortality, never fully understanding the necessary plan." It took over 15 years to stumble across the book that contains this quote, but it was worth the wait. I recommend it from the heart. A truly memorable experience.

Irving Townsend revisits the lives of some of his favorite animals and the ways they have touched him. Read about Prince, the horse saved from an auction, who blossomed and came into his own; the cat without a name who shared his life for a few months to recover from an injury. These are the characters, but he tells their stories as they affect him. It is his sense of loss that we feel and understand. An excellent book for anyone who has ever loved or lost a pet or companion animal.

Outstanding book, for anybody who has ever loved and lost a beloved companion animal. Will put a lump in your throat, a tear in your eye, and a feeling of warmth deep within your heart. Arlene

Millman, author of BOOMERANG - A MIRACLE TRILOGY (The tale of a remarkable Boston Terrier).

The most beautiful small book I've read since "I heard the owl call my name". It is more a collection of essays than a novel, but the stories all tie together and hit home. The writing style reminds me a little of Steinbeck.

How can there be nothing on the Author's Page or a biography on Wikipedia about Mr. Townsend ?! This is one of the most touching and charming books I have EVER read. "The Once Again Prince" is a story of such dignity--lyrical, simple, moving. It contains easily the most memorable quote about animal loss ever written. Each story in this short book is exquisite. I can't remember the last time I have been so deeply affected by words.

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