



If Only I Could Talk A Canine Adventure

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Trapped in a house fire, Nelson is dying. If only he could open the door ...

Nelson whimpers his final goodbye to Rascal, his canine soulmate, their paws almost touching through the heavy glass that separates life from death. Succumbing to the smoke, his life drifts slowly before him.

Nelson was born deep in the French Alps, where his only worries were how snow could be both soft and hard and why it made the house sink. And whose turn it was to fetch the baguettes from the *boulangerie*.

So how could puppy love be so cruel? Why did Alphonse chain him up and beat him when all he asked for was a pistachio nut and a cuddle? And how ever did he find himself lost and lonely in England?

His dogged wanderings eventually led him to David and his son Timothy, a young boy with autism. Life was once again full of joy: especially when he 'learnt' the lyrics to *Jerusalem*.

Now, trapped in the fire, Nelson's luck has surely deserted him. But he can't die yet! He has an amazing tale to tell – and an amazing tail with which to tell it. And with Rascal there to help, he has no choice but to survive.

“Emotional and touching ... a story told from the heart, with great love and compassion for animals ... They do talk ... it's just that we can't understand them.” – Sheila Belshaw, author of *Fly with a Miracle*

“Incredible writing ... by someone who really loves and knows his dogs ... a beautiful, poignant read.”
– Katy Roberts, Brighton

About the Author: Tony Lewis was born and raised in the North of England, but now divides his time between there and the South of France. After homing several abandoned and stray dogs from rescue centres, *If Only I Could Talk* is his way of thanking them for their unfailing loyalty and friendship.

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