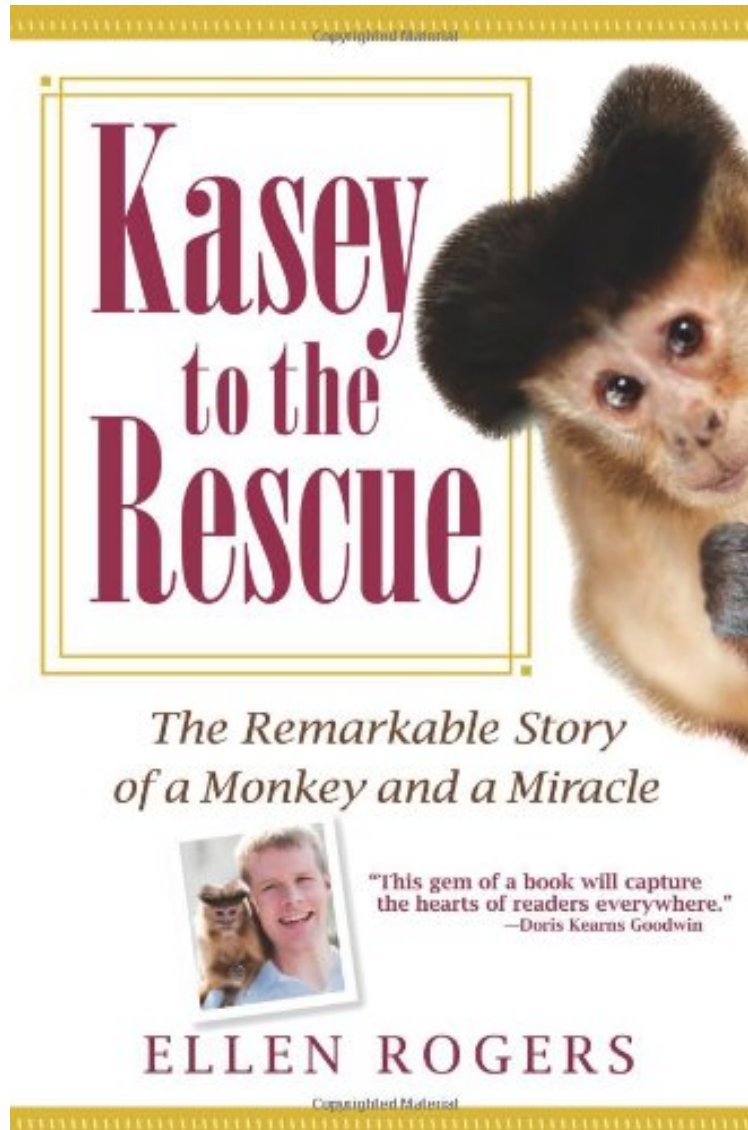


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Heartwarming, Funny, Sad, Tragic, Uplifting and Wonderful!By KarenSabEllen's first book, Kasey to the Rescue: The Remarkable Story of a Monkey and a Miracle, is one of the most

inspiring and wonderful family memoirs ever written...and then some. Ellen openly and candidly allows us to be immersed in her family's 5 year journey that is life after yet another tragedy rocks her amazing family. She grabs us on page 1 retelling of the moment she received a life-altering phone call from a hospital in Arizona informing her that her 22 year old son, Ned, has been badly injured in a car crash and is likely to not survive the next several hours. Your stomach drops, as do your tears, right from the get-go. She brings us with her through the heartache of helplessly watching a loved one fight for every breath, work through fevers, infections, surgeries, months of hospital and rehab stays and finally the frightening reality of having to take her broken boy home to start the rest of his life as he now knows it - as a brain damaged quadriplegic. Along the way, the family is uplifted not only by Ned's will to live, but his incredible and unpredictable recovery as he regains the ability to communicate, move his hands and feet, and shows us that his mind is completely up to the challenge of getting his body back in the game. Her tales of her large and complicated family, including a trio of "barkie" dogs only become funnier and more interesting as they add a service monkey to the mix. The service monkey, Kasey, is the highlight of the story and becomes the friend that Ned needed to propel his recovery to new levels. Kasey is truly remarkable, as she figures out how to connect with Ned in ways that modern medicine and all the human interaction and care in the world could not. Their journey and their bond is one that could not be told any better than it is in this must read to believe book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A lesson in humility and courage By Sharon Lightbourne This is a real story that grabs the readers' real emotions. I am Ellen Rogers's niece. We are the same exact age. This book has given me a whole new perspective about my family, my own life, and that of Ned and Kasey's life. I have had the honor of meeting both of them. All I can say is that both Ned and Kasey are quite a team. A team that gives the rest of us in this world inspiration, humility, and above all hope to be the very best we all can be. Ned has been dealt an incredible challenge in his life. He has risen to this challenge with the greatest positive response. He is and will be an incredible role model for many people who have disabilities. Ned is a true inspiration to life. This book about Ned and Kasey may also change your life. As we read books about the struggles of others, we can learn so very much. We can learn appreciation, gratitude, and thankfulness. We can also learn about journeys. Ned's journey is a real life story of perseverance, fortitude and optimism. This book is an excellent book club choice as it serves as a wonderful discussion vehicle. Please tell all to read this book. It may change your life! Cakery's 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must-read about the human-animal bond By Customer A phenomenal story of courage, hope, love, and humor. Kasey the service monkey is not only the close companion to Ned Sullivan as he and his struggle in his recovery from traumatic brain and spinal injury. She is also key to his physical and emotional therapy.

This is a story of how miracles DO happen. How courage and a never-give-up spirit can emerge victorious. How an engaging little monkey helped change a family's life. Ellen Rogers considered herself something of a tragedy snob. The single mother of five believed she could weather any storm, that she could keep her family from harm with fortitude and grace. But nothing could have prepared her for the June 2005 car accident that left her son, Ned then 22 years old fighting for his life. Ellen refused to give in to despair. Well get through this, she told herself. We have to. But love and determination can only go so far, and the road home was fraught with obstacles. Ellen and Ned took comfort in family and friends. And they prayed for a miracle. Miracles happen to those who believe, the saying goes, but who would have believed that one family's miracle would weigh in at five pounds sopping wet Then Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled provided Ned with an affectionate and intelligent service animal with a steadfast devotion to hierarchy, a longing for spa days, and a craving for Gummi Bears. In other words, a diva. Life with Kasey was yet another challenge for this large and lively family, but they persevered as families do, and in time this wise and sensitive animal did more than help Ned cope with his disabilities she turned the simple tasks of life into a life worth living. Kasey's astonishing intelligence and compassion brought hope and laughter back to a family facing its greatest challenge, and helped them see the world in a new way.

From Publishers Weekly When her 22-year-old son Ned was seriously injured in a 2005 car accident, Rogers's well-organized life changed forever. Ned suffered spinal cord injury, major brain trauma, and organ damage, and doctors didn't expect him to live. Rogers refuses to give up, her stubborn resolve eventually turning into hope upon learning of Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled. Ned is put on the waiting list for a year, and regains his ability to speak and eat solid food, though severe nerve pain hampers his recovery. Finally he meets Kasey, a capuchin monkey. Rogers's younger daughters see Kasey as a pet, and Rogers envisions "an elaborate Golden Monkey Myth" in which Kasey answers all their prayers. When Kasey moves in for "Monkey Boot Camp," he proves a lively newcomer, upsetting the delicate hierarchy of the home, and Rogers learns more about the proper care, feeding, and bathing of monkeys than she ever imagined. Ned builds a bond with Kasey, the monkey slowly helping him to regain confidence and some physical abilities. Although Rogers's pace slows in spots and she doesn't always avoid cliché, her story is engaging and poignant. (Nov.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved. From Booklist In this inspirational memoir, supermom Rogers tells the story of her son, Ned, a University of Arizona senior who drives his car into a brick wall and sustains a severe spinal cord injury. Halfway through the book, Kasey arrives. A trained capuchin who

loves unclasping jewelry and hates getting baths, Kasey is spunky and adorable but hardly the star of the show. The title should read Ellen to the Rescue, because the tale is much more about the mom than the monkey. She moves mountains for her son, even if she can seem obnoxious. For example, she uses her cell phone in the ICU after a nurse asks her not to. Her chronicle is at its best when it focuses on Ned, who takes up the mission of talking to young kids, and warning them to wear helmets and seat belts. In the end, this schmaltzy tale of a therapeutic monkey, a tenacious mom, and a grateful son will make readers more fully appreciate the blessings in their lives. --Karen Springen "A book to change your life." --David Dosa, author of Making Rounds with Oscar