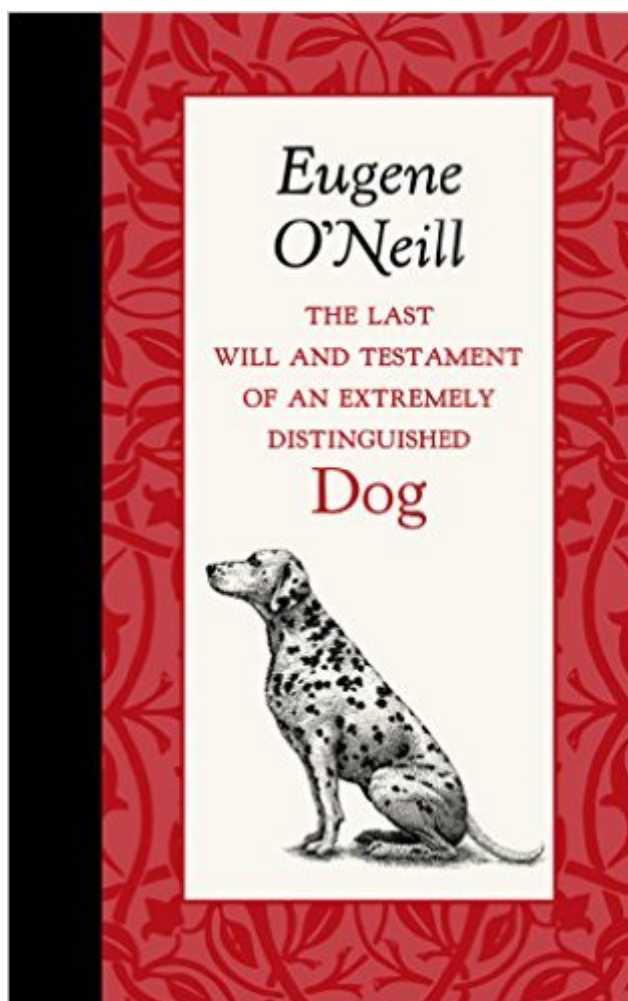


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Renowned playwright Eugene O'Neill composed this work in 1940 to comfort his wife about the death of their Dalmatian, Blemie. Better known for his despairing and pessimistic dramas, O'Neill's touching piece, written in the voice of the dying pet, is somehow uplifting and joyous in its touching memory of a life shared between owner and animal. It is sure to comfort anyone experiencing the loss of a beloved, furry member of the family. This short work is part of Applewood's American Roots series, tactile mementos of American passions by some of America's most famous writers.

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Eugene O'Neill (1888-1953) was, and is, in the literary and theatrical arena a world-renowned figure. Had he been a baseball player he would be in the Hall of Fame. He was a four-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, beginning in 1920 for *Beyond the Horizon*; in 1922 for *Anna Christie*; in 1928 for *Strange Interlude*; and again in 1956 for *A Long Day's Journey into Night*. He also won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1936. He is one of the crown jewels in American literature and Theater. Thus, it was with great interest that I recently received a copy of *The Last Will and Testament of an Extremely Distinguished Dog*. Quite frankly, while I naturally knew of O'Neill, I had never heard of this book. It turns out it is a new edition of a book originally written by O'Neill in the 1940's as a tribute to his dog. Animal lovers, especially those with a particular affection for dogs, owe the

publisher a great debt for reissuing this little known gem. Silverdene Emblem O'Neill-better known as Blemie-was a special Border collie that obviously captured the heart of O'Neill. In a moving and timeless elegy O'Neill clearly and compassionately describes the feelings of loss experienced by all true pet lover's when the death of a pet occurs. The pain is evident though O'Neill finds solace and comfort in remembering the joy, friendship and happiness he found with his friend. Those who have experienced the loyalty, love and friendship of a special dog will understand O'Neill's heartwarming tribute to Blemie. The message of love, friendship and caring will be an inspiration to all who have, or will, face the end of a special pet's life. I have read the book four times, not without tears, and still find a message of hope in this tender, special book.

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