

Yorkie Doodle Dandy: A Memoir -- 7th edition

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Smoky - Yorkie Doodle Dandy - Sweetheart Hero Dog By Abu Tekal This book, Yorkie Doodle Dandy: A Memoir, by William Wynne is the BEST book I have ever read! The memoir about Smoky is the dearest book to my heart. It was a most exciting story to read as it relates details from the moment Smoky is discovered throughout her life. I have never read a book in which the essence of the relationship

between a Hero dog like Smoky and her owner and trainer and life's partner just jumped off the pages. It is a totally amazing story of Smoky and Bill's WW II war experiences and of their post-war experiences. Many awesome pictures of Smoky are in this book. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A Hard Book to Put Down By Wendy Rush I was rescued by a 12-year old 4-pound Yorkie in May 2008 at a local shelter where I was a volunteer photographer. I never had a Yorkie before, but I now know I will always have one in my life, thanks to our Maybelle, now 16. When I heard there was a famous war hero 4-pound Yorkie, I was not surprised, as Yorkies are made of steel, heart, and humor. Yorkie Doodle Dandy is a wonderful account of this special hero Yorkie, Smoky, and her story will capture your heart. Mr. Wynne brings her life to us with warmth and wonderful storytelling. He captures the spirit of all Yorkies splendidly. I had such a hard time putting this book down, much to Maybelle's dismay, who is resting on my lap as I write this. I wish I could thank the author for sharing his story, and for everything he and Smoky did. They are both angels. Their story is important and very relevant to our times today. You will enjoy this book! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good for a snapshot of history and dog psychology By Eagletree Very enjoyable book. I love dogs, I love learning about WWII. This also provided a feeling of Americana from the times after the war. I actually learned a bit about dog training from him too, and I'm not a slouch. He made me think.

Yorkie Doodle Dandy is Corporal William A. Wynne's story about Smoky, a tiny Yorkshire Terrier found in a New Guinea foxhole during World War II. Smoky helped save the lives of servicemen who were faced with imminent airfield attack. Wynne's own life was spared while under a shipboard kamikaze attack--led by Smoky--Smoky is credited internationally for her therapy work in hospitals and care facilities. Post-war, Smoky continued therapy work and performed on live television with Bill as trainer. Smoky ultimately proved to the world the therapeutic value of dogs to people during war, conflict, and recovery, as well as in friendship, entertainment, and hope. Author William A. Wynne is nationally recognized for his award-winning black and white photography. While specializing in horticulture during high school, he took an elective course in photography, which changed his life forever. In 1944, the 26th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Force placed Wynne directly into the Pacific Theater of WWII, where he became Smoky's best friend.

"SMOKY--"became a miracle--the greatest dog I ever knew and far greater than any I have read about." -- FOREWORD by Maxwell Riddle, World-renowned dog judge and expert "This book is a delightful tale of life's twists and turns interwoven around a charming little dog. It belongs in every dog lover's library. It is more than a book about a dog, it is a first-hand slice of wartime history and struggle of a young man in postwar years to establish his career and care for his growing family."--Suzanne Hively, Pets Columnist, Cleveland Plain Dealer "The smallest four-footed soldier to serve in war, WWII canine mascot Smoky proved to be a courageous companion to her handler William Wynne--who writes of their unique experiences with enthusiasm and love." --Barbara Jemma, Director of the AKC Museum of the Dog "Yorkie Doodle Dandy exemplifies the beauty of the human/animal bond. Readers can't help but fall in love with Smoky and admire the spirit of this tiny creature." --Norine Dresser, Los Angeles Times "SMOKY is the first documented 'Therapy dog' beginning with battlefield casualties coming from the Biak Island Invasion in 1944." --"Yorkshire Terrier." ANIMAL PLANET Breed All About It Series "SMOKY began the popularity of the then obscure breed with wire photos and stories appearing from the Far Pacific in 1945." --Popular Dogs Series Magazine -- Special Issue: "Yorkshire Terrier" About the Author William A. Wynne was a corporal who served with the 26th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Force in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He is also well known and recognized for award-winning black and white photography. Bill trained dogs for Hollywood films after the war, and then joined NACA/NASA's Flight Icing Research Team at Lewis Laboratories in Cleveland, Ohio. He worked for The Cleveland Plain Dealer in the 1950s and 60s, where he won numerous national awards. He later received awards for lifetime achievement as a journalist, author, inventor, and decorated WWII Veteran. Bill married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Roberts, in 1946. They raised nine children and were married for 57 years. Bill is renowned for his training of "Smoky," a 4-pound Yorkshire Terrier, WWII hero, and the first therapy dog. Smoky's story is described in Bill's popular memoir, Yorkie Doodle Dandy. Bill continues an active life while honoring Smoky's many contributions to humanity.