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## Chapter 1 : Animal Underdogs - MidAmerica Books

*Sally the Salamander's Lost Tail (Animal Underdogs) Library Binding - July 1, by Carl Emerson (Author).*

The Festival focusses on telling the story of biodiversity – the amazing diversity of life on Earth, from species to ecosystems. Illustration by Lorna Leigh Harrington In July I was lucky to join an expedition to the cloud forests of northern Guatemala in search of lost salamanders. Among our team were Paul Elias and Jeremy Jackson, who had discovered and described many of our target species some 38 years previously, and Carlos Vasquez, a young Guatemalan biologist who had rediscovered two of these salamanders over three decades later. Elias first ventured to Guatemala in , when he made discoveries so remarkable that he was compelled to return. He gave me a one-page photocopy of a map of Guatemala and circled the Cuchumatanes. He found a couple of hundred salamanders in three weeks. When Elias returned to Berkeley he left some of his specimens to soak in water before preserving them. It was here that Wake happened upon them, and he was astonished. Elias launched further expeditions to the Cuchumatanes the following two summers, bringing Jeremy Jackson with him to help. But over months of fieldwork only two individuals of the species were ever found, and neither Elias or Jackson could have predicted that, a quarter of a century later, none of the three salamanders that they had discovered would have been seen again. The following year the Long-Limbed Salamander also re-appeared. It is day 5 of our expedition, and we have yet to find a salamander – and spirits are beginning to dampen. Expectation is heavy in the air, as is the bitter prospect of disappointment. As a heavy afternoon downpour subsides, we don our headlamps and head into the forest and to an area with large buttressed trees. As soon as light has drained from the forest the Long-limbed Salamanders emerge from among the tangle of roots to scale the trees – our best chance of seeing them is soon after they have emerged and before they climb out of sight. We quickly strike gold. Jackson describes the moment: Finding this salamander is as rewarding as it was years ago. The Long-limbed Salamander in particular is just an extraordinary animal; its high speed agility, and its goofy polka dots make it something almost unlike a salamander. I never thought I would see one alive again. The fact of these two missing links living in that primeval forest on the ancient karst uplands makes one think that the Cucuchumatanes were the old cradle of the great salamander radiation of Central America. We spent our days with our backs arched sifting through leaf litter, and under the cloak of darkness illuminated leaves and mossy trunks in the forest with our headlamps, willing salamanders to appear before us. The golden wonder eluded us, as did Mullers Mushroomtongue Salamander, but on our final day before leaving the remote reaches of the Cuchumatanes we were treated to a surprise. It looked as if it had walked under a leaky tin of royal yellow paint, and was undoubtedly one of the most striking salamanders I had laid eyes on. Some core forest habitat was slated for coffee cultivation by international investors within the year. A global consortium of conservation groups rapidly formed and responded. He launched multiple expeditions, and brought photos of the beautiful animal to show reserve guards, urging them to keep an eye out. In October of last year, as I emerged from a quest to find and photograph the Javan Rhino in Indonesia, I received incredible news. As one of the reserve guards sat down to eat his lunch on the edges of the reserve, a yellow and black salamander on a nearby tree caught his eye. Global Wildlife Conservation leveraged the attention garnered by the rediscovery to raise support to expand the salamander reserve, and are now working on protecting more tracts of valuable forest habitat in northern Guatemala, home to unique salamanders among other wonders. The future for the golden wonder, Mullers Mushroomtongue Salamander, and other threatened species that call these cloud forests home is starting to look brighter.

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The tiger salamander on the left displays a tail of normal length. The salamander on the right is in the process of regenerating its tail following an infection. Look closely to see the newly formed tip peeking out at the end. Spring, for instance, is just around the corner and with it comes the promise of renewal. Woodland wildflowers are greening up, birds are returning from their wintering grounds. Oh, and one of the Hickory Knolls salamanders is growing a new tail. My friend Jen alerted me to the fact that dozens of tiger salamanders were dying in her workplace parking lot, which happened to be built on what was once a wetland. The sallys, mostly recently metamorphosed youngsters, would take advantage of warm, damp evenings to move about. There they would languish, eventually getting squished by cars when the new work day began or baking til crispy in the hot sun. Jen thought it would be a good idea to try and rescue as many as we could. So one night, just after it had stopped raining, we went out and tried. We found plenty of frogs and toads, and even a garter snake gulping down a froggy meal, but no sign of salamanders. That is, until we looked down through the grates of the storm drains. Through the murk we could see salamanders and toads splishing and splashing in the water that was about four feet down. Worse, they were using the bloated bodies of drowned compadres to help try and stay afloat. But, goodness, here we go getting all dark again. A couple salamanders came back to St. Charles with me to become education animals, and they all lived happily ever after. Happily, that is, until December of , two days before Christmas. It was then that Tyson, our alert front desk associate, noticed that one of the Storm Drain Sallys had stopped feeding. The v-shaped sore went nearly all the way through the tail, to the point where the remaining tissue extending to the tip was most likely dead. It certainly smelled that way. I knew that trying to find veterinary care that late in the day, the day before Christmas Eve no less, would be futile. So we went with Plan B: Clean the wound with diluted povidone iodine; keep the salamander on clean paper towels moistened with bottled water; offer food; repeat daily until the animal starts to show signs of improvement. On the kitchen counter. Next to the fruitcake. The resilient amphibian periodically shed and over time a thin layer of skin formed and covered the remaining stump. In the ensuing weeks, Tyson and I took turns taking the sally home with us. Its appetite returned, and we returned it to its enclosure. Then, two weeks ago, we saw it: Evidence that the salamander was growing back its tail. But have you ever seen a regrown lizard tail? It grows back, complete with toes. Salamanders can overcome these serious injuries too. Today the birds are singing, wildflowers are preparing to pop and, here at Hickory, Storm Drain Sally has the beginnings of a new and perfect tail. Pam Erickson Otto is the manager of nature programs and interpretive services at the Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, a facility of the St. She can be reached at or potto steparks.

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Before I begin, I must disclose that I currently have a household with 4 dogs, and really had no business sniffing around for another, butâ€¦ One day I was looking at the available dogs online at my local county shelter. When I called, they said she was still available so I decided to stop in the next day on my way out of town who does that? So in the lobby I asked them to bring her out so I could avoid the trip to the back kennel area. She was beautiful, I knew she would be. The color of French vanilla ice cream and a very regal stance, curled tail and splotchy tongue. She ignored me at first, this dog called Sophie that was not at all a Sophie. I took her outside to the enclosure to spend some time with her and eventually she gave me the time of day, sort of. We watched together as people backed up their SUVs, popped their hatches and discarded dogs they no longer wanted. I was told that she had already been there for 44 days, which is a very long time for an over-crowded shelter. By law they must take new strays and keep them for a minimum of one week and therefore adequate shelter space is at a premium, so there was no guarantee that she would not be euthanized that very afternoon in order to make room for newcomers. And, as they pointed out, seven had come in during the last hour alone. The dog looked up at me on cue and somehow made her eyes sparkle. I was going to save her. In February I lost my dog Henry, a beautiful Malamute mix, to cancer and I did everything I could to give him as much life as possible, down to the minute and the morsel and literally the very last warming ray of sunshine on his body. So how could I justify turning my back on this beautiful healthy sparkling dog? I figured she was still owed a lot of rays of sunshine. She had a good bath. A trip to the vet. A few hours with a trainer. Lots of good food and a nice bone. Brushing, ear scratching, massages. We had a long conversation one evening under the stars and we figured out that her name should be Finn. We said she was always Finn, and nobody knew that before, but we did. And just as we settled in to be best friends forever, it became apparent that things were a little sticky at our house. My mom mentioned to me that her friends had been recently talking about the void left in their lives, their dog having passed away almost two years before and they missed her so much. Having no other pets at home and grandchildren that lived out of state, I knew that Finn would be the star of the show with them. And so they met Finn. She apparently turned on the sparkles and they all fell in love with each other on the spot. Now Finn sigh, they changed her name to something else, but a rose by any other nameâ€¦ spends her days and nights lavished with attention and love and ear scratches and you name it. Now I have to be honest: I was pretty blue the following week. But she taught me stuff, just the way dogs always do. I learned to let go and recognize my limitations. I reminded myself that she was better off with these people who were such a great fit and could give her the kind of home that I could not. But what really took my breath away, what still takes my breath away, is the realization that I saved her! So yes, another victory for the underdog! Dogs like Finn can win.

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