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## Pourquoi j'ai choisi d'avoir un chien (et pas un enfant)



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## Why I Went with a Dog (Not a Kid)

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"A daring book tackling the social taboo of voluntary childlessness. Friendly, uninhibited, Gateau dissects being a pet parent with humor, smarts, and eloquence."

A fortysomething Parisian and "dog mom" to Colonel, an adorable border terrier, Gateau never wanted kids and was very happy with her life, believing herself in the minority until she found out just how many people had made the same choice. This prompted her to explore, in writing, the facets of a lifestyle her friends often questioned and found disconcerting.

From Colonel's arrival to her love life, Gateau's is a funny, barbed account, informed by discussions with experts from psychologists to sociologists, that will prove familiar to many a reader. Her deft, caustic reflections capture cross-section of society at a crossroads between two trends: the child-free and pet parenting lifestyles.

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