# **Driving Home Naked**

# UPDATES

### **Season's Greetings**

Hi gang! I would like to start out by saying thank you to all of you for your unwavering support. Book sales seem to be going well, but in this industry there is no such thing as instant gratification. I don't think the publisher understands the concept that veterinarians love to lance an abscess, see the pus pour out, and know they made the animal feel better. Book marketing requires a lot of patience and persistence, so I plan to hang in there for the long haul.



Lucy and I are having a lot of fun meeting new people at book events and selling and signing books. We would love it if you'd consider giving either *Driving Home Naked* or *The Million Dollar Goat* to someone for a Christmas gift. I will include some of the types of people I will be gifting books to below in case you need ideas. My Christmas present this year will be getting to do a meeting with Dr. Temple Grandin, who was the first person to endorse my memoir!

### -Dr Melinda

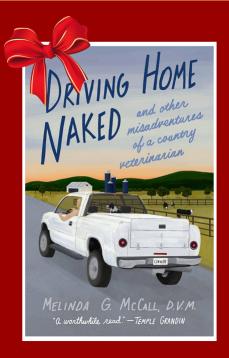
### Who Would Enjoy *Driving Home Naked* as a Gift?

#### □ Any animal lover.

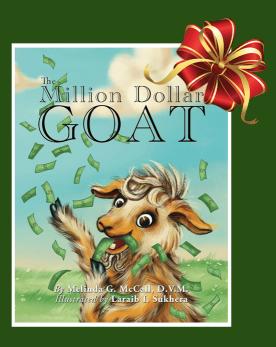
 Someone who might be having surgery soon, they're a captive audience, literally!
 Farmers, young or old, the chapters

are SHORT. Challenge them to just read the first chapter, if they hate it... use it for fire starter.

□ People who say they don't read books or have time to read books. I didn't have time to write it, so I'm sure they can find time to read it. It will be good for them to remember how fun reading can really be!



Order Here!



### Who Would Enjoy *The Million Dollar Goat* as a Gift?

Kids between the ages of 3-9 years old, especially animal lovers.
Kids who get WAY too much plastic junk for holidays, these books will last forever and can be passed on, not just tossed into a landfill when they outgrow them.
Anyone who needs to hear a message about resilience!
Anyone (especially school teachers) who read to children in elementary schools, either as part of Agriculture in the Classroom, or any other program.
Crazy goat ladies of ANY age!

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# NEW CONTEST! When:

Nov 5th-Jan 1st

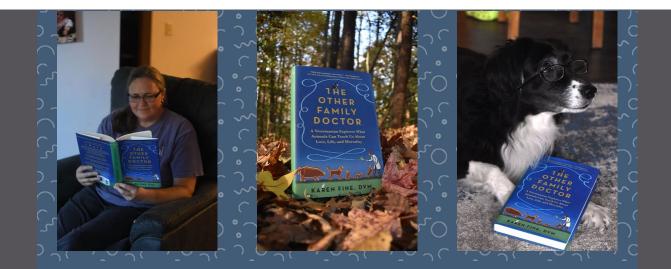
# **Prize:**

\$100 Amazon gift card

# How to play:

Write a review of either book at Amazon, Goodreads, or wherever you purchased your book, and email us at <u>drivinghomenaked@gmail.com</u>, **OR** review us on your social media and tag us with #drivinghomenaked!





### A Book Recommendation from Dr. Melinda and Cap's friend Hershey

I highly recommend Dr. Karen Fine's memoir *The Other Family Doctor*. I especially enjoyed reading this book because as a large animal doctor who does house calls, I can relate to her adventures doing small animal house calls. I loved reading about the influence of her grandfather, who was a physician in South Africa, on her career choice and how she practiced medicine. I found her ability to incorporate Eastern medicine into her traditional small animal practice very interesting and inspiring. It's getting dark earlier, so you need to go ahead and order this book!

Order Here!

## **Upcoming Events**

### November 25th (Noon-1pm)

- Book signing at Meadowgate Farm's Holiday Open house. Come out and get your pictures taken with some cute alpacas while getting your book signed!

More info is on their website linked here:

Meadowgate Farm's Holiday Open House

#### December 7th (5:00-8:00pm)

.- Book signing at the Louisa Arts Center- Dr. Melinda and Lucy will be doing a Q&A and a short reading between 6:30-7:00. This is a good opportunity to swing by and get books signed or buy books for Christmas presents.

#### December 15-16th

- Virginia Cooperative Extension Cattle WISE program, an educational program to



train women farmers with Dr. Temple Grandin in Madison County. This event has filled to capacity, but I will be sure to post an update on this exciting and important event!



Our Christmas present to you... our first Driving Home Naked Commercial. All of us here wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!



