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William is a fluffy Golden Retriever puppy. His owner is a Professor of Physiotherapy. She is looking forward to having long walks in the countryside with her brand new canine companion. He has other ideas. As they get to know each other, William reveals himself to be an expert escapologist, scourge of small animals and frightener of grandchildren. And let's not forget almost amputating his owner's finger – albeit accidentally! When bribery, treats and hundreds of dog training classes fail to change William's ways, his owner turns to writing to save her sanity. This is her account of their life together as he courts mischief and mayhem and she attempts to transform him into a model of canine obedience.

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