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

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
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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. 4+

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+

Bunnicula / 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 Growl 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+