

My Life in Dog Years / Gary Paulsen

The children's author describes some of the dogs that have been special to him throughout his life. (j92P PAULSEN) Gr. 5+

Where the Red Fern Grows / Wilson Rawls

The classic story of a young boy who becomes the owner of two hound dogs and teaches them to be hunters. Gr. 6+

Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven / Graham Salisbury

When his teacher asks him to write a persuasive argument about something he really wants, fourth-grader Calvin creates a unique way to express his desire for a dog. Gr. 3+

Fleabiscuit Sings! / Marlene Fanta Shyer

A New York City family finds out that their neighbor's dog can sing, so they include him in their subway singing act. Gr. 5+

The Hundred and One Dalmatians / Dodie Smith

Two dogs rescue their 15 puppies from the vicious Cruella de Vil. Gr. 5+

Barry, Boyhound / Andy Spearman

Barry begins acting like a dog after his is bitten by a flea. Gr. 4+

The Green Dog: A Mostly True Story / Suzanne Fisher Staples

During the summer before fifth grade a lonely girl gets a dog. Gr. 4+

The Trouble with Tuck / Theodore Taylor

A blind dog is taught to trust a seeing-eye companion dog. Gr. 5+

Lad, a Dog / Albert Payson Terhune

The classic story of a courageous and loyal collie. Gr. 6+

The Rosie Stories / Cynthia Voigt

The adventures of a family's special dog, Rosie. Gr. 3+

The Kingdom by the Sea / Robert Westall

A boy and a stray dog search for safety in World War II England. Gr. 6+

Silver / Gloria Whelan

Rachel plans to train her puppy to become a champion sled dog racer but he mysteriously disappears. Gr. 3+

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Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

The following titles may be found in juvenile fiction unless otherwise noted.

Sunder / William H. Armstrong

The young son of an African-American sharecropper learns to hope and persevere through tragic times with the help of his devoted dog. Gr. 6+

The Good Dog / Avi

A wild wolf tries to get a family dog to join his wolf pack. Gr. 5+

Togo / Robert J. Blake

A Siberian husky leads a team that rushes to bring diphtheria antitoxin from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska in what eventually becomes the path of the Iditarod race. (j Ea BLAKE—picture book; Gr. 3+ to read on their own)

War Dog: A Novel / Martin Booth

A dog is requisitioned by the British Army and sees duty throughout the second World War. Gr. 5+

The Incredible Journey / Sheila Burnford

Two dogs and a cat set out through the Canadian wilderness to make their way back to their beloved family. Gr. 5+

My Dog, My Hero / Betsy Byars

Eight dogs compete for the title of My Hero. Gr. 3+

Tornado / Betsy Byars

During a tornado, a family listens to a man's story about a dog that was blown into his life by a tornado when he was a boy. Gr. 2+

Ribsy / Beverly Cleary

Henry Huggins' dog begins a string of bewildering adventures when he becomes lost. Also *Strider* by the same author. Gr. 3+

Dog Sense: A Novel / Sneed B. Collard III

A frisbee-catching dog helps Guy adjust to his new life in Montana after he and his mother move from California. *Gr. 5+*

Love That Dog / Sharon Creech

A student expresses his great love for his dog, and comes to appreciate poetry, when he studies famous poems in school. Told in verse. *Gr. 4+*

Hurry Home, Candy / Meindert DeJong

A lost dog searches for a loving home. *Gr. 4+*

Because of Winn-Dixie / Kate DiCamillo

Good things that happen to Opal in her new Florida town because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. *Gr. 3+*

Chuck and Danielle / Peter Dickinson

Although her pet whippet Chuck, is terrified of everything, Danielle is sure that he is going to save the universe one day. *Gr. 3+*

The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog / John R. Erickson

Hank the Cowdog becomes an outlaw with the coyotes. *Gr. 4+*

I, Jack / Patricia Finney

Jack, a Labrador Retriever, tells about his daily life. *Gr. 4+*

Jim Ugly / Sid Fleischman

Jake and his father's dog Jim Ugly, travel through the Old West trying to find out what really happened to Jake's father. *Gr. 4+*

Stone Fox / John Reynolds Gardiner

Willie hopes to help his grandfather with the winnings from a dog sled race. *Gr. 3+*

Old Yeller / Fred Gipson

A family of poor Texas farmers befriends a big, old, yellow stray dog that one day proves its great courage with a noble sacrifice. *Gr. 6+*

Eliza's Dog / Betsy Hearne

During an English vacation, a girl acquires a bouncy sheepdog. *Gr. 2+*

The Castaways of the Flying Dutchman / Brian Jacques

In 1620, a boy and his dog are rescued from a doomed ship by an angel who guides them in travelling the world, eternally helping those in great need.. *Gr. 6+*

Dogsbody / Diana Wynne Jones

When Sirius the Dog Star is sentenced to life on Earth as a real dog named Leo, he becomes the pet of a mistreated Irish girl and faces dangerous encounters. *Gr. 6+*

Dogs of War / Sheila Keenan (j GRAPHIC KEENAN)

Three fictional stories, told in graphic novel format, about soldiers in World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War who were aided by combat dogs. *Gr. 5+*

Titus Rules! / Dick King-Smith

The Queen's youngest dog earns the title "king among dogs." *Gr. 2+*

Big Red / Jim Kjelgaard

Danny and his Irish Setter have adventures together in the mountain wilderness. *Gr. 5+*

Lassie Come-Home / Eric Knight

The classic story of a loyal collie that travels over 1,000 miles in Great Britain in order to return to her loving young friend, Joe. *Gr. 5+*

The Call of the Wild / Jack London

A dog in the Klondike gold fields becomes the leader of a wolf pack. *Gr. 6+*

White Fang / Jack London

A dog who is part wolf makes peace with man in the northern wilderness. *Gr. 6+*

Stay!: Keeper's Story / Lois Lowry

Keeper the dog tells of his adventures with his human masters and his quest to find his little sister. *Gr. 4+*

White Fur Flying / Patricia Maclachlan

A sad and silent nine-year-old boy finds his voice when he moves next to a family that rescues dogs. *Gr. 2+*

A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray / Ann M. Martin

A stray puppy tells her life story in which she must deal with technology, nature, and humans. *Gr. 4+*

Dog Friday / Hilary McKay

Robin is determined to keep an abandoned dog from being impounded by the police. *Gr. 5+*

Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog's Tale / Laurie Myers.

Seaman, Meriwether Lewis's Newfoundland dog, describes Lewis and Clark's expedition, which he accompanied from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean. *Gr. 5+*

Shiloh / Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

A West Virginia boy cares for a lost beagle whose real owner is a mean man. *Gr. 4+*

Smarter than Squirrels / Lucy Nolan

A dog who thinks her name is Down Girl and her friend Sit try to keep the world safe from everyday creatures including Here Kitty Kitty. *Gr. 3+*