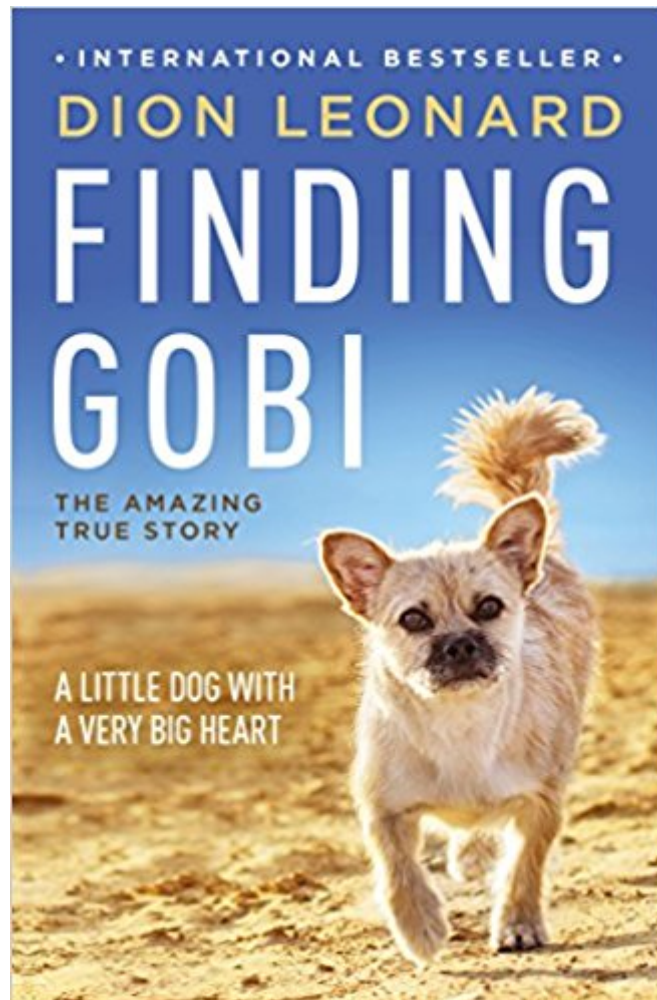




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Finding Gobi: A Little Dog With A Very Big Heart



Synopsis

International Bestseller
“Leonard and Gobi’s story represents the power of people working together and the profound depth of feeling possible between a man and his dog.”—Publishers Weekly
A man, a dog, and the lengths to which love will go to sacrifice for its companion. Finding Gobi is the miraculous tale of Dion Leonard, a seasoned ultramarathon runner who crosses paths with a stray dog while competing in a 155-mile race through the Gobi Desert in China. The lovable pup, who would later earn the name Gobi, proved that what she lacked in size, she more than made up for in heart, as she went step for step with Dion over the Tian Shan Mountains, across massive sand dunes, through yurt villages and the black sands of the Gobi Desert, keeping pace with him for 77 miles. As Dion witnessed the incredible determination and heart of this small animal, he found his own heart undergoing a change as well. Whereas in the past these races were all about winning and being the best, his goal now was to make sure he and Gobi’s friendship continued well after the finish line. He found himself letting Gobi sleep in his tent at night, giving her food and water out of his own limited supply, and carrying her across numerous rivers, even when he knew it would mean putting him behind in the race, or worse, prevent him from finishing at all. Although Dion did not cross the finish line first, he felt he had won something even greater—a new outlook on life and a new friend that he planned on bringing home as soon as arrangements were made. However, before he could take her home, Gobi went missing in the sprawling Chinese city where she was being kept. Dion, with the help of strangers and a viral outpouring of assistance on the internet, set out to track her down, and reunite forever with the amazing animal that changed his life and proved to him and the world that miracles are possible.

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Customer Reviews

Dion Leonard is a 41 year old Australian who lives in Edinburgh, Scotland with his wife Lucja. Dion has not only completed but competed in some of the world's toughest ultra marathons across the planet's most inhospitable landscapes. This includes running across the brutal Moroccan Sahara desert twice in the 250km Marathon Des Sables and also twice across South Africa's Kalahari Desert, also 250km. Dion's latest 250km race across the Gobi Desert in China turned out to be a completely different race where he fell in love with a stray dog (later named Gobi) that followed him during the week and who would change both of their lives forever. [Craig Borlase \(craigborlase.com\)](#) is a bestselling British author and collaborative writer of more than 45 books. He specializes in memoir, and his most recent book is *Finding Gobi* with Dion Leonard.

What an excellent read--a well woven tale full of emotion and excitement. Been following this journey since the early days of the crowdfunder to Bring her Home, cried like a baby in public when "Find" became "Found", and monitored every hour of the 41 hour journey home. Figured the book would be a quick reminiscence. I was stunned by the full tale. Can't imagine who you would have to be to NOT enjoy this well written memoir, and I completely see the adaptability to screen (good luck casting Gobi!). Don't know or care about the tale? Pick up a copy anyway--worth the price. Perfect summer read. But just maybe along the written journey your faith in this tumultuous world, or at least some of the souls inhabiting it, will be restored. Something each of us can take away to be found in this journey. Thanks for taking us along; thanks to those enabling the story to be told; and thanks for the happy ending! Here's to Bringing Gobi Home and to Finding Dion. (PS And much love to Lucja...)

I'm a huge dog lover and thought this book was amazing! This is a truly magnificent and touching story. I cannot believe what Dion went through to keep this sweet baby. Living 4 months in China to keep a dog! Talk about doing what most others would never do. I highly recommend this book to anyone with a heart. I love these types of stories in a world with so much negativity. Parts of page 239 also spoke to me as something to which I can relate. So many wonderful aspects to this book!

I really enjoyed this book. It's a quick, easy, heartwarming read. I had been following Gobi's story on Facebook so I knew quite a bit about Gobi. By reading the book, I got to learn about Dion. Honestly, I never really thought much about him before reading the book (sorry Dion!) so it was very interesting to find out about his life and things that he went through with Gobi that were not on the public Facebook posts. A good summer read that will restore your faith in humanity, even if only for a little while.

Since the story broke last year of Dion and Gobi I have been following it non stop - of you like dogs this is the summer read for you, an amazing story that really captures the bond between dogs and humans - I can not recomess this book enough!

How did a scrappy, sandy-colored stray dog find a group of people running in the middle of the Gobi Desert? And then choose Dion Leonard out of all those people to bond with? We'll never know why she chose him, One reason may be his terrier-like tenacity to bring her home with him no matter the odds. Perhaps she sensed a kindred spirit in Dion. I like to think so. This heart warming (and sometimes heart breaking) story captured MY heart. It's a quick read with many twists and turns along the journey. I received this book in exchange for my review from the publisher. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I loved the story so much, I bought 4 copies! One for myself and 3 to give to friends and family.

Loved this book, #findinggobi! It's a must read, once I started it, I couldn't put it down! Gives me continued hope in humanity! Book was well written and Dion's storytelling kept me intrigued throughout the whole book! So happy for Dion, Lucja, Lara and Gobi are so blessed to be a wonderful family! I am now interested in ultra marathon running! Thanks again Dion for writing this book, it brought me to happy tears!

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It's a fantastic read; an amazing story of endurance, perseverance and love shared between a man and his dog. Dion draws parallels between the journey of bringing Gobi home and his ultra marathon experiences which was extremely compelling. Emotions expressed throughout the book are raw and honest. The pictures Dion inserted are definitely added bonus! The best part of the book is, it will renew your faith in humanity and inspire you find your own Gobi story in your own term.

An ultra-marathon runner, Dion, encounters a little intrepid dog while racing across the Gobi desert and, for reasons that shall forever remain a mystery, the little dog, Gobi, follows Dion the length of the very challenging race. But this is only the beginning.....The path to adopting Gobi and bringing her back to Scotland is not a straight one. The journey will last about six months and have you crying tears of concern and triumphant tears of joy. The story of Finding Gobi is an intimate one that touched me in many relatable areas. There is the strong connection with an animal (in this case, Gobi the stray Chinese dog) that runs both ways. There is personal growth and a releasing of old hurts while on a quest to save Gobi and honor a promise. I discovered this true life story on the internet while researching marathons. At the time fundraising efforts were underway to pay for quarantine and bring Gobi home. And then Gobi went missing and all effort were made to "Find Gobi".

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