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Billy Wild longs to be as incredible as his dead Mum said he was but he is struggling to find his confidence in the chaotic, though loving, life he leads with his two brothers and his overworked and stressed midwife Dad. Billy's letters to a God he is not sure he really believes in detail his hopes, fears and day to day problems. So when a greyhound turns up in Billy's shed she seems like the answer to a prayer and 'Dog?' becomes the catalyst to effect change in the lives of Billy and his family as Billy steps up to become truly incredible by saving Dog and hundreds more ill-treated greyhounds like her.

Through Billy's warm-hearted, honest narration the reader really gets to know him and his family and to appreciate their struggle to deal with loss and carry on. The book is full of humour and compassion, the dialogue is believable and very funny, there are comic and sad situations and the overall effect is at once poignant and uplifting. Tough subjects, loss, cruelty, fear, faith in yourself, are dealt with honestly and the portrayal of a 'just managing?' family is realistic. The author's ability to combine humour and skilful writing to show the power of love and family in overcoming all the odds make this a life-enhancing and highly recommended read. Billy Wild is incredible.

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