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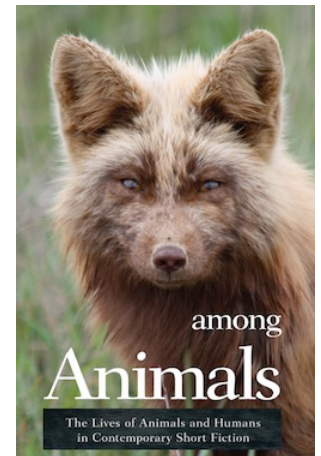
New fiction anthology reveals stories that affirm the indelible bond among humans and animals

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(Ashland, OR—October 1, 2013 — Ashland Creek Press is pleased to announce the February 2014 publication of *AMONG ANIMALS: THE LIVES OF ANIMALS AND HUMANS IN CONTEMPORARY SHORT FICTION*, a collection of fifteen short stories highlighting relationships among animals and humans.

The relationships among human and non-human animals go back to the beginning of time—and the ways in which these connections have evolved (and sometimes not) reveal a shared yet conflicted guardianship over animals.

This anthology, featuring writers across the globe, highlights human passions, ethics, and inevitable complications as well as demonstrates how animal companions offer compassion, patience, and hope. Within these pages are glimpses of the world through the eyes of a zookeeper, a shelter worker, a penguin researcher, and a neighborhood stray, among many others—all highlighting the ways in which animals and humans understand and challenge one another.



From the windswept Pacific Northwest to the unforgiving Antarctic, this collection of literary fiction reminds us we don't always rescue animals—they often protect and inspire us.

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