

This engaging memoir stirs laughter and tears. Highlighted with anecdotes, poems, and exquisite illustrations by France Bauduin, it is a book for anyone who loves animals and people, especially their interaction within the family setting.

Told with a light touch, the story opens in Jenny Melmoth's wartime babyhood, showing an early bonding with dogs. It moves through childhood with stories of some eccentric relations and explores a growing love of cats against the odds of family antipathy. There are schooldays and first experiences in France, social work in south-east London, followed by married life in Essex - then parenthood and a move to the present home in Cheshire.

Here, Jenny began to write and then enjoy sharing her poems with children and adults alike. Latterly, the book celebrates grandchildren, four cats, a dog and a mighty granite bear.

