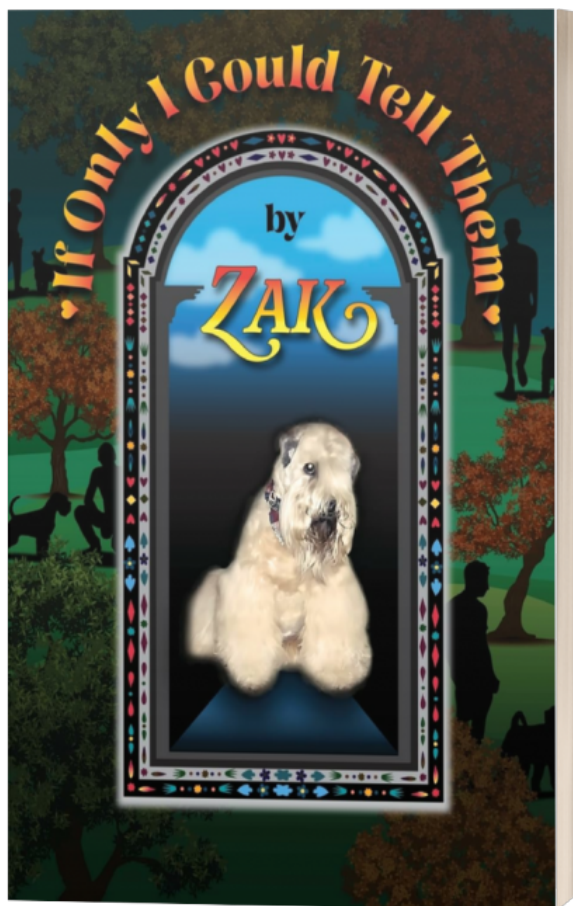


## Michael Shocket's *If Only I Could Tell Them* Selected for LA Times Festival of Books 2026

A beloved canine “narrator” brings warmth and reflection to one of the nation’s largest literary events



**Los Angeles, California Apr 9, 2026** ([IssueWire.com](http://IssueWire.com)) - *If Only I Could Tell Them*, a literary fiction title by author Michael Shocket, will be featured at the LA Times Festival of Books 2026, scheduled for April 18–19, 2026, at the University of Southern California, and will be showcased at Olympus Story House booth #182 (Gold Zone). The book will be featured at the event, with a scheduled author book signing on April 18, 2026, marking a significant milestone for this book.

Written from the perspective of Zak, a Wheaten Terrier, *If Only I Could Tell Them* presents a thoughtful narrative that explores everyday life through the quiet observations of a devoted canine companion. The story offers a distinctive point of view that blends gentle humor with emotional insight, revealing how ordinary moments take on deeper meaning when viewed through loyalty, curiosity, and unconditional affection.

The book is structured as a series of reflections shaped by Zak's experiences with the humans in his life. Through this lens, the narrative examines companionship, routine, loss, and joy without sentimentality, focusing instead on connection and presence. Zak's voice remains observant and sincere, allowing readers to reflect on human relationships through the subtle wisdom of an animal who understands more than he can express.

Author Michael Shocket is a retired businessman and award-winning documentary filmmaker whose recent film work has been screened internationally. Drawing on decades of creative experience, Shocket brings restraint and clarity to the storytelling, allowing the canine narrator to guide the emotional arc of the book without embellishment.

The selection of *If Only I Could Tell Them* for the LA Times Festival of Books places the title among works recognized for literary merit and reader engagement. Its inclusion highlights the book's appeal to audiences interested in character-driven storytelling and the enduring bond between people and their animal companions.

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