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THE WORLD'S MOST ADVENTUROUS DOG,**  
and his human, Andrew, as they embark on breathtaking adventures  
across the globe. Whether they're paragliding, kite surfing, rafting,  
or rappelling, this daring duo does it together. In *Life Is Golden*,  
Andrew pairs gorgeous photography with touching stories from his  
life with Kicker and his first beloved golden retriever, Booter.  
Full of bravery, wanderlust, and compassion, this is the  
perfect book for anyone who has ever loved a dog.

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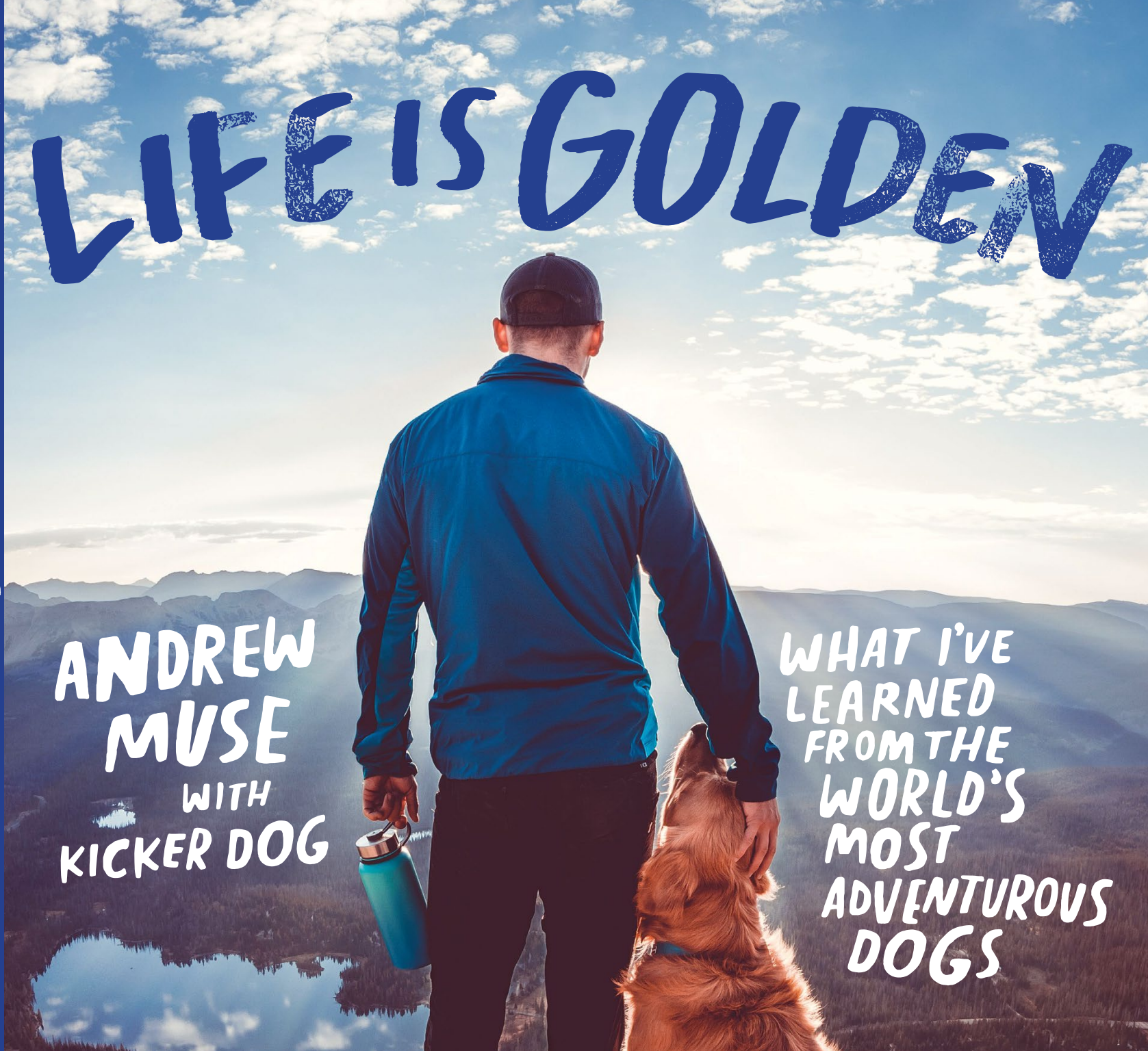
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**LIFE IS GOLDEN**

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**ANDREW  
MUSE  
WITH  
KICKER DOG**

**WHAT I'VE  
LEARNED  
FROM THE  
WORLD'S  
MOST  
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*MY FRIEND AND SNOW SPORTS ENTHUSIAST, JENNIE MILTON, STANDS WITH KICKER AT THE OPENING OF A GLACIER ICE CAVE. BY THIS TIME, KICKER'S APPETITE FOR ADVENTURE WAS IN FULL FORCE. THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE PHOTOS FROM THIS TRIP!*

Thompson Pass, Alaska





# LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Dogs have changed my life. The love I have received from my dogs has been pure, unconditional, and special. It's a deeper emotional connection than any I have ever had with a human. And it all began with Booter.

Because I grew up in a single-parent household where substance abuse issues strained relationships, my family moved around a lot, and life was often unstable. We had a few dogs over the years, but more often than not, against my will, the dogs we *did* have tragically ended up in the care of a shelter after just a year or two. Even at a young age, I recognized this behavior was wrong.

So when I first felt it was time for me to find a dog of my own, I forced myself to wait. I did not want my dog to suffer the same fate as all the dogs I had known before. Even after I left home and was on my own, I



ENJOYING THE LAST MOMENTS OF SUNLIGHT BEFORE GETTING READY TO SHOOT THE MILKY WAY AT THE WAVE, ONE OF THE MOST STUNNING ROCK FORMATIONS IN THE COUNTRY. I CAN'T COUNT HOW MANY SUNSETS BOOTER AND I WATCHED TOGETHER, BUT EACH OF THEM FILLED MY HEART WITH SO MUCH LOVE AND GRATITUDE.

The Wave, Arizona

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