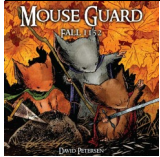


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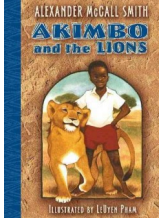


Animals All Around

Some of our favorite stories about animals for school-age children.

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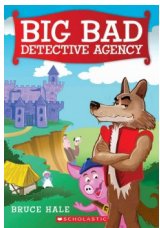
Akimbo and the Lions

Alexander McCall Smith

(Juvenile First Chapter Books - J McCall)

Series: Akimbo series: book 2

When Akimbo and his park ranger father unintentionally capture a lion cub near an African game park, Akimbo wants to keep the cub.



Big Bad Detective Agency

Bruce Hale

(Juvenile First Chapter Books - J Hale)

The lone wolf has big teeth, sharp claws, no alibi -- and a single day to find the real culprit and clear his big bad name. When Wolf (reluctantly) teams up with the fourth Little Pig to crack the case, the Big Bad Detective Agency -- and an adventure way funnier than your average fairy tale -- is off to a howling start!

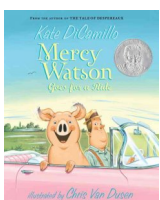


Good Rosie!

Kate DiCamillo

(Juvenile Picture Books - EJ Dic)

When Rosie's owner takes her to the dog park, two dogs bound over and want to play, but she doesn't know what to do to make friends with them. (Illustrated by *New Yorker* cartoonist Harry Bliss.)



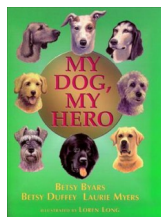
Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride

Kate DiCamillo

(Juvenile First Chapter Books - Dicamil)

Series: Mercy Watson: book 2

Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.



My Dog, My Hero

Betsy Cromer Byars

(Juvenile First Chapter Books - J Byars)

A panel of three judges has to decide which dog out of eight finalists deserves to win the title of My Hero.



Rescue on the Oregon Trail

Kate Messner

(Juvenile Fiction - J Messner)

Series: Ranger in Time; 1

Unable to pass his tests as a search-and-rescue dog because he is too easily distracted, Ranger is transported to the year 1850, where he must help a young boy and his family on the Oregon Trail.

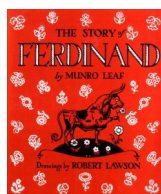


The Story of Diva and Flea

Mo Willems

(Juvenile First Chapter Books ? J Willems)

In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.



The Story of Ferdinand

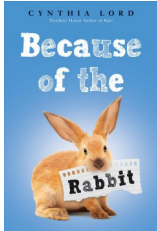
Munro Leaf

(Juvenile Picture Books ? EJ Leaf)

Ferdinand likes to sit quietly and smell the flowers, but one day he gets stung by a bee and his snorting

and stomping convince everyone that he is the fiercest of bulls.

Older Elementary

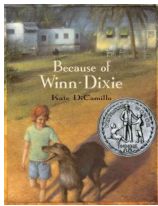


Because of the Rabbit

Cynthia Lord

(Juvenile Fiction - J Lord)

Accompanying her game warden father on a routine call on the last night of summer before she ends homeschooling and starts public school for the first time, young Emma finds herself caring for a baby bunny while navigating a project with an animal-loving boy who does not quite fit in.

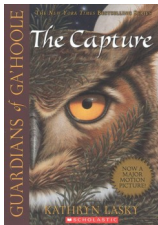


Because of Winn-Dixie

Kate DiCamillo

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Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.



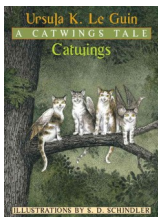
The Capture

Kathryn Lasky

(Juvenile Fiction - J Lasky)

Series: Guardians of Ga'Hoole: book 1

Pushed from his nest, an owlet is captured by agents of the mysterious and ill-intentioned St. Aegolius Academy, where orphaned owls are brainwashed and enlisted in an evil attempt to take over the owl world.



Catwings

Ursula K. Le Guin

(Juvenile Fiction - J Le)

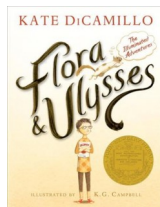
Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands. Look for more Catwings titles.

Charlotte's Web

E.B. White

(Juvenile Fiction - J White)

When he discovers that he is destined to be someone's dinner, Wilbur the pig is desolate until his spider friend Charlotte decides to help him.



Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures

Kate DiCamillo

(Juvenile Fiction - J Dicamil)

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.



The Incredible Journey

Sheila Burnford

(Juvenile Fiction - J Bu)

A cat, a bull terrier, and a Labrador retriever travel 250 miles through the wilderness to find their family.

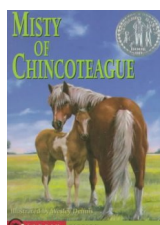


Love That Dog

Sharon Creech

(Juvenile Fiction - J Creech)

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

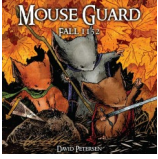


Misty of Chincoteague

Marguerite Henry

(Juvenile Classics - J Henry)

Paul and his sister Maureen's determination to own a pony from the herd on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among the ponies rounded up for the yearly auction.

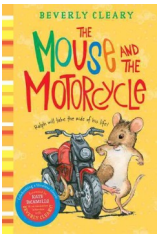


Mouse Guard. Vol. 1, Fall 1152

David Petersen

(Juvenile Graphic Novels - J Peterse)

Graphic novel adventures of three mice, Saxon, Kenzie and Lieam patrol borders, and strive to make safeways to keep the mouse territories free from predators. Look for more Mouse Guard titles.

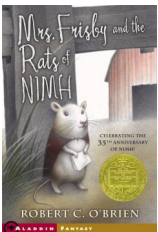


The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Beverly Cleary

(Juvenile Fiction - J Cleary)

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. Look for Ralph the Mouse titles.

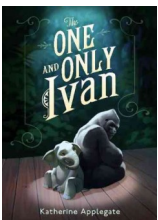


Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

Robert C. O'Brien

(Juvenile Fiction - J Obr)

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.



The One and Only Ivan

Katherine Applegate

(Juvenile Fiction - J Applega)

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

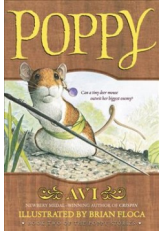


Pax

Sara Pennypacker

(Juvenile Fiction ? J Pennypa)

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.

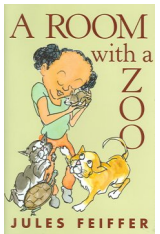


Poppy

Avi

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Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

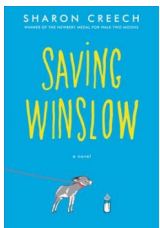


A Room With a Zoo

Jules Feiffer

(Juvenile Fiction - J Feiffer)

Nine-year-old Julie loves animals. So much it seems that she's assembling a zoo in her room. But, what she really wants is a dog.

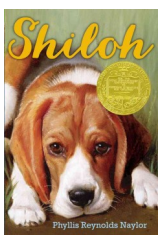


Saving Winslow

Sharon Creech

(Juvenile Fiction - J Creech)

Everyone worries that Winslow won't survive, especially Louie's quirky new friend, Nora, who has experienced loss of her own. But as Louie's bond with Winslow grows, surprising and life-altering events prove that this fragile donkey is stronger than anyone could have imagined.



Shiloh

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

(Juvenile Fiction - J Nay)

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. Look for more titles in the Shiloh trilogy.

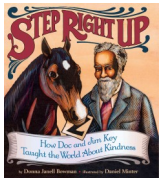


Silverwing

Kenneth Oppel

(Juvenile Fiction - J Op)

When a newborn bat named Shade but sometimes called "Runt" becomes separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys. Look for more Silverwing saga titles.

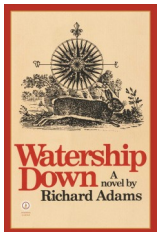


Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World About Kindness

Donna Bowman

(Juvenile Nonfiction - J 179.3 Bow)

A picture book biography of Dr. William Key, a former slave and self-trained veterinarian who taught his horse, Jim, to read and write and who together with Jim became one of the most famous traveling performance acts around the turn of the twentieth century.

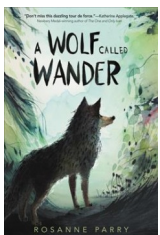


Watership Down

Richard Adams

(Juvenile Fiction - J Ad)

A taut and suspenseful tale of survival about a band of wild rabbits who leave their ancestral home to build a more humane society.



A Wolf Called Wander

Rosanne Parry

(Juvenile Fiction - J Parry)

A young wolf cub, separated from his pack, journeys 1000 miles across the Pacific Northwest, dealing

with forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before finding a new home. Based on the true story of a wolf called OR-7.

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