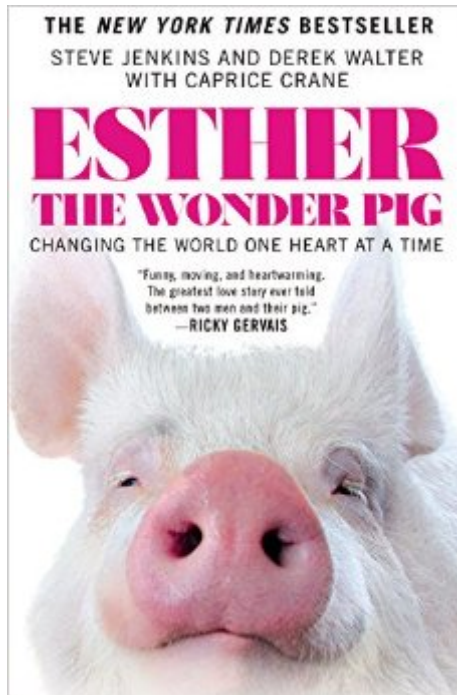


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# Esther The Wonder Pig: Changing The World One Heart At A Time



## Synopsis

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR SO FAR Unlikely pig owners Steve and Derek got a whole lot more than they bargained for when the designer micro piglet they adopted turned out to be a full-sized 600-pound sow! In the bestselling tradition of pet memoirs such as Oogy, Dewey, and Giant George, the story of ESTHER THE WONDER PIG shows how families really do come in all shapes and sizes. In the summer of 2012, Steve Jenkins was contacted by an old friend about adopting a micro piglet. Though he knew his partner Derek wouldn't be enthusiastic, he agreed to take the adorable little pig anyway, thinking he could care for her himself. Little did he know, that decision would change his and Derek's lives forever. It turned out there was nothing "micro" about Esther, and Steve and Derek had actually signed on to raise a full-sized commercial pig. Within three years, Tiny Esther grew to a whopping 600 pounds. After some real growing pains and a lot of pig-sized messes, it became clear that Esther needed much more space, so Steve and Derek made another life-changing decision: they bought a farm and opened the Happily Ever Esther Farm Sanctuary, where they could care for Esther and other animals in need. Funny, heartwarming, and utterly charming, ESTHER THE WONDER PIG follows Steve and Derek's adventure--from reluctant pig parents to farm-owning advocates for animals.

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## Customer Reviews

I preordered this in January and it arrived today, the day the book was released. I've followed Esther on FB for so long, that Steve and Derek feel like friends that I wave to everyday as I leave the house. Even tossed a few dollars into the fund to help buy the sanctuary, holding my breath,

watching the fund grow higher each day. It's been a wild ride, and certainly a unique story that no one else can tell. Others may own a pig, but that pig isn't going to become a worldwide sensation, get people to donate huge funds for a sanctuary, and turn people into vegans. There's magic at work here. Enter Esther, the girl who made Steve, Derek, and herself a household name. The book is funny, endearing, thought provoking, and reminds us that there are many other animals that are just as loving and intelligent as our current domesticated pets, and that they don't deserve the treatment or fate they receive in this world. You may not go vegan after reading the book, but most everything about Esther's story will give you pause, a reason to at least consider things that you didn't think about before. Oddly enough, it was yet another person trying to take advantage of an animal that brought Esther into Steve and Derek's life: a person trying to make a quick buck by selling baby commercial pigs, passing them off as "mini pigs" in an online ad. Fate stepped in, Esther was spared a horrific and short life before becoming a package of bacon, and instead became a social media personality that has followers around the globe. No one saw that coming! It helps that her dads have so much personality, and can capture Esther's thoughts and expressions in photos and then write hilarious captions from Esther's point of view. This book is a quick read, very entertaining, and will hopefully make each person ask themselves, "What can I do to make this world one notch better while I'm here? Even if my actions cannot fix the whole problem, what is my personal decision about partaking in this issue? Am I humane, as well as human?" Steve, Derek, and Esther have unknowingly immortalized their legacy; their names, this story, and the current animal sanctuary they run will be remembered and loved forever. Do two things different today: donate five dollars to an animal sanctuary, and give up eating animal meat three days a week. Your heart, soul, and health will thank you. And, you may find yourself becoming a member of Esther's Army. It feels good to partake in something so positive. Esther's followers are now a massive, global family. Take the first step and come join us. No pressure to change; however, Esther might make you see the world differently, without using any words. Yes, you can indeed be both humane and human. Esther and the boys are blazing the trail to prove that very fact. Great work, guys! You have indeed changed the world for the better.

Thank you doesn't begin to describe my gratitude for sharing your (and Esther's) story. I absolutely LOVE this book!!! I laughed, I cried, I laughed some more and I nodded like a crazy woman when I've found myself in such similar situations I had to read it to my husband and then to my son who found the similarities uncanny and laughed with me! Esther has been a big part of my life over the last year. I suffer from severe depression and anxiety and Esther ALWAYS brings me out of the

darkness with her kindness and humor! My diet has also changed thanks to her and I am so happy to be a part of The Esther Movement! Thank you a million times over to sharing her with the world and writing this amazing book that continues to give me, and so many other humans and animals alike, hope for tomorrow!

The only way I could be happier with this book is if it had more pages with more wonderful tales of our favorite porcine princess! We've been following Esther, her dads and HEEFS for a while now on social media and, I love everything about them and their story. At the heart of it all is a beautiful girl that we've all gotten to know through daily pics, videos and stories that make us feel like part of the family. We've been granted the unique privilege of daily access to the Wonder Pig and all her mint-sucking, bed-hogging, pool-crushing, tulip-bulb-digging, stick-carrying, wind-passing glory. And, just when we thought we knew everything, and that we couldn't possibly love her or her dads more, along comes the book. It's hysterical, heartwarming, thought-provoking and quietly powerful! It will make you think, make you cry, make you smile and laugh out loud (many times). It's the story of Esther the way it should be told, with love and humor in every page.

I have been following Esther the Wonder Pig on Facebook for about 7-8 months now. Her personality as portrayed by the dads, who know her well, is both funny and educational. I welcomed the opportunity to find out how it all started and to follow her current adventures! And you cannot exclude Miss Esther's siblings from different mothers! Makes the family complete! This book is an easy read, I bought the e-book and read it this afternoon. I appreciate Steve and Derek sharing freely the emotional roller coaster that came from making a 'mini pig' part of the family and how they held on fast refusing to let go of their 650 pound little girl! I highly recommend this book and recommend you follow Esther the Wonder Pig on Facebook!

I have been following Esther the Wonder Pig since the beginning of their fb page. I loved the quirky posts and her adorable face. I was so emotional when their farm was purchased and I saw pics of Esther walking around open spaces. This book gave me a deeper understanding of the sacrifices and the deeply difficult choices her two dads had to make to keep her in their lives. I learned that you can commit to something and work every second to make it a reality. I loved reading every word and felt absolutely more in love with this family. The book was well written and so funny. Like laugh out loud funny. And so interesting. I got it at 1 pm today and started reading. I just finished it. Page

turner. Thank you for sharing your story with us. Its added value to my life. My perspective.

By Chapter Four I had cried and laughed so many times I lost count. This is a truly one-of-a-kind story about true love that changed lives. I am so in love with Esther and her dads and the rest of her animal family.

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