Dog Stories

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. (j 92P 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+

SOUNDER / 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+

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Updated June 2014
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+

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+