Afterglow (a dog memoir).

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*Starred Review* For more than 16 years, Myles was companioned by a pit bull named Rosie until Rosie left the author to navigate a post-Rosie world, solo. In the after of Rosie, poet Myles, the author of more than 20 books, including the novels Chelsea Girls (1994) and Cool for You (2000), writes this unconventional, uncontainable, phantasmagoric memoir of dog and owner. To let Rosie herself tell it, "Afterglow is totally a book with legs (four if I can be dumb) so it will go a lot further than your earlier Eileen-based fictions." Here are small moments and large ones, like actual transcriptions of memories; here's Rosie as author, Rosie interviewed on a puppet talk show, Rosie as god, Rosie as Myles' father. Myles catalogs Rosie-related objects and chronicles the seeking of an ancestral home in Ireland and reading science fiction in San Diego during Rosie's last summer. Poetic, heartrending, soothing, and funny, this is a mind-expanding contemplation of creation, the act and the noun, and the creatures whose deaths we presume will precede ours but whose lives make our own better beyond reason. To this, readers should bring tissues, pencil and paper, even their dogs. Copyright 2017 Booklist Reviews.

A "kick-ass counter-cultural icon" (The New Yorker) with 20 books and a stack of awards to her name, Myles goes heartfelt with an account of a pit bull named Rosie she kept by her side for 16 years. Mourning Rosie's death, Myles recounts how Rosie has shaped her life and work—more than just saving her, as the tagline usually goes, but making her who she is. Copyright 2017 Library Journal.

Poet and novelist Myles (Inferno) reflects on 16 years with their pit bull Rosie. Inspired by Rosie's death, Myles uses a pastiche approach to explore the bodily, cerebral, and esoteric/religious aspects of the grieving process, all of which is portrayed with meditative poignancy. The feeling of watching a beloved pet's decline is rendered bittersweet: "Our present had a pastness to it every day." There is humor, as the author recalls a fruitless attempt to breed Rosie ("I wondered if I was doing something illegal. Letting dogs have sex in my building"). There's a chapter written as the transcript of a surrealist puppet show, wherein Rosie informs the audience that she has been writing Myles's material since 1990. Myles also brings Hitler's art, 14th-century tapestries, and Abu Ghraib into the narrative, and writes in the voice of Bo Jean Harmonica, an alter ego of sorts whose gender is categorized pithily: "I'm a man but there's a woman in it." Though there are occasional meandering thematic digressions, these seem a part of the journey. Myles depicts the raw pathos of loss with keen insight. (Sept.) Copyright 2017 Publisher Weekly.

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Afterglow (a dog memoir). by Eileen Myles. Details. Starting from the emptiness following Rosie’s death, Afterglow (a dog memoir) launches a heartfelt and fabulist investigation into the true nature of the bond between pet and pet-owner. Through this lens, we witness Myles’s experiences with intimacy and spirituality, celebrity and politics, alcoholism and recovery, fathers and family history, as well as the fantastical myths we spin to get to the heart of grief. Read “Afterglow (a dog memoir)”, by Eileen Myles online on Bookmate – “A ravishingly strange and gorgeous book about a dog that’s really about life and everything there is…astonishing.” ?Helen Macdonald, New York Times-bestselling author of H Is for Hawk. In 1990, poet Eileen Myles chose Rosie from a litter of pit bulls on the street, and their connection instantly became central to the writer’s life and work. During the course of their sixteen years together, Myles was madly devoted to the dog’s well-being, especially in her final days. Praise for Afterglow (a dog memoir). Unflinching but also irrepressibly humorous, [Myles’s] grief at losing Rosie is profound; it is also a revelation… “Afterglow is a mutt elegy in a million
Myles gets at something no other dog book I’ve read has gotten at quite this distinctly: The sense of wordless connection and spiritual expansion you feel when you love and are loved by a creature who’s not human... It’s raw and affecting, and in its wild snuffling way, utterly original.”

—Maureen Corrigan, Fresh Air, NPR. Afterglow (a dog memoir) written by celebrity poet Eileen Myles is a heartfelt loving tribute to Rosie, her Pitbull Terrier that lived for nearly 17 years. Whether readers are familiar with Myles writing style or poetry, Myles captures a sensitive unique flair and a meaningful creative writing combination she is recognized for. Caring for an elderly incontinent dog—the endless cycle of washing and laundering is nearly impossible to keep up with. Myles resisted the notion to put Rosie down, though Afterglow (a dog memoir) written by celebrity poet Eileen Myles is a heartfelt loving tribute to R