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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Gladwell's fourth book comprises various contributions to the *New Yorker* and makes for an intriguing and often hilarious look at the hidden extraordinary. He wonders what... hair dye tell[s] us about twentieth century history, and observes firsthand dog whisperer Cesar Millan's uncanny ability to understand and be understood by his pack. Gladwell pulls double duty as author and narrator; while his delivery isn't the most dramatic or commanding, the material is frequently astonishing, and his reading is clear, heartfelt, and makes for genuinely pleasurable listening. *A Little, Brown hardcover. (Nov.)*

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Review

GREAT PRAISE FOR *WHAT THE DOG SAW*:

"[Malcolm Gladwell] is one of the brightest stars in the media firmament...Gladwell's clear prose and knack for upending conventional wisdom across the social sciences have made *The Tipping Point*, *Blink* and *Outliers*, as well as his lengthy magazine features on topics ranging from cool-hunting to ketchup, into must reads." (**Time.com Alex Altman**)

"This evidence of a Gladwell effect helps to predict something larger: that Mr. Gladwell's new book will be as successful as his first three...This book full of short conversation pieces is a collection that plays to the author's strengths. It underscores his way of finding suitably quirky subjects (the history of women's hair-dye advertisements; the secret of Heinz's unbeatable ketchup; even the effects of women's changing career patterns on the number of menstrual periods they experience in their lifetimes) and using each as gateway to some larger meaning." (*New York Times Janet Maslin*)

"Gladwell is a writer of many gifts. His nose for the untold back story will have readers repeatedly muttering, "Gee, that's interesting!" He avoids shopworn topics, easy moralization and conventional wisdom, encouraging his readers to think again and think different...Some chapters are masterpieces in the art of the essay." (*The New York Times Book Review Steven Pinker*)

"Uniformly delightful...Malcolm Gladwell can write engrossingly about just about anything...His witty, probing articles are as essential to David Remnick's *New Yorker* as those of Wolcott Gibbs and A.J. Liebling were to Harold Ross's...Gladwell has a gift for capturing personalities, a Borscht Belt comic's feel for timing and a bent for counterintuitive thinking. He loves to start a piece by settling you onto a cushion of received ideas, then yanking it out from under you."- (*Bloomberg News Craig Seligman*)

"Malcolm Gladwell triumphantly returns to his roots with this collections of his great works from *The New Yorker* Magazine....Do yourself a favor and curl up with *What the Dog Saw* this week: It is more entertaining and edifying than should be legal for any book." (*Louisville Courier-Journal Scott Coffman*)

"In *What the Dog Saw*, Malcolm Gladwell leads the reader on delightful side excursions, shows with insightful conversation how one path interweaves with another, and suggests meaning-he is, in short, an interpretative naturalist of American culture." (*The Oregonian Alice Evans*)

About the Author

Malcolm Gladwell has been a staff writer with the *New Yorker* magazine since 1996. He is the author of *The*

Tipping Point, *Blink*, and *Outliers*, all of which were number one *New York Times* bestsellers. Prior to joining the *New Yorker*, he was a reporter with the *Washington Post*, where he covered business, science, and then served as the newspaper's New York City bureau chief. Gladwell was born in England, grew up in rural Ontario, and now lives in New York City.

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