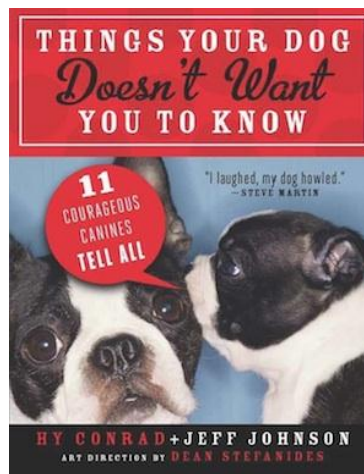


***Things Your Dog Doesn't Want You to Know***  
***By Jeff Johnson & Hy Conrad***



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**SYNOPSIS**

Why do dogs eat furniture when there are endless chew toys nearby?  
Why do they always dash to a rug when they have to throw up?  
And why are they always absolutely starving?

*Things Your Dog Doesn't Want You to Know* answers the questions that dog owners have asked for centuries. The book is a collection of 115 humorous

essays that reveal the truth behind some of the most baffling canine behavior, their hopes and dreams, their grudges and pleasures, and what they really think about us humans. Peppered with lively, clever stories and visually appealing photographs, *Things Your Dog Doesn't Want You to Know* is a verbal and visual delight that is laugh-out-loud funny. **If you have dogs, love dogs, or have ever been baffled by a dog, this book is a must-have.**

Topics include:

- *My Life in Your Purse* by Tinkerbelle, the Chihuahua
- *Waiting by the Table* (for food scraps, of course!) by Orson, the bulldog
- *The Bed Rules* (Rule #1—It's my bed) by Dimples, the boxer
- *The Reason I Ate the Sofa* (leather tastes a lot like rawhide) by Axelrod, the yellow lab
- *I Can Poop the Second I Start My Walk* (but choose not to) by Sophie, the cocker spaniel

*Things Your Dog Doesn't Want You to Know* is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Indigo, Target, on e-books and at independent bookstores everywhere. For more information, go to [www.ThingsYourDog.com](http://www.ThingsYourDog.com) where you can also ask questions about your own dog's behavior and learn the secrets they have been keeping from you!

#### **PRAISE FOR THINGS YOUR DOG DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW**

*"A whimsical delight for dog lovers everywhere, this book will charm and remind readers why they fell in love with Rover to begin with."* (Publishers Weekly Starred Review)

*"I laughed, my dog howled."* (Steve Martin)

*"This is the perfect book for anyone who owns a dog, has ever owned one, or knows what a dog is. These guys made me laugh out loud—and captured my heart at the same time. The book is simply irresistible."* (Tony Shalhoub, star of the TV series *Monk*)

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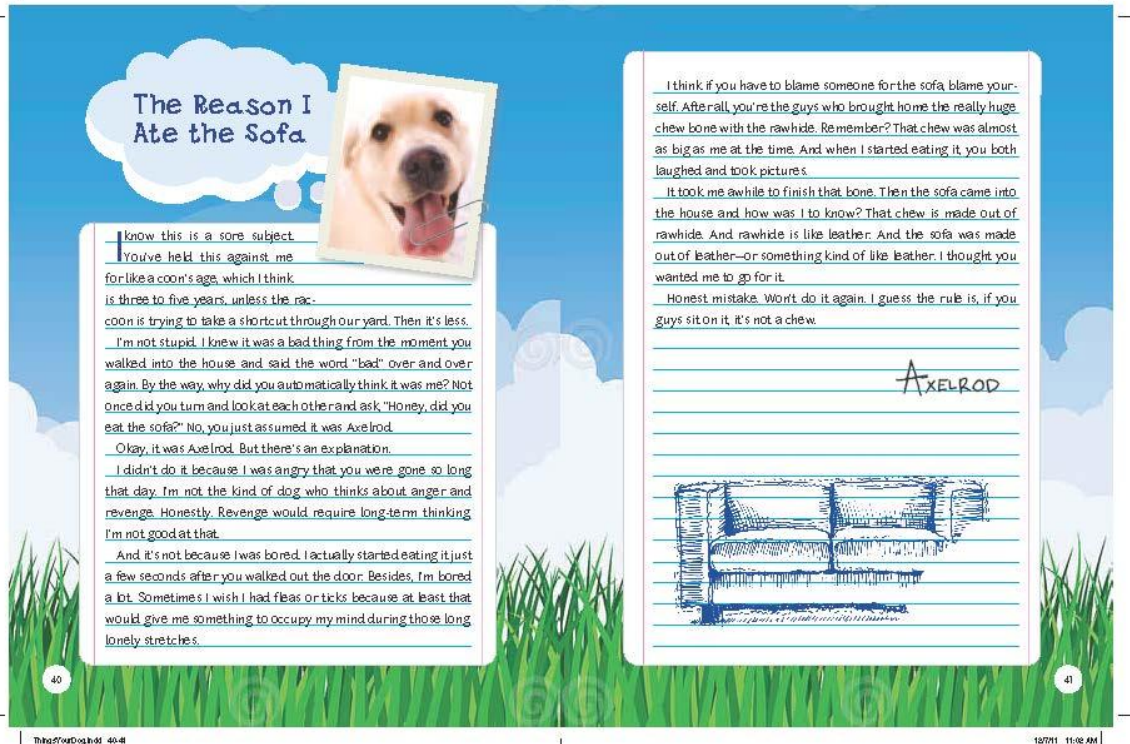
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## Excerpts:

These are below as pictures (jpeg), but I will also attach the pdf for each of them.





## My Pack



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## Tinkerbell

You Can Forget My Birthday  
By Tinkerbell

First off, I don't know when I was born. Honestly. My eyes were closed and I had no idea if I was still in or out, except that at one point it stopped being crowded. So I missed my original birthday, which I don't think is all that unusual.

Also, I'm not sure exactly when a year has gone by—or seven years as you like to put it. "Hey, everyone. Tink is, like, twenty-eight. Like, middle-aged. That's funny." Well, I'm not twenty-eight. I'm a vibrant four-year-old. But that's not my point entirely.

My point is we don't celebrate birthdays. If you really want to know, we celebrate naps and escaping from the backyard and the death of cats. Remember that time I altered the leather on your favorite shoes and you locked me in the closet and I altered the straps on your second-favorite shoes? That wasn't because you forgot my birthday the day before. No. They were just ugly. I was doing you a favor.

Also, I couldn't resist the irony of you punishing me for the first shoe crime by locking me in your shoe closet. That's why I ate the second pair, even though I wasn't in the mood.

So, about yesterday's party...I guess I liked the attention and all my friends coming over.

But it wasn't much different from a hundred other playdates, except maybe for the tent in the backyard and the doggie cupcakes with the lighted candles. And later on, of course, the fire truck and the water hoses.

But all that other stuff—before the flaming tent and the water...ch, and before the bleeding, screaming clown—some of that early stuff was lame. Like making us do karaoke. And hair extensions. They just don't look natural on me.

Oh, about the clown incident. The dogs had this bet going about whether that was his real nose. And whether those were his real shoes. And, tell me, really, what kind of clown shows up wearing his own nose and shoes? I mean, losing a bet like that is enough to drive you rabid. Anyway...

Next year.



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## ABOUT THE AUTHORS



### ABOUT HY CONRAD

Best known for his work in mysteries, Hy was one of the original writers for the groundbreaking series, *Monk*, working on the show for all eight seasons, the final two as Co-Executive Producer. In a related project, Hy was Executive Producer and head writer of *Little Monk*, a series of short films featuring Adrian Monk as a

ten-year-old. His latest TV work was as writer and Consulting Producer for *White Collar*.

Hy is also the author of hundreds of short stories and ten books of short whodunits, which have been sold around the world in fourteen languages. Hy's first mystery novel series, Abel Adventures, will debut in 2012 with the publication of *Rally 'Round the Corpse*. And his first full-length comedy/mystery play, *Home Exchange*, premiered at the Waterfront Playhouse in May 2012. He lives in Key West with his partner and two miniature schnauzers. ([www.hyconrad.com](http://www.hyconrad.com))

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