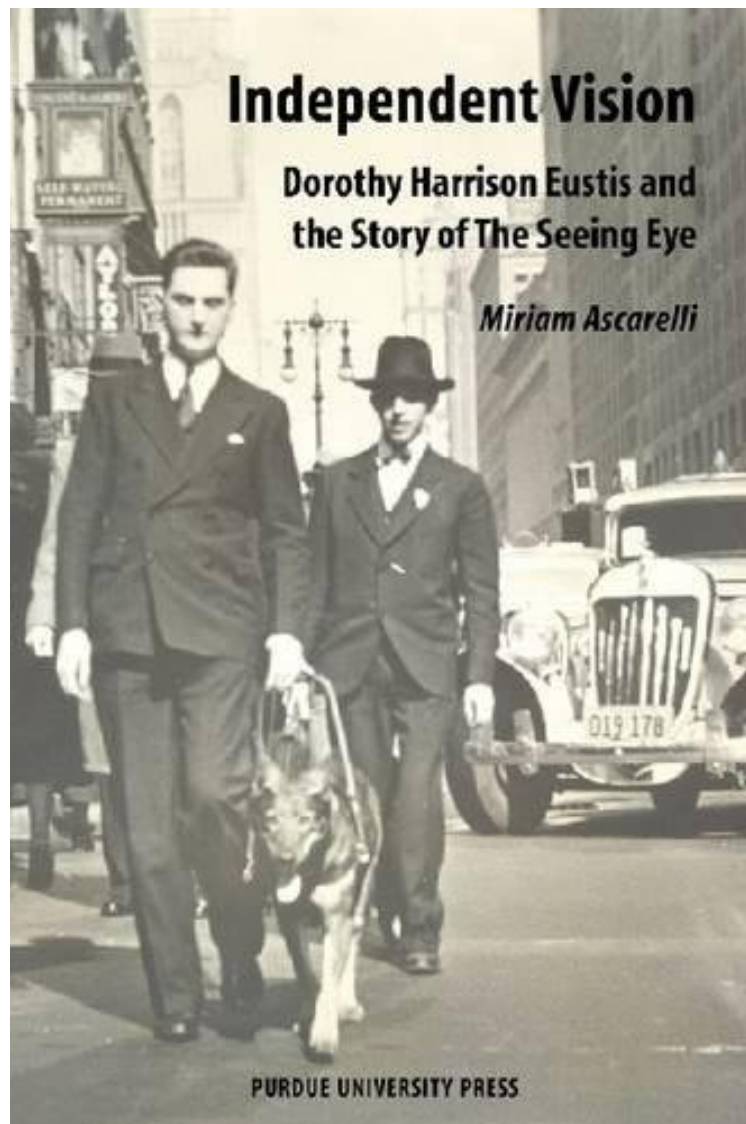


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**Miriam Ascarelli : Independent Vision: Dorothy Harrison Eustis and the story of The Seeing Eye (New Directions in the Human-Animal Bond)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Independent Vision: Dorothy Harrison Eustis and the story of The Seeing Eye (New Directions in the Human-Animal Bond):

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Leading the WayBy Andrew WillinghamThis is a tightly and carefully written biography of a Philadelphia socialite who became the dedicated and driven founder of The Seeing Eye, the first guide dog school in the United States. Dorothy Harrison Eustis was born into an aristocratic Philadelphia family in 1886. She began training German shepherds in Switzerland following the death of her husband in 1915. That avocation became a life work after she began training her dogs to work with the blind and made contact with an American college student who'd been blinded in two accidents and desperately wanted to regain his mobility and independence. Over the next 20 years -- Eustis died in 1946 -- The Seeing Ey grew into a major American institution that altered the lives of scores of sightless people. It still flourishes, with headquarters in Morristown, N.J. There are gaps in author Miriam Ascarelli's short, succinct account of Eustis' valuable life -- her final years are basically a blank, due to a lack of research sources, and her significant conversion to Christian Science remains largely unexplained. But Ascarelli, a lecturer in the humanities department at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, does a fine job with what was already known and what she learned about a privileged woman who found a pioneering societal role and developed it to the best of her considerable ability.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting, Rare StoryBy ReaderMy daughter had to do a project on a famous historical person and really wanted to do something involving dogs. So we found out about Dorothy Eustis. It was an interesting story I had never heard--I am glad that Ascarelli wrote a book about it. This really is the only book out there for children or adults about Dorothy Eustis.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Seeing Eye The German Shepherd DogBy Beth SheaMini biography of DHE. Hampered by lack of original documents from subject herself which appears to have been deliberate since later in life she destroyed much of her papers but still interesting on a number of levels. For example the ease of life of the rich and the connection to higher education institutions and the ease with which they can promote their favorite projects to their friends. In the heart of the depression and war w/ only soft sell educational teas the asset value of The Seeing Eye went from \$43,000 in 1933 to over a million by 1943. I did not know that DHE owned Fortunate Fields and was behind the breeding experiments that Jack Humphrey made (well known in the German Shepherd world)Working Dogs: An Attempt To Produce A Strain Of German Shepherds Which Combines Working Ability And Beauty Of Conformation nor his 30? Year connection to the Seeing Eye. Info re him is a teaser I would really like to know more. Also connection to Willi Eberling and the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. Loved his comment re Hans(her own beloved GSD)and DHE trying to preserve the working traits present before WWI and being lost(yet being used as police dogs and war dogs even in her training program). This is a common mantra we hear even today in the German Shepherd community - that the breed is losing its working traits. Yet Hans was born in 1912,a mere 14 years after the start of the breed. Hans appears to be a sable with somewhat of a reverse mask though not a full one, lived until 14 and his SV# is listed as Sz52526 even tho I could not track this down in the WinSis database. Would be interesting if someone could find him in the stud book and we could see what his breeding was. Notice her puppy raising program sent the pups to be FARM dogs for a year and a half including herding. Pictures are interesting but much too small for this Shepherd aficionadoThis is the German Shepherd. They show quite a variety of colors including bi-colors, black tans, black silvers, white, sable and reverse mask husky type. Body type a bit long and lean for me today but common of that era. Also liked the stories about Morris and Buddy Morris and Buddy: The Story of the First Seeing Eye Dogand his approach to early public access problems. Biggest problem is the book leaves you wanting more about all these folks. A friend found the conflict of personalities interesting and the fact that it (the Seeing Eye)managed to survive. I found it interesting how short a time DHE actually was involved and even though she held the purse strings managed from far away and the responsibility and demands placed on a very young blind man as manager and I think not for very much money in those days though would have to check that out and compare to today. Other thing DHE was good at was getting people to volunteer a ton of time. Side bar re Adelaide and women trainers interesting - think the conflict and that they got tired of getting used had a role in their demise. In the back lists other books to read though noted that at least some of them were severely "vetted" to remove info the family not want out there.

Mention the words Seeing Eye, and most people will associate them with guide dogs for the blind and partially sighted. Mention the name Dorothy Harrison Eustis, and most people will not recognize it, even though she is the woman responsible for founding The Seeing Eye, the first guide dog school in the United States. Since its inception eighty years ago, The Seeing Eye has trained thousands of people who are visually impaired to use guide dogs. The success of the program has spawned guide dog schools across the country and around the world, and the concept has been further expanded to include service dogs for people with other kinds of disabilities. Drawing on correspondence, private papers, and newspaper accounts of the day, Miriam Ascarelli chronicles the life of Dorothy Harrison Eustis revealing both a driven woman and a very private person who shunned media coverage of herself but actively courted it for her organization.