

Kehret, Peg. **Don't Tell Anyone**

Twelve-year-old Megan does not realize that feeding feral cats will involve her in the plan of a dangerous criminal.

King-Smith, Dick. **Mysterious Miss Slade**

Patsy and her younger brother befriend their mysterious old neighbor and her many cats.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Shiloh Season**

When mean and angry Judd mistreats his dogs, Marty discovers how deep a hurt can go. (series)

Oppel, Kenneth. **Silverwing**

A newborn bat, Shade, is separated from his colony and grows in ways that prepare him for great journeys.

Pullman, Philip. **I Was a Rat**

A little boy turns the house of a lonely old couple upside down by insisting he was a rat.

Spinelli, Jerry. **Wringer**

Palmer must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.

Talbert, Marc. **The Trap**

Ellie attempts to avenge the death of her cat by a coyote, but traps and injures a neighbor's dog instead.

Wallace, Bill. **Upchuck and the Rotten Willy**

Chuck the cat ventures farther into the neighborhood and meets Rotten Willy, a monster-sized and big-hearted dog. (series)

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**Nassau Library
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**Animals,
Animals!**

**Fiction Books
for Children**

**Preschool
Kindergarten**

Arnosky, Jim. **Raccoon on His Own**

A curious young raccoon takes an unexpected trip downstream in a small wooden boat.

Bang, Molly. **Goose**

Adopted by woodchucks at birth, a baby goose never feels she truly belongs until the day she discovers she can fly.

Banks, Kate. **The Bird, the Monkey and the Snake in the Jungle**

A rebus tells the story about a bird, a monkey and a snake who go looking for a new home and encounter various jungle animals on the way.

Blackstone, Stella. **There's a Cow in the Cabbage Patch**

All the animals in this mixed-up farmyard are out of place, but when dinnertime comes around, suddenly they are all back where they belong.

Brett, Jan. **The Hat**

When Lisa hangs her woolen clothes in the sun to air them out for winter, the hedgehog, to the amusement of the other animals, ends up wearing a stocking on his head.

Bruss, Deborah. **Book! Book! Book!**

When the children go back to school, the animals on the farm are bored, so they visit the town library trying to find something to do.

Falwell, Cathryn. **Turtle Splash! Countdown at the Pond**

As they are startled by the activities of other nearby creatures, the number of turtles on a log in a pond decreases from ten to one.

Feiffer, Jules. **Bark, George!**

When George's mother instructs him to bark, the lovable puppy answers with a "meow" and other animal sounds.

Fleming, Candace. **Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!**

After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables.

Garrett, Ann. **What's for Lunch?**

Simple, humorous rhymes describe what pandas, monkeys and other animals eat for lunch.

Graham, Bob. **Queenie, One of the Family**

Caitlin and her parents rescue a hen and take her home with them, but even after they return her to the farm, her presence is still felt in the little girl's family.

Hassett, John and Ann. **Cat Up a Tree**

With rapidly increasing numbers of cats stuck in her tree, Nana Quimby asks for help from the firehouse, the police, the pet shop, the zoo, the library, and even city hall.

Hindley, Judy. **Do Like a Duck Does!**

By challenging a hairy stranger to imitate the behavior of herself and her ducklings, a mother duck proves that he is a fox and not a duck.

Lawrence, John. **This Little Chick**

A little chick shows that he can make the sounds of the animals in his neighborhood.

Leslie, Amanda. **Flappy, Waggy, Wiggly**

In this peek-a-boo riddle book, simple questions lead the reader to guess what animal can be found when the page is turned.

McFarland, Lyn Rossiter. **Widget**

A small stray dog is accepted into a household full of cats by learning to "fit in", but when his mistress is hurt, he demonstrates that being a dog is not all bad.

Root, Phyllis. **One Duck Stuck**

In this counting book, increasingly larger groups of animals try to help a duck that is stuck in the sleepy, slimy marsh.

Rylant, Cynthia. **The Great Gracie Chase: Stop That Dog!**

A cumulative tale about a small dog named Gracie whose quiet life is disrupted by some noisy painters.

Simont, Marc. **The Stray Dog: From a True Story by Reiko Sassa**

A family befriends a stray dog, names him Willy, and decides to keep him.

Yaccarino, Dan. **Deep in the Jungle**

After being tricked into joining the circus, an arrogant lion escapes and returns to the jungle where he lives peacefully with the animals he used to terrorize.





Grades 1-2

Bauer, Marion Dane. **Bear's Hiccups**

On the hottest day of summer, Bear and Frog argue about who owns the cool, wet pond.

Bauer, Marion Dane. **Frog's Best Friend**

Frog does not want to share his best friend Turtle with the other animals.

Cannon, Janell. **Verdi**

Verdi, a young, yellow, striped python, does not want to grow up big and green like the lazy and boring older snakes.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. **Biscuit Wants to Play**

The puppy Biscuit wants to be friends with two new kittens. (series)

Clements, Andrew. **Ringo Saves the Day!**

Carol and Ray's orange cat saves their lives!

Conrad, Pam. **The Rooster's Gift**

Rooster thinks his special gift is making the sun rise in the morning, until one day when the sun rises without him.

dePaola, Tomie. **Boss for a Day**

Moffie, ten minutes older than Morgie, likes being boss. (series)

Franco, Betsy. **Amazing Animals**

Amazing animal actions are briefly described including a fly tasting a treat with the hairs on its feet.

Godwin, Laura. **Honey Helps**

Honey, a playful little kitten, wants to help her friend Happy, a big, friendly dog. (series)

Graeber, Charlotte. **Nobody's Dog**

Who has the perfect home for Nobody's Dog?

Haas, Jessie. **Runaway Radish**

When Judy, and then Nina, outgrow their pony, the perfect solution is found after Radish runs away.

LaMarche, Jim. **The Raft**

When Nicky spends a summer with grandma, she introduces him to rafting and observing the animals of the woods and river.

McDermott, Gerald. **The Fox and the Stork**

In this fable, the stork outwits the fox that tricks him.

Minters, Frances. **Chicken for a Day**

One morning Daisy wakes up and finds she has turned into a chicken.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge and Annie's Perfect Pet**

Henry's cousin Annie needs a pet that isn't scary, isn't wet, isn't hard, and doesn't fly. (series)

Rylant, Cynthia. **Poppleton in Winter**

Poppleton's friends have planned a wintry surprise for him. (series)

Spinelli, Jerry. **Blue Ribbon Blues**

In this Tooter Tale, Tooter Pepperday and her family move to Aunt Sally's farm where she attempts to win a blue ribbon at the county fair. (series)

Spohn, Kate. **Turtle and Snake Fix It**


It's time for Turtle to try out his new tools. (series)

Wells, Rosemary. **The School Play**

Yoko is not happy about her role in the class play. (series)

Wolff, Ferida. **Watch Out for Bears!**

Bruno the bear comes to live with his new friend Henry.



Grades 3-4

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Say Good-Bye**

Wild at Heart Animal Clinic's pup, Yum-Yum, is diagnosed with cancer. (series)

Byars, Betsy. **Me Tarzan**

When Dorothy gets the part of Tarzan in the class play, her tremendous yell attracts the attention of increasingly larger animals.

Bunting, Eve. **The Summer of Riley**

Will William be able to save his dog Riley's life after he has chased and injured his elderly neighbor's horse?

Casanova, Mary. **Stealing Thunder**

When Libby discovers her neighbor's horse is being abused, she plots to steal him away to safety, with her friend, Griff.

Cutler, Janet. **'Gator Aid**

When no one believes that a baby alligator lives in Shaw Park Lake, Edward determines to save the critter from sure death.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn-Dixie**

India Opal Buloni describes all the good things that happen because of her big ugly dog, Winn-Dixie.

Fleischman, Sid. **A Carnival of Animals**

Six tall tales tell about the wild wacky adventures of some of the animals living around Barefoot Mountain.

Gerstein, Mordicai. **Fox Eyes**

Martin finds himself in a fox's body for a day.

Griffith, Helen V. **Cougar**

A bully at school and a ghost horse who only he can see complicate a new life in the country for Nickel.

Haas, Jessie. **Beware and Stogie**

After a violent storm, Lily and her horse, Beware, search for Gramp's untamed and wild horse, Stogie.

Howe, James. **Bunnicula Strikes Again!**

When Bunnicula the rabbit starts acting strangely, the dogs and cat renew their suspicions that he is a vampire. (series)

Hurwitz, Johanna. **Lexi's Tale**

Lexi the squirrel and Pee Wee the guinea pig befriend an unfortunate tourist in Central Park.

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. **Balto and the Great Race**

Balto, the sled dog, saves Nome, Alaska in 1925 from a diphtheria epidemic by delivering medicine through a storm.

King-Smith, Dick. **Funny Frank**

The humorous tale of a chicken named Frank who wants to swim and his owner who invents a suit to grant him his wish.

Livingston, Star. **Harley**

Because Harley doesn't get along with the other llamas he becomes a guard llama watching over the sheep.

Levy, Elizabeth. **Night of the Living Gerbil**

Sam and his brother, Robert, fear their new neighbor is a zombie who plans to bring their dead gerbil back to life.

Orr, Wendy. **Ark in the Park**

When Sophie's parents take her to visit a very special pet store, she and the pet store owners have their wishes fulfilled.

Sachs, Marilyn. **The Four Ugly Cats in Apartment 3D**

After a neighbor in her apartment building dies, ten-year-old Lily tries to find homes for his four ugly, noisy cats.

Whybrow, Ian. **Little Wolf's Book Of Badness**

Little Wolf is being too courteous, so his parents send him to his uncle's Big Bad Wolf school. (series)



Grades 5-6

Avi. **Ereth's Birthday**

Feeling neglected on his birthday, the cantankerous old porcupine sets out looking for his favorite treat. (series)

Branford, Henrietta. **White Wolf**

A white wolf flees captivity and must learn to run with a pack and to discover what it truly means to be a wolf.

Creech, Sharon. **Love That Dog**

Jack starts out hating poetry but finds it useful to write about his dog Sky.

Dana, Barbara. **Zucchini Out West**

Ten-year-old Billy suspects that his pet ferret may be one of the rarest mammals in the world. (series)

George, Jean Craighead. **Frightful's Mountain**

Frightful, a peregrine falcon, interacts with humans and animals. (series)

Hall, Elizabeth. **Child of the Wolves**

Rather than be sold, Granite, a husky puppy, runs away into the Alaskan wilderness.

Hiassen, Carl. **Hoot**

Roy, who is new to a small Florida town, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save burrowing owls.

Hoeye, Michael. **Time Stops for No Mouse**

When a female mouse brings a watch into Hermux Tantamoq's shop to be repaired and then disappears, he is caught up in danger as he searches for her. (series)

Karr, Kathleen. **The Great Turkey Walk**

In 1860, a somewhat simple-minded boy attempts to herd 1,000 turkeys from Missouri to Denver.