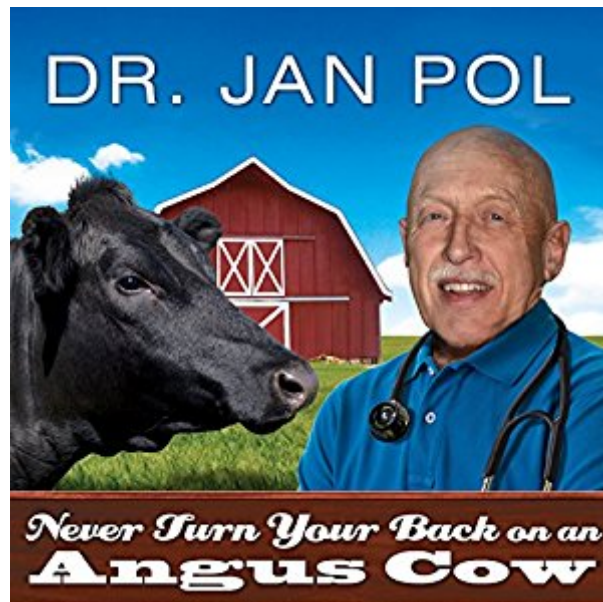


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# Never Turn Your Back On An Angus Cow: My Life As A Country Vet



## Synopsis

Dr. Jan Pol is not your typical veterinarian. Born and raised on a dairy farm in the Netherlands, he is the star of Nat Geo Wild's hit show *The Incredible Dr. Pol* and has been treating animals in rural Michigan since the 1970s. Dr. Pol's 20,000-plus patients have ranged from white mice to 2,600-pound horses and everything in between. From the time he was 12 years old and helped deliver a litter of piglets on his family's farm to the incredible moments captured on his hit TV show, Dr. Pol has amassed a wealth of stories of what it's like caring for this menagerie of animals. He has established himself as an empathetic yet no-nonsense vet who isn't afraid to make the difficult decisions in order to do what's best for his patients - and their hard-working owners. Reminiscent of the classic books of James Herriot, *Never Turn Your Back on an Angus Cow* is a charming, fascinating, and funny memoir that will delight animal lovers everywhere.

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## Customer Reviews

I may have never seen his show, but after reading this book I feel like I know and love Dr. Pol. My co-worker saw me reading this and asked, "Does that the guy that sticks his arm up a cow's butt?" Before finishing the first chapter, I could reply, "Yes. Yes it is." Or, as the awesome Dr. Pol writes, "for many people their careers as a vet begin the day they stick their hands inside an animal's butt for the first time." This all began in the Netherlands, gloveless, and green armed. I'd imagine that Dr. Pol is mesmerizing to watch. To his credit, David Fisher did an excellent job of organizing all Pol's stories into interesting categories to capture this same

feeling. He groups stories together such as early beginnings of his education, to his own practice, etc. From there, you'll go all over the place and that's totally cool. One minute Pol will be talking about scaring his wife with a snake for a \$20 bet to castrating two-hundred pound pigs. And it's all great reading. Speaking of Pol's wife, Dianne, of the early courtship, "How could anybody not find a woman who played tag with her pet duck attractive?" He's so cute, isn't he? As he writes, Pol says, "until they start inventing new animals, I think I can say there isn't a type of animal I haven't looked in the eyes and wondered how it was feeling." From there, and throughout the book, Pol talks about all kinds of animals: including skunks, porcupines, and even an alligator. Oh, and the wildest animal of all: humans. Pol's integrity shines through: "Be honest with your clients. That was always first. Work hard, and if you don't know what the problem is, don't be afraid to admit it." Pol has a life experience unparalleled to many, which makes him so darn interesting.

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