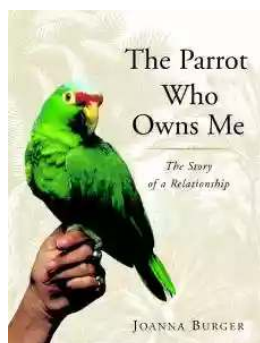


# The Parrot Who Owns Me: The Story Of A Relationship

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There's a saying that goes, "Dogs have owners, cats have staff." But what about parrots? Can these magnificent creatures ever truly own a human? Meet Charlie, the parrot who has not only won over my heart but has also claimed ownership over my life. In this bittersweet journey, I'll share my experiences, the challenges we face, and the profound love that binds us together. Brace yourself for a tale of feathers, mischief, and an unbreakable bond.

## Chapter 1: The Moment We Met



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It all started on a sunny day when I stumbled upon a quaint pet shop. As I gazed aimlessly at the array of animals, my eyes locked with Charlie, a mesmerizing

and vibrant parrot. It was as if time stood still, and in that moment, I knew Charlie was the one who would change my life forever.

## **Chapter 2: The Mischief Begins**

Little did I know, that behind Charlie's innocent-looking eyes, lay a mischievous genius. From day one, he took it upon himself to explore every nook and cranny, leaving a trail of feathers and chaos in his wake. I soon learned that owning a parrot meant embracing a life full of unpredictable adventures.

## **Chapter 3: Our Unique Language**

As time went on, Charlie and I developed a language of our own. He learned how to mimic my laughter, forming a symphony of joy within our home. It amazed me how a parrot could understand the unspoken emotions that permeated my soul. Charlie became my confidant, offering comfort during life's darkest moments.

## **Chapter 4: The Unbreakable Bond**

Through thick and thin, Charlie proved that love transcends species. Our bond grew stronger each passing day, his feathers becoming a shield against life's challenges. Charlie taught me the importance of embracing life with a vibrant spirit and an unwavering loyalty. Together, we embarked upon a journey filled with laughter, tears, and endless anecdotes.

## **Chapter 5: Feathers of Wisdom**

In the midst of our journey together, Charlie became more than just a pet - he became a wise sage. His melodic voice uttered words of wisdom, reminding me to cherish every fleeting moment and to make the most of what life offers. In his

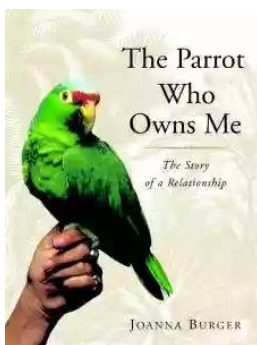
own unique way, Charlie became my voice of reason, guiding me through life's trials and tribulations.

## Chapter 6: Forever and Always

As I reflect upon our shared journey, I realize that Charlie isn't just a parrot who owns me, but a companion who has left an indelible mark on my soul. His vibrant feathers may fade over time, but the memories he created will forever be etched in my heart. Charlie, to me, isn't just a pet - he is family, a love that surpasses expectations and defies boundaries.

### : A Bird's Journey of Love, Laughter, and Feathers

So, can a parrot truly own a human? In my experience, the answer is a resounding "yes." Charlie is not just a bird; he is my confidant, my entertainer, and my source of unwavering love. Together, we have soared through turbulent times and celebrated life's simplest joys. Though he may not understand the concept of ownership, Charlie will forever hold a special place in my heart. He has taught me lessons of love, laughter, and the profound connection that can exist between a person and their pet.



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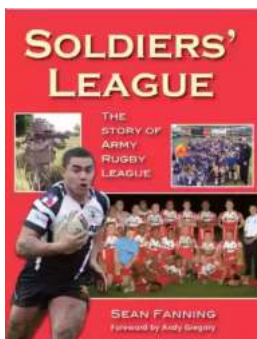


“Birds are my passion,” says Joanna Burger, “but parrots are my weakness.” Fifteen years ago, when she adopted a neglected, orphaned thirty-six year old parrot named Tiko, she entered on of the most complex relationships of her life.

Sullen and hostile when he entered Dr. Burger’s home, Tiko gradually warmed as she carefully persuaded him of her good intentions. Eventually he courted her, building nests inside household furniture during mating season and trying to coax her into them. He nursed her vigilantly through a bout with Lyme disease, regularly preening each strand of hair on the pillow as she slept. For a while he even fought her husband for her attentions, but eventually theirs became a relationship of deep mutual trust.

The Parrot Who Owns Me is also the story of the science of birds, and of parrots in particular (America’s third most commonly owned pet, after cats and dogs). Woven into the narrative are insights and fascinating revelations from Joanna Burger’s work — not only about parrots, but about what it means to be human.

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