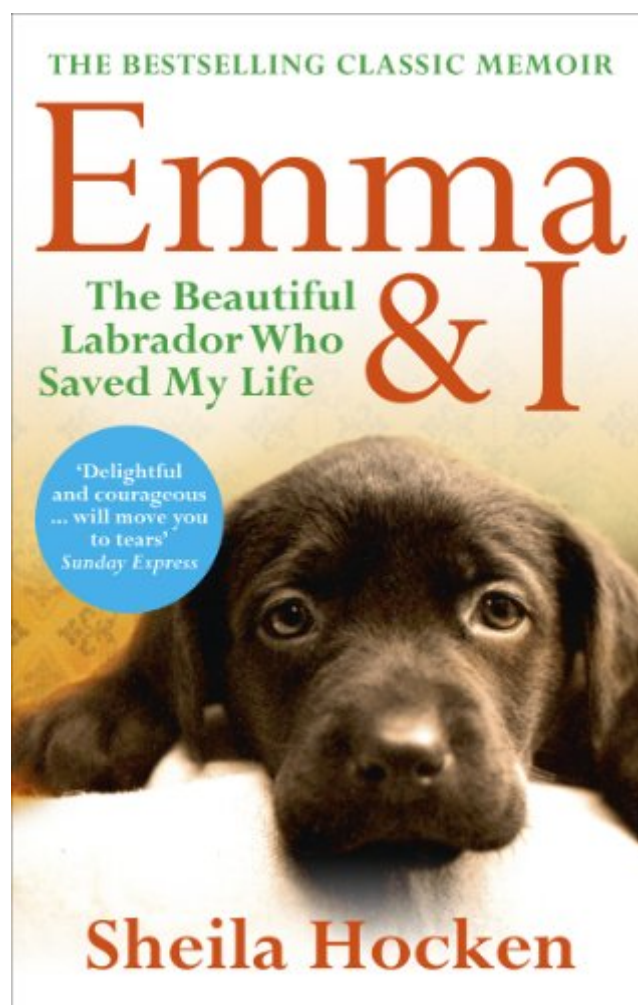


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# Emma And I



## Synopsis

As a girl, Sheila never let her gradual descent into blindness prevent her from trying to do everything a sighted person could do. Then at 17, unable to see to find her way around the house she grew up in, she found herself dreading her future in an 'ever darkening vacuum'. But then the remarkable Emma enters her life, and Sheila begins a journey that brings her the independence, love and happiness she never dreamed possible. Emma and I is the moving and inspirational story of the unique bond between Sheila and her dog, and shows that, sometimes, miracles do happen.

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## Customer Reviews

A moving life story of a blind woman and her incredible guide dog Emma. This book is a rollercoaster of deep emotions that Shela feels for Emma and life they lead together, and makes us , readers, feel it too. What can I say...This is the best book I have read in the last ten years. One of those that you just can't put down, one of those that you keep in your home library and read over

and over again...However,once you've read this, you'll want to read the sequels too, which are just as good...Enjoy !

Sheila Hocken shares her life with us in this biography which highlights both her experiences using a seeing-eye dog for the blind; then having her vision restored later in life.I suppose you would have to have been blind to appreciate the intensity of the moment when her sight is restored. How do you describe light and colors for the first time? Thank you, Sheila, for sharing this experience with us, the readers. Waiting to hear the rest of your life story. (Hardcover has photos).

Usually you hear of people's experience loosing their sight. Now I have an idea of what it's like to have sight after a lifetime of blindness. This book gave me a whole new respect for blind people, guide dogs, and sight itself. Thanks Sheila Hocken!

One of the most important books ever written on the subject of appreciation for sight and for love, connection, and teamwork. I highly recommend this book as required reading for all middle school children. It is also lovely for adults to read. I cried like a newborn baby at one point in the story, and it is a true story, by the way, and one that will never grow old!

I read this book 25 yrs ago and wanted to read it again. It's a very sweet story and really allows some understanding into a blind person's world. If you are a dog lover, you'll fall in love with Emma. It's a great little story and I enjoyed reading again and highly recommend it.

I was fortunate to pick up a 1977 hardcover original of this story, without the paper jacket. Seeing less, I didn't know until several pages in that Emma was going to be a dog, nor that this true story would be about a blind person's journey from one kind of sight to another. Interesting, too, that as the autobiographical narrator tells her story, it takes a long time for us to even learn her name. But she takes her visually dim world in stride, supported by a visually, but not emotionally, limited family. I'm sure each blind person's experience is different, especially from this author's, since her sight actually improves, as eye surgery progresses. But the writing is practical, honest, and clear. We all have what to learn, about the life of a blind person, and about seeing, ourselves.

I BOGHT MY FIRST COPY IN CALIFORNIA ON VACATION ALONG TIME AGO. I HAD LOOKING FOR IT WE MY PARENTS AND MY AUNT AND I HAD STOPPED TO EAT SOMEWHERE WHILE

OUT AND IN THERE WHERE WWE STOPPED THY HAD SOME BOOKS AND THEY HAD ONE COPY OF EMMA AND I I BOUGHT IT. I READ IT I LOVED IT. NOW I HAVE A BRAND NEW COPY OF THIS WONDERFUL BOOK I LOVE IT. ITS GREAT.

This takes you on an emotional journey where a young girl finds herself going blind. That doesn't stop her from being as independent as possible and trying to be like others her age. There are times of frustration and anger, sadness and a feeling of wanting to give up, yet she keeps moving forward with the help of others. When the darkness becomes total just before she reaches 18, her fear nearly overwhelms her as reality becomes known. It is when the guide dog Emma is given to her that a sense of freedom and independence is felt. This was a truly amazing book and packed a punch about how someone so young dealt with what was such a huge life changing event. Instead of allowing it to make her bitter, she got stronger and lead a great life despite the issues and down times. For someone like me who has disabilities, it is inspiring. I highly recommend this book.

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