

Other Great Animal Stories

The Underneath by Kathi Appelt

A dog, a cat, her kittens and a giant alligator all combine in a story of good and bad in the swamp.

The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp by Kathi Appelt

A raccoon family tries to save Bayou Tourterelle from feral pigs and world-class alligator wrestler and would-be land developer Jaeger Stitch.

Poppy by Avi

Poppy the field mouse must face the evil owl, Mr. Ocax, to save her family.

Critter Club: Amy and the Missing Puppy by Callie Barkley (look in the J Early Chapter Books section!)

Club! Amy and her friends solve a canine caper in this start to a pet-friendly chapter book series.

The Wonderling by Mira Bartok

Arthur, a shy, fox-like foundling with only one ear and a desperate desire to belong seeks his destiny.

The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford

A Labrador retriever, a bull terrier, and an Siamese cat set out through the Canadian wilderness to make their way home to the family they love.

Moo by Sharon Creech

Reena adjusts to living in Maine while unexpectedly bonding with an ornery cow.

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

A tale of soup, rats, a princess and a mouse who believes in being a hero.

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

When Julie runs away onto the frozen tundra, she gets adopted by a wolf pack that helps her survive.

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Follow the adventures of mole, badger and toad through the English countryside.

Bunnica by James Howe

Harold the dog and Chester the cat fear the new bunny in the house may be a vampire!

Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet: Skunked! by Jacqueline Kelly (look in the Early Chapter Book section!)

When Travis discovers an abandoned baby skunk, he has to take him home. But then he finds that his skunk has a brother! One skunk is a piece of cake; two is just asking for trouble. Will Travis and Callie be able to keep the critters away from Mother's careful eyes--and nose?

Babe the Sheep-Pig by Dick King-Smith

When a piglet gets adopted by a sheepdog, his greatest desire is to learn how to herd sheep.

The Prince in the Pond by Donna Jo Napoli.

Jade is quite taken by the new frog, Pin, when he shows up, but she discovers there's more to him than it seems.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien

When her son falls ill, Mrs. Frisby goes to the rats in the rosebush for help, only to learn of their dark secrets and how her husband was involved.

A Wolf Called Wander by Roseanne Parry

A young wolf cub, separated from his pack, journeys 1000 miles across the Pacific Northwest, dealing with forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before finding a new home.

Bambi by Felix Salten

Bambi the deer learns the hard lessons of living wild in the forest and of avoiding the dreaded Man.

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

When the talented cricket Chester accidentally winds up in Times Square subway station, he befriends a cat and a mouse and finds a way to help his human friends.

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

When Wilbur the pig learns he is due to be the farmer's next meal, his friend Charlotte the spider finds a way to save his life.



Favorite Animal Stories



Books are in order by the author's last name in the J Fiction section, unless otherwise noted

Dog Stories

The Good Dog by Avi

McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin and his wolf pack.

Molly' Story: by W. Bruce Cameron

Molly's purpose is to take care of her girl, CJ, but CJ's mom will not allow her to have a dog, so Molly must stay hidden in CJ's room.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Opal makes a ragtag group of friends after rescuing a dog she names Winn-Dixie.

Good Dog by Dan Gemeinhart

Brodie was a Good Dog, and all good dogs go to heaven, but Brodie can't move on until he is sure that his human is not in danger, even if he loses heaven because of it. That's what Good Dogs do.

Sled Dog School by Terry Lynn Johnson

Matt has to open a business to save his math grade, so he opens a school to teach what he does best: train sled dogs to race!

The Dog Days of Charlotte Hayes by Marlane Kennedy

Despite not being a dog person, Charlotte tries to find the right home for a neglected Saint Bernard puppy.

Woof: A Bowser and Birdie Novel by Spencer Quinn

Bowser is a mutt, just adopted. When he gets to his new home and discover a theft, he puts his nose to work to solve the mystery.

101 Dalmatians by Dodie Smith

Pongo & Missus must go on a hunt to find their 15 stolen puppies.

I, Cosmo by Carlie Sorosiak

What is an arthritic thirteen-year-old golden retriever to do when the human he loves most asks him to compete in a dance contest? Say yes, of course.

Check out the Series section for the **Dog Diaries**, **Puppy Place**, and **Survivors** for more dog stories!

Cat Stories

Whittington by Alan Armstrong

Whittington the cat restores peace to the barn by telling stories of his famous ancestor.

The Cat Who Ate Christmas by Lil Chase

Jingles the cat has knocked over the Christmas tree and unwrapped all the presents. Then he gobbles up the entire Christmas turkey and that's the final straw! Jingles is in big trouble now! Maybe he should just run away...

Socks by Beverly Cleary

Socks is less than happy when a new baby gets added to the family.

The Cheshire Cheese Cat by Carmen Deedy.

An unlikely alliance of cat, mice and the innkeeper's daughter combine to save a precious object in London.

Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine.

Tuffy the cat tries to defend himself against accusations of terrifying other animals.

Ra The Mighty: Cat Detective by A.B. Greenfield

In ancient Egypt, the Pharaoh's pampered cat Ra and his scarab-beetle sidekick solve a crime.

Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat by Johnny Marciano

Klawde, the exiled ruler of the planet Lyttyrboks, makes friends with the kitty next door.

Ugly Cat and Pablo by Isabel Quintero (in the Early Chapter book section)

Ugly cat and Pablo couldn't be more different, but when these two mejor amigos come together, there are loads of laughs, slithery misunderstandings, and tasty treats.

Varjak Paw by S.F. Said

Varjak Paw leaves his pampered life to try and rescue his owner the Contessa from the evil Gentleman.

Cats Vs. Robots: This is War by Margaret Stohl

The longstanding and galaxy-spanning war between cats and robots escalates.

Check out the Series Section for the **Warriors** series for more cat stories!

Horse Stories

National Velvet by Enid Bagnold

Velvet and her piebald horse decide to enter the famous Grand National Steeplechase...except girls aren't allowed to ride!

The Black Stallion by Walter Farley

Alec survives a shipwreck with only a wild stallion as a companion on a deserted island.

Some Kind of Courage by Dan Gemeinhart

Joseph has lost just about everyone he's ever loved. His pa, his ma, and his little sister to sickness. And now, he's lost his pony to a man who had no right to take her. Joseph is determined to get her back, though.

Birthday Pony by Jessie Haas (in J Early Chapter Books)

Grandma Aggie tries to help her granddaughter Jane and the pony Popcorn, who were born on the same day, become riding partners.

Horses at Dawn: The Escape by Kathryn Lasky

A herd of wild horses was in danger, captured and then left to die, but they survived. All except the lead horse. Can her daughter -only a filly- be the leader they need?

The Pony Whisperer: The Word on the Yard by Janet Rising

Pia has always told her pony everything...but now he's talking back!

Saddles & Secrets by Jane Smiley

Ellen shares a secret with Ned, the colt who hurt his leg on his way to becoming a racehorse, but she also realizes that her parents are keeping a secret from her!

I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade by Diane Wilson

Oyuna tells her granddaughter the story of how love for her horse enabled her to win a race and bring good luck to her family living in Mongolia in 1339.

Check out the Series Section for the **Horse Diaries** series!