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Novel

Fans of *Marley & Me*, rejoice: Here's a schmaltz-soaked novel told from the point of view of a large, lovable mutt named Enzo. From his deathbed, the pooch recalls his beloved Denny, a struggling race-car driver; Denny's wife, Eve, who succumbs to brain cancer; and their daughter, Zoe. (Enzo smelled the cancer "like rotting wood, mushrooms, decay" long before doctors detected it.) The story is sweet but predictable, from Denny's custody battle with Zoe's grandparents to the heart-tugging end. Yet to my surprise, I teared up when Enzo went to the Endless Field in the Sky. B-