




A NOTE

from CARLIE SOROSIAK

I have always wanted to write a book from a dog's perspective, because dogs have always been my closest friends. I could talk to them when it seemed like no one else was listening. Growing up, I had a golden retriever named Ralphie, who was part of the inspiration for Cosmo; he loved doggedly no matter what. Much like Cosmo and Max, Ralphie and I wandered the woods together, watched TV together, danced together across the living room floor. I owe so much to him—and to all the dogs who've irrevocably shaped my life. *I, Cosmo* is a love letter to the dirt-diggers, to the goose-chasers, to every dog who's looked at a couch and said, *Yes, I could sleep on that*. I don't know where I'd be without them.



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