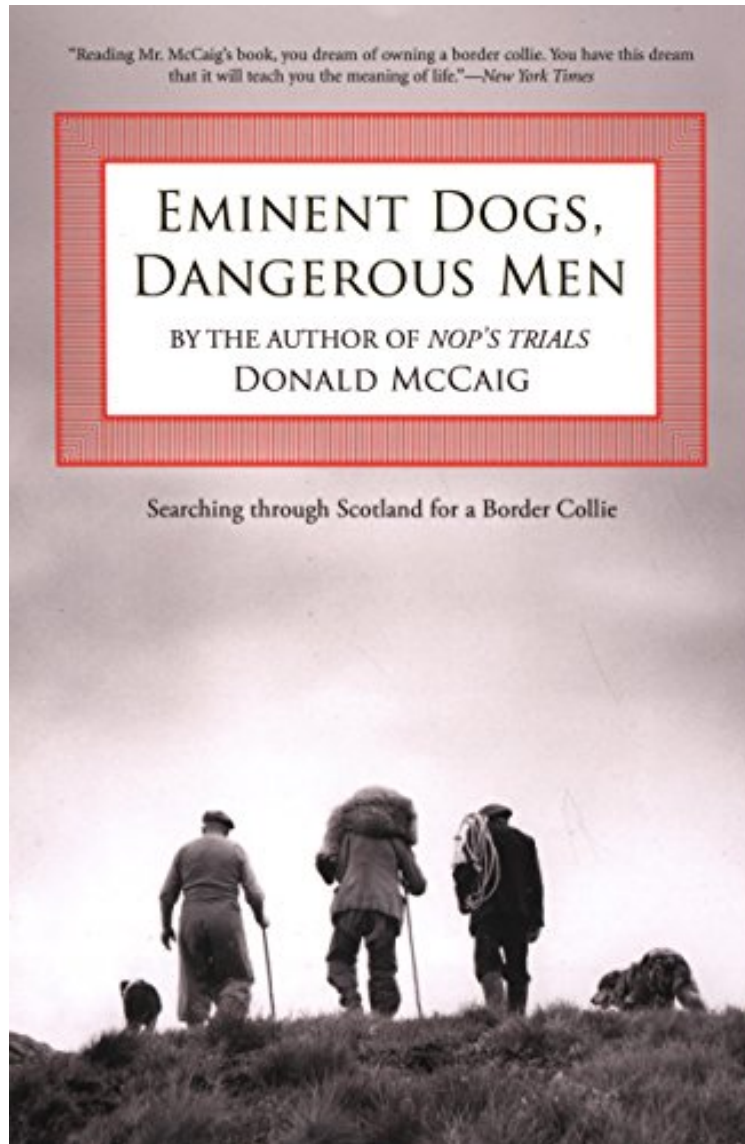


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Donald McCaig provides a mature and different look at dogs and

peopleBy Marie or JayDonald McCaig has a very keen eye for people and dogs with a clear but entertaining way of sharing what he sees. I have read a couple of his "dog books". They are not the typical tear jerk treacle that can be satisfying in a different way but a more real life perspective of dogs and their people that interact with them. This book focuses on working dogs and the life that goes on around them. I think I will read some of his other genre books. Jay1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Amazing Dogs, Great AdventureBy Anna O'MossI really enjoyed this book and would recommend it to any dog person or person looking for an emersion into something new. However, if you have any interest in border collies, sheepdog trials, or the people, history, and geography of Scotland then I would HIGHLY recommend this book. It is a descriptive and crisply written travel adventure focused on the world of sheepdog trials in the US and mostly in Scotland. There are many interesting characters, both human and dog. I appreciate the details about the dogs and their amazing abilities as it gives them the respect they deserve. Also, the role of the sheep and sheepdogs in Scottish history was very interesting. As the author points out, sheepdog trials involve man, dog, and sheep and anything can happen. If you plan to visit Scotland, read this book and you might find yourself wanting to go to a sheepdog trial which appear to be plentiful during the summer. As others have commented, I would have liked to know more about what became of Pip and Gael, but did not feel that was a shortcoming for the book.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. If you really respect your dog...By Terrence WalshIf you really respect your dog, you'll have done some serious homework before your dog ever came home. This is a story about a man who did not just do HOMEwork to find a working dog, he went to Scotland, to the roots of the Border Collie, to find the right dog. As he tells his traveling tale, we also get some history of shepherding, of sheep and dogs, and of the Scots who made the history we see today in movies. The "right" dog isn't necessarily the ultimate "best" dog. The "right" dog is about chemistry, the needs of both parties, and the mutual satisfaction of those needs. "Relationship" is too pat. "Synergy," while apt, misses the art and mystery. Journey, companion, respect, dependence and regrets: those are good words for the "right" dog. Plus, it's a good read. I've read "Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men" twice in print and once on CD. McCaig is often lyrical. I'll happily read anything that has the power of song on a flat page of text.

According to a Scottish saying, "There is no good flock without a good shepherd, and there is no good shepherd without a good dog." Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men is the story of Donald McCaig's search through rural Scotland for just the right sheepdog to bring back to his farm in West Virginia. McCaig delves into the mysterious pact between dog and man, which involves trust and deep communication. Traveling the countryside, to competitions and farms, meeting shepherds and trainers, McCaig introduces us to unforgettable animal and human characters. A must for dog lovers, and anyone interested in the relationship between animals and humans.

From Publishers WeeklyThe dogs are Scottish border collies, bred to herd sheep since the 17th Century; the men are their trainers and handlers. McCaig (Nop's Trials) runs sheep on his Virginia ranch with his dog Pip, whose advancing age suggested that the ranch could use another dog. In the spring of 1988 McCaig went to Scotland to find a bitch and attend sheepdog trials. He gives a lively account of his travels in the Highlands, visiting breeders and shepherds, and gathering a wealth of dog lore. McCaig found Gael, a bonny wee bitch who showed great promise. He took her home, to a lukewarm greeting from Pip. McCaig returned to Scotland for the International Trials (the Super Bowl of the sheepdog world) and describes in detail the terrain, sheep, the dogs and their handlers. An engaging story for dog lovers and owners, especially those with working dogs. Photos. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library JournalBilled as a nonfiction sequel to the author's best-selling Nop's Trials (LJ 4/1/84), this book details McCaig's stay in Scotland to attend sheep dog trials and meet breeders and handlers. The central theme evolves around his search for a trained border collie to bring back to his Virginia home. About three quarters through the book, McCaig finds his dog (Gael)--and then almost never mentions her again. Instead, he lapses into telling of another trip to see more Scottish trials and handlers. McCaig is a good writer, whose plain, friendly style appeals to those who enjoy dog stories, but neglecting to develop his story about Gael in her new home and her success or failure in American trials will limit the book's appeal to those seriously interested in sporting dog events. Casual readers will probably lose interest.- Carolyn I. Alexander, Technical Information Ctr., Ft. Ord, Cal. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Reading Mr. McCaig's book, you dream of owning a border collie. You have this dream that it will teach you the meaning of life."--The New York Times