

## Fantastic Animals

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

A mother mouse seeks help from the super intelligent lab rats of the National Institute of Mental Health. *Gr. 3+*

### Silverwing / Kenneth Oppel

A young bat becomes separated from his flock during migration. One of a series. *Gr. 4+*

### The Cricket in Times Square / George Selden

After traveling in a picnic basket and sharing subway-station life with a mouse and a cat, a country cricket from Connecticut ends up in Times Square. *Gr. 2-4*

### The Rescuers / Margery Sharp

Three mice band together in order to rescue a Norwegian poet from the dungeon of the Black Castle. *Gr. 4-6*

### The Hundred and One Dalmatians / Dodie Smith

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

### Abel's Island / William Steig

The dapper mouse Abel is swept away to a desert island. *Gr. 2-5*

### Nightshade / Hilary Wagner

Eleven years after the cruel Killdeer took over the Catacombs far beneath the human's Trillium City, Juniper Belancourt, assisted by Vincent and Victor Nightshade, leads a maverick band of rats to escape and establish their own city. *First in a series. Gr. 4+*

### The Secret of the Ginger Mice / Frances Watt

Alex, Alice and Alistair think they are just three ordinary mice, until Alistair mysteriously vanishes. Then Alex and Alice learn a secret that means Alistair's life is in danger—unless Alex and Alice can find him first. One of a series. *Gr. 3+*

### Charlotte's Web / E. B. White

Wilbur is a lonely pig until he befriends a spider named Charlotte. *Gr. 3+*

### Stuart Little / E. B. White

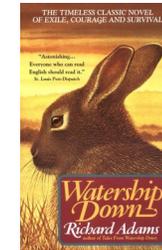
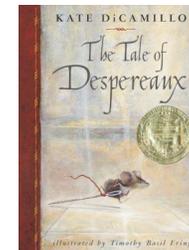
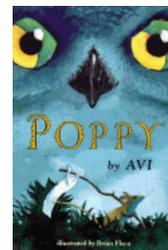
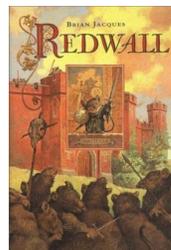
The adventures of Stuart Little, who is only two inches tall and resembles a mouse in every way. *Gr. 3-5*

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- books of animal fantasy -

Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

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

### Watership Down / Richard Adams

Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace. *Gr. 4+*

### Mr. Popper's Penguins / Richard Atwater

Captain Cook, and the eleven members of his penguin family, make themselves at home with Mr. Popper and his family. *Gr. 2-4*

### Poppy / Avi

A young deer mouse searches for a new home for her family away from the control of the terrifying owl, Mr. Ocax. First of a series. *Gr. 4-6*

### The Velveteen Rabbit / Margery Williams Bianco

The beloved story of how a boy's love brings his toy rabbit to life. *Gr. 2-5*

### A Bear Called Paddington / Michael Bond

The adventures of a Peruvian bear in an English household. One of a series. *Gr. 3-5*

### Freddy the Detective / Walter R. Brooks

Freddy the pig does some detective work in order to solve the mystery of the missing toy train. One of a series. *Gr. 4+*

### Old Mother West Wind / Thornton Burgess

Peter Rabbit and Reddy Fox, and all their animal friends, have wonderful adventures in the fields and woods. One of a series. *Gr. 3-5*

### The Mouse and the Motorcycle / Beverly Cleary

A young mouse named Ralph discovers the joys of motorcycling when he borrows a guest's toy from the Mountain View Inn. *Gr. 3-5*

**The Tale of Despereaux** / Kate DiCamillo

“The story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread.” Newbery Medal winner. *Gr. 3-6*

**Fantastic Mr. Fox** / Roald Dahl

Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out warfare to get rid of the fox and his family. *Gr. 3-5*

**James and the Giant Peach** / Roald Dahl

After running away from his mean aunts, James finds refuge and wonderful adventures with some kindly insects that live in a large peach. *Gr. 3-5*

**A Toad for Tuesday** / Russell Erickson

Warton the toad goes out on a winter day, is captured by an owl, and must plan an escape. One of a series. *Gr. 2-4*

**Mouseheart** / Lisa Fiedler

Follows the experiences of an escaped pet shop mouse who descends into a utopian rat civilization before confronting threatening rebels, ravenous cats, and a generations-long battle involving deadly secrets. One of a series. *Gr. 4+*

**My Father’s Dragon** / Ruth Gannet

A boy’s father rescues a baby dragon from his captivity on Wild Island. *Gr. 2-4*

**The Wind in the Willows** / Kenneth Grahame

The classic tales of Mole, Rat, Badger, and Toad. *Gr. 3-5*

**The Mouse and His Child** / Russell Hoban

A broken windup mouse child and his father survive dangerous adventures while they search for safety and happiness. *Gr. 4+*

**Bunnacula** / Deborah Howe

House pets Harold the dog and Chester the cat think that the new pet baby bunny is a vampire. *Gr. 2-5*

**Into the Wild** / Erin Hunter

For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest. When their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths, a house cat named Rusty may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all. One of a series. *Gr. 4+*

**Return to the Wild** / Erin Hunter

As the three bears, Toklo, Lusa, and Kallik, begin their journey home, they encounter new friends and dangerous enemies. *Gr. 4+*

**The Empty City** / Erin Hunter

In the aftermath of the Big Grawl that destroyed his city, a Lone Dog named Lucky

must find a way to work with other dogs in order to survive in this frightening new world. One of a series. *Gr. 4+*

**Redwall** / Brian Jacques

The chronicle of a warrior mouse, terrible rats, and good badgers. One of a series. *Gr. 5+*

**Babe: the Gallant Pig** / Dick King-Smith

A small pig is adopted by an old sheep dog and discovers that he has a special talent. *Gr. 3-5*

**Martin’s Mice** / Dick King-Smith

A farm cat would rather keep mice as pets than catch and kill them. Also other titles by this author. *Gr. 3-5*

**The Jungle Book** / Rudyard Kipling

The jungle adventures of Mowgli, a boy raised by wolves. *Ages 10+*

**The Capture** / Kathryn Lasky

When Soren, a barn owl, arrives at St. Aggie’s, a school for orphaned owls, he suspects trouble and with his new friend, a clever elf owl named Gylfie, embarks on a perilous journey to save all owls from the danger at St. Aggie’s. One of a series. *Gr. 4+*

**Ben and Me** / Robert Lawson

Amos the mouse tells how he was the one really responsible for the innovations and discoveries of Benjamin Franklin. *Gr. 3+*

**Rabbit Hill** / Robert Lawson

The rabbits on the hill are anxious to meet the humans about to move into the Big House. *Gr. 3-5*

**Catwings** / Ursula LeGuin

Four cats with wings search for a place to live. First of a series. *Gr. 2-4*

**The Tales of Uncle Remus: The Adventures of Brer Rabbit** / Julius Lester

African-American folktales about the adventures of Brer Rabbit and his friends and enemies. *Gr. 3+*

**The Story of Doctor Dolittle** / Hugh Lofting

A kind doctor understands the language of animals. *Ages 9+*

**Wolf Story** / William McCleery

When Waldo the Wolf attempts to capture Rainbow the Hen, Jimmy Tractorwheel comes to her rescue. *Gr. 4+*

**Winnie the Pooh** / A. A. Milne

The classic tales of Christopher Robin and his friends. *Gr. 3+*