'To be honest, he's a right prima donna these days'
PAUL WHITEHOUSE

'This is Ted's story, a percentage of it might be true'
BOB MORTIMER

TED

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For Dolly. You loved me your whole life,
I will miss you for the rest of mine.

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Foreword

Ted was born in 2012. He was given as a surprise Christmas present and then dumped in the New Year when he was only six months old. He went into a foster home to be assessed and was then handed to a rescue centre, before being adopted into his forever home in 2013, where he still lounges to this day, unless he is fishing with Paul and Bob, of course.

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CHAPTER 1

Every Dog Has Its Day

Right, listen up. This is how it all unfolded for me. This is the story of how I went from homeless and boneless to famous and fearless. Nearly every word of this is true. You can work out for yourselves which bits are exaggerated, or not. It's up to you, I'm not bothered either way.

My early motivation to stand out from the crowd came from two very different chaps:

Daniel Craig – he was homeless, sleeping on park benches, before finding fame as an actor and becoming one of our favourite Bond stars.

Harry Houdini – he ran away from home aged twelve and worked on the streets before he became arguably the world's greatest escape artist.

I can relate to both of them. I too turned initial misfortune into great success.

I also like to think I have the charisma of Craig and I know I have the skills of Houdini.

Sitting on a Welsh riverbank basking in the sun, watching those two puppets Mortimer and Whitehouse

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fishing together on the River Wye, I looked back at how I'd managed to land so firmly on my grubby little paws.

With the sound of birdsong, the gentle lapping of the water and their laughter reverberating around the valley, there was nowhere else I'd rather be.

Apart from maybe supervising a controlled explosion or taking a trip to the Museum of Naval Firepower, which is in Gosport if you ever fancy joining me.

It wasn't always like this.

I was a skinny, unwanted runt.

Now I am a slightly portly B-list canine celebrity – and I wouldn't change a thing about how I got here. It's been quite the rollercoaster but instead of howling, I chose to strap in and enjoy the ride.

Everything you are about to read is highly classified and once you have finished this book you must destroy it immediately – either eat it or bury it, the choice is yours.

Why am I writing this book?

I need my voice to be heard. Don't get me wrong, I love my co-stars Messrs Mortimer and Whitehouse but they don't always know what really goes on inside my head. Mind you, nor do I most of the time.

I also need to speak up for all the other dogs out there, the ones who are abandoned or misunderstood or mistreated. I want to do this for them, I need to give them a voice and I am in the privileged position of being able to do just that.

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