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"Peter Zheutlin takes us on a dog lover's ultimate road trip. *Rescue Road* is a canine caravan with heart and soul, sharing with the reader the bittersweet reality of dog rescue today. Even the most intrepid of dog rescuers will find a new hero in Greg Mahle who is, without a doubt, dog's best friend." - **Teresa Rhyne, author of the #1 NYT bestseller *The Dog Lived (And So Will I)***

"Journalist Peter Zheutlin, who joined him for hundreds of miles, tells this inspiring story about the unique bond between dogs and humans and how going the extra mile can change our loyal companions' lives." - **ForeWord Reviews**

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"A tender, inspiring homage to the people – and one giant of a man in particular – who save dogs in need and deliver them to their forever homes. These heroes bring hope when there seems to be none, and Peter Zheutlin beautifully captures their great devotion and generosity." - **Matthew Gilbert, author of *Off the Leash: A Year at the Dog Park***

"This is a spot-on portrait of the rescue community. Readers who are involved in this work will recognize the characters and emotions as their own. Those who are curious about the realities of animal rescue have an excellent resource in Zheutlin's book." - **Library Journal**

"Learn how [Greg] Mahle has embraced the unique bond between dogs and humans and brought immeasurable joy to everyone he encounters." - **Parade.com**

"Inspiring and riveting new book...a must-read for anyone who wants to learn about some of the heroes on the front lines of animal rescue-what inspires them and how, miraculously, they pull it all together." - **The Bark**

"This is a must read for all dog lovers!" - **Teena in Toronto**

About the Author

Peter Zheutlin, the author of *Around the World on Two Wheels*, is a freelance journalist whose work has appeared regularly in the Boston Globe and the Christian Science Monitor. Peter has also written for the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, AARP The Magazine, and other publications. He lives in Needham, Massachusetts.

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