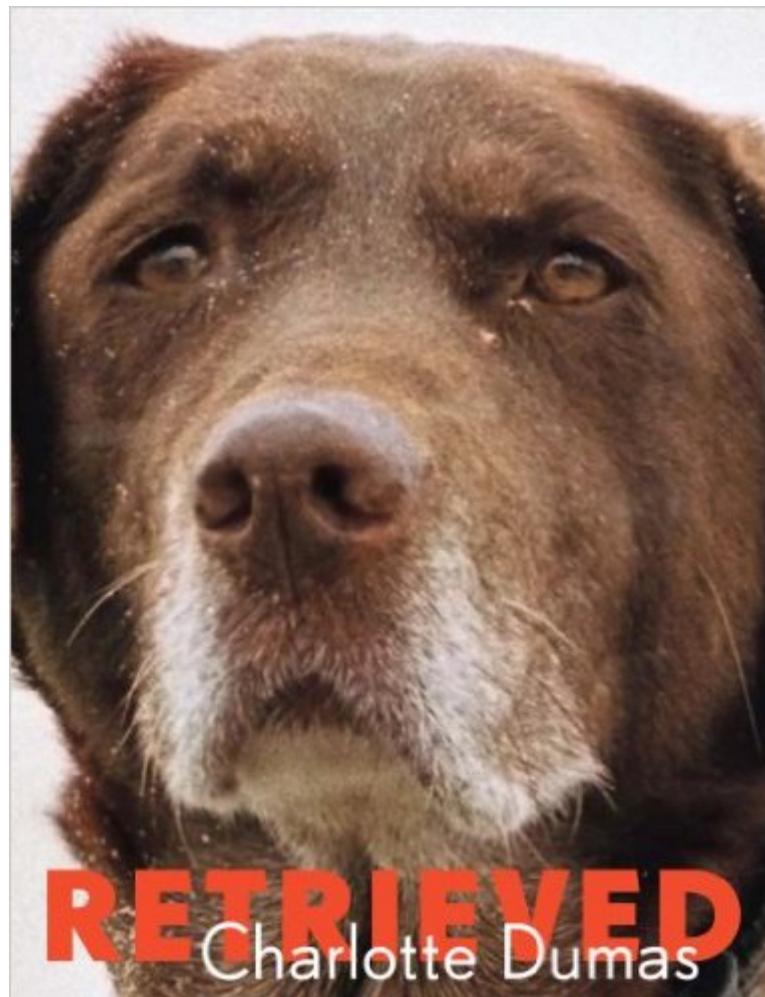


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# Charlotte Dumas: Retrieved



## **Synopsis**

Immediately following the attacks of 9/11, nearly 100 trained search dogs and their handlers were deployed by FEMA to assist in the rescue efforts at the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Enlisted from a network of 26 task forces in 18 states around the U.S., the dogs worked around the clock to locate survivors in the rubble, alongside firemen and other teams sorting through the debris. One decade later, Dutch photographer Charlotte Dumas succeeded in tracking down 15 of the surviving dogs that took part in these rescue operations, visiting and photographing the dogs at their homes throughout the U.S., where they all still lived with their handlers. Composed at close range in natural light, Dumas' powerful portraits--reproduced here in a thoughtfully designed paperback volume with Japanese binding--offer an intimate view into the everyday lives of these highly specialized working animals, now sharing the vulnerability of old age as they once pursued a common heroic goal.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I thought this was a great idea for a book, particularly on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. I had always been so in awe of the work performed by the canine SAR teams & felt they deserved more recognition. So when I saw a preview of this book I had to order it. The pictures that I saw in the review were beautiful - the faces of these wise, old dogs were very moving. However, having received the book I can't help being disappointed. What I saw in the preview is basically the entire contents of the book. I had thought there would be several pictures of each dog with some text

about their life & what they've been doing since 9/11. Instead it was basically 1 picture per dog & a small paragraph about each one on the last page of the book. It's not that what is there isn't any good - it just could have been so much more. For example this could have been a great opportunity to raise funds for canine SAR. What a shame that opportunity wasn't taken up.

I recently bought this book for my wife, who is a dog fanatic, after reading all the great press it received. I'm so glad I did. Unless you completely lack emotion, Charlotte Dumas' photos will move you, perhaps to tears, and they are wonderfully reproduced on lush paper. The book is simple in design, which is appropriate for the material. The photos really speak for themselves-an appropriate tribute to these heroes. Some of the other customer reviews on described disappointment with the images going through the gutter/spread, but I really don't find it to be an issue. Although not always ideal, it is common with illustrated books of all shapes and sizes. In this case you can open the book wide enough to clearly see the image. The book may make you wish there were more images of the dogs, but that of course is the sad twist to the entire project-only 15 of the original 9/11 dogs survived. With this book, Charlotte has given them the spotlight they deserve. I'm not someone who would normally buy a 9/11 related picture book, but this one really captured my heart. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

I recently received my copy of Charlotte Dumas' new book and cannot be happier with the content and design. Apparently, I am not alone, as I've learned that Retrieved is already on its second printing. In terms of design, this book is loaded with simple, yet sophisticated details. It's beautifully printed and the elegance and ease of the Japanese binding allows for a deeply intimate look into the gazes of these noble portraits. You feel as if you are face-to-face with them. There is also an index in the back of the book with information about each Dog. I personally like this approach as it does not interfere with viewing the images. As a whole, honoring the quiet heroism of the rescue Dogs from 9/11 is masterfully achieved. I'd surmise to say this book is not only a portrait of the bravery and grace of these animals, but a reflection of the respect and reverence the artist has for them. Bravo!

I purchased this book for a present and one for myself and am embarrassed to give it as a gift. What a disappointment the quality of the materials are. My husband, also a photographer, indicated he had better mat paper in his studio than was produced in this book. What a rip off. I would like to send both these books back! From the promotion of the book I thought it would have nice glossy

photos of each dog but that is not the delivered product. These Heros and their handlers deserved a fine tribute and not this shoddy product.

Really expected a well done book -- and was most disappointed. Very little verbage -- very odd binding, at first you think they didn't trim pages then you realize the pages are all double pages (11x17 folded to 8.5x11), photos are beautiful of the dogs, but there is no real history, just a paragraph on each dog, and that's a small paragraph with no personality and the paragraph is not with the photo! Considering the importance of these dogs in our "history", it's a shame more wasn't written.

This book is rubbish! The printing style is ordinary to say the least. ALL of the pictures are across 2 pages with a fold down the middle quite often through the dogs head. Basically just a name for each dog and no history or story with it. There are far far better books on the 9/11 dogs available. I cannot express how disappointed I am with this product. I would rate it as zero stars if I could. :-(

I have just read the reviews of this book and I'm somewhat dismayed at the negativity of some. This book is photographs of the dogs of 9/11, where they are today. Each picture is moving in its own way, the dogs have so much to say with their eyes, with their demeanors. There isn't much in the way of words to interfere with the emotion that the viewer feels when looking at these brave and wonderful dogs. You can't help but get tears in your eyes, it is bittersweet. If you want to read stories about search and rescue dogs, this is not the book. This is a book I will treasure forever. Thank you Charlotte Dumas for a dynamic portrayal of these beautiful animals.

Anyone who loves dogs will like this book. This is a tribute to the rescue dogs who assisted in the search for victims on 9/11. The book is about their current situation now that they are older and no longer doing this type of work. Some of the dogs have died and the others are living their lives with their handlers. A beautiful and moving tribute to these wonderful animals.

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