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GO FIND

MY JOURNEY TO FIND THE LOST
—AND MYSELF

BY SUSAN PURVIS

Nautilus Book Award Winner and Apple Bestseller

ADVANCE PRAISE

"Susan Purvis has written a brave and profound book about the eternally compelling topic of human survival."

-Sebastian Junger

"Having spent a month in the hottest place on earth with Susan Purvis, I quickly realized that she was not only a tough explorer but an extraordinary soul. In *Go Find*, Susan regales her extraordinary life and personal spiritual odyssey, with observations as profound as the natural world that she explores. A great read for explorers and armchair explorers alike."

-Richard Wiese, President of The Explorers Club and Emmy Award-winning host of *Born to Explore with Richard Wiese*

I'm a bit of a science nerd, so one of the things I loved about this book was how dogs use scent to find people... The links that were drawn as the author struggled to hold on to her most important relationships—her husband and her dog—were quite moving. Specifically, our human need to make promises because those promises sustain us and help us survive from day today.

But what happens when promises can't be kept? Some promises simply don't last because fulfilling them is beyond our control. When promises are broken, we lose the structure that holds our world together...that's how we get lost. **-Brian A Nelson, Fulbright Scholar & author**

“A love story about a woman and her amazing rescue dog. A tale of exciting, life-changing adventures.”

-Kat Martin, *New York Times* bestselling author

“Her moving, humorous, and genuine writing will enthrall you. Go read and you will discover.”

-Dale Atkins, past president, American Avalanche Association

Somewhere between hunting for gold in Latin America as a geologist and getting married to a new husband, thirty-three-year-old Susan Purvis loses her way.

When Susan learns about avalanches that bury people without warning, she challenges herself: “What if I teach a dog to save lives?” This quest propels her to train the best possible search dog, vowing to never leave anyone behind.

With no clue how to care for a houseplant, let alone a dog, she chooses a five-week-old Labrador retriever, Tasha, who constantly tests Susan’s determination to transform her into a rescue dog. Susan and Tasha jockey for alpha position as they pursue certification in avalanche, water, and wilderness recovery. Susan eventually learns to truly communicate with Tasha by seeing the world through her dog’s nose.

As the first female team in a male-dominated search-and-rescue community, they face resistance at every turn. They won’t get paid even a bag of kibble for their efforts, yet they launch dozens of missions to rescue the missing or recover the remains of victims of nature and crime.

Training with Tasha to find, recover, and rescue the lost becomes Susan’s passion. But it is also her circumstance—she was in many ways as lost as anyone she ever rescued. She was convinced that getting lost only happened to other people, until Tasha and a life in the mountains taught her otherwise.

About the Author

Susan Purvis saves lives and teaches other to do the same. She’s explored the hottest, highest and coldest places on the planet as writer, explorer and educator. She’s the owner of Crested Butte Outdoors International, has taught wilderness medicine to everyone from the Secret Service to Sherpa guides in Nepal. Purvis and her search-and-rescue dog, Tasha, whom she trained to save lives on the most avalanche-prone slopes in Colorado, launched dozens of rescue missions and received Congressional Recognition for their role in avalanche search and rescue.

Purvis' work has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Smithsonian*, the BBC, and on Discovery. She lives in Whitefish, Montana. *Go Find* is her first book.

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