**Free Days With George  
by Colin Campbell**

**About the Book**

After Colin Campbell went on a short business trip abroad, he returned home to discover his wife of many years had moved out. No explanations. No second chances. She was gone and wasn't coming back. Shocked and heartbroken, Colin fell into a spiral of depression and loneliness.

Soon after, a friend told Colin about a dog in need of rescue--a neglected 140-pound Newfoundland Landseer, a breed renowned for its friendly nature and remarkable swimming abilities. Colin adopted the traumatized dog, brought him home and named him George. Both man and dog were heartbroken and lacking trust, but together, they learned how to share a space, how to socialize, and most of all, how to overcome their bad experiences.

Free Days with George is an uplifting, inspirational story about the healing power of animals, and about leaving the past behind to embrace love, hope and happiness.

**About the Author**

Colin Campbell has worked as a marketing executive in both the United States and Canada for the past twenty-four years. He has created and managed marketing and branded content programs for Nike, Mattel, Kraft and General Motors, among others. Colin’s syndicated radio show Junior Hockey Magazine has aired across Canada for the past twenty-four years. Colin and George live in downtown Toronto and escape as often as possible to the beaches of California and Nova Scotia to get their surfing fix.

**If you enjoyed *Free Days With George:***

* *A Dog’s Purpose* by Bruce Cameron
* *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein
* *Oogy: the dog only a family could love by* Larry Levin
* *Lily and the Octopus* by Steven Rowley
* *Just Life: a novel* by Neil Abramson

**Discussion Questions**

1. In the beginning we are all shocked with Jane's sudden and unexplained exit out of Colin's life. Do you think Colin just missed the clues that she was unhappy or do you suppose there was something deeper going on?
2. Colin spoke fondly and proudly of his memories of his grandfather and their time at his cottage in Nova Scotia growing up. How do you think his grandfather influenced the person that Colin became?
3. What was your impression of Colin’s therapist? Do you think he helped Colin? Why or why not?
4. As Colin and George grow to know and understand each other, George's personality begins to shine through. What were some of your favorite George moments from the book?
5. What was it about George that changed Colin? Would a different dog have had a similar or different impact on him? Similarly, how did Colin change George? Would a different owner have had a similar or different impact?
6. Colin's grandfather believed in free days. "A free day is when you spend a whole day doing things you love to do--like building sand castles, flying kites or going swimming. And when you do those things with people you love who love you, you don't grow old that day. It's a free day." Describe what a free day would be for you. Do you think we make enough time for free days?
7. What is your hope for Colin’s future? What about George?
8. 8. So the book concludes with George returning to the beaches of California and taking another shot at surfing. Do you think Colin ever takes another shot at love? Were you ready for the book to end or did Colin leave you wanting more?