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#### Review

"Maira Kalman's BELOVED DOG captures in glorious washes of color and equally riotous, reverential text the bodies and souls of her dogs, and memorable others and their owners."—*Elle Magazine* 

#### About the Author

Maira Kalman is an illustrator, an author, and a designer. She is the author of *And the Pursuit of Happiness* and *The Principles of Uncertainty*. She is the illustrator of Michael Pollan's *Food Rules* and the bestselling edition of William Strunk and E. B. White's *The Elements of Style*. Kalman's work is shown at the Julie Saul Gallery in Manhattan.

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