

Dog Stories

Location	Author	Title
J AME	Shaw, Janet	Kaya and Lone Dog: a Friendship Story
Still grieving over the death of her hero, and missing her stolen horse and kidnapped younger sister, Kaya tries to earn the trust of a lone and starving dog who is about to have puppies. Includes historical notes on Nez Percé children. Grades 2 - 5.		
J APP	Appelt, Kathi	The Underneath
An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free. Grades 4 - 8.		
NEWBERY 1970	Armstrong, William	Sounder
Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and with the help of the devoted dog Sounder. Ages 9 - 12.		
J AUC	Auch, Mary Jane	A Dog on His Own
After a daring escape from the animal shelter, Pearl, Peppy, and K-10--so named because he is one step above all the other canines--explore the outside world while moving from one adventure to another. Grades 2 - 4.		
J AVI	Avi	The Good Dog
Jack's malamute, McKinley, is the top dog in Steamboat Springs, CO. His enemy is not a cat but a sad excuse for an Irish setter, Redburn. Sedate small-town life is interrupted by the appearance of Lupin, a she-wolf that urges dogs to free themselves from the tyranny of domesticated life. The noble McKinley tries to help her, and save a mistreated greyhound, but is misunderstood and relegated to the "dog house" by rather dim-witted humans. Grades 3 - 6.		
J BAN	Banks, Kate	Boy's Best Friend
Eleven-year-old George has a dog, Bart, who seems to know everything about him--from when he is feeling sad to when he will arrive home from school. George's new neighbor and classmate, Lester, also has a dog, Bill Gates, and Lester thinks he is the smartest animal in the world. When their teacher assigns a school science project about animal behavior, George and Lester decide to conduct an experiment based on the world-famous Rupert Sheldrake's experiments about dogs. George even has an email exchange with Dr. Sheldrake to help him with the project--and he and Lester soon find out that, through a few simple experiments, kids can make scientific discoveries, too.		
J BAR	Barrow, Randi	Finding Zasha
Twelve-year-old Ivan has escaped from the siege of Leningrad, but when the town he has taken refuge in is occupied by Hitler's troops, he sees his chance to help the partisans he has met-- and to rescue to German shepherd puppies, Zasha and Thor, from the cruel Commander Recht.		

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In 1945 Russia, those who own German shepherds are considered traitors, but thirteen-year-old Mikhail and his family are determined to keep the dog a dying man brought them, while his classmate Katia strives to learn his secret.		
J BEH	Beha, Eileen	Tango: the Tale of an Island Dog
Lost at sea while sailing with his wealthy owners, a Yorkshire terrier washes up, nearly dead, in a village on Prince Edward Island where he is nursed back to health by a lonely widow and is befriended by a fox and an abandoned waif who is also struggling to find a home for herself somewhere. Grades 4 - 6.		
J BYA	Byars, Betsy	Tornado
As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy. Grades 2 - 5.		
J CAL	Calmenson, Stephanie	No Dogs Allowed!
Best friends and dog lovers Kate and Lucie live in apartments where dogs are not allowed, but a pair of unusual necklaces they find in a thrift store allow them to become dogs whenever they wish.		
J CAM	Cameron, W. Bruce	Ellie's Story
Trained as a search-and-rescue dog since puppyhood, Ellie can track and find people who are physically lost, but it is her owners, widower Jakob and lonely Maya, who challenge her to find a way to save people who are lost in other ways.		
J CHE	Cheng, Jack	See You in the Cosmos
Eleven-year-old Alex Petroski, along with his dog, Carl Sagan, makes big discoveries about his family on a road trip and he records it all on a golden iPod he intends to launch into space.		
J CLE	Cleary, Beverly	Henry Huggins
When Henry adopts Ribsy, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow. Ages 8 - 12.		
J CLE	Cleary, Beverly	Strider
When Leigh Botts finds an abandoned Queensland heeler on the beach, he rescues him and names him Strider. Beverly Cleary has written a sensitive and moving book about friendship and growing up. Grades 4 - 7.		
J CRI	Crisp, Mary	White Star: a Dog on the Titanic
Twelve-year-old Sam, a passenger on the Titanic's maiden sea voyage, volunteers to help care for the dogs in the ocean liner's kennel and becomes fast friends with the Irish setter of J. Bruce Ismay, the ship's owner. Ages 8 - 12.		
J DAV	Davies, Katie	The Great Dog Disaster
Suzanne is delighted when her Great-Aunt Deidra leaves her Newfoundland, Beatrice, to Suzanne's mother, but Beatrice is old, slow, and has serious stomach issues which Suzanne and Anna must try to fix before Dad sends another dog away.		

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NEWBERY 1952	Estes, Eleanor	Ginger Pye
When the Pye family's puppy, Ginger, disappears on Thanksgiving Day, the children are convinced that he has been abducted by a stranger in a yellow hat. Ages 9 - 12.		
J FRE	Freeman, Martha	Strudel's Forever Home
Strudel, a homeless dachshund, loves listening to Jake read from Chief, Dog of the Old West at the animal shelter. When Jake decides to adopt him, Strudel vows to be as brave and loyal as Chief. Readers get a dog's eye view as Strudel narrates this story of a dog who needed a family, and a struggling family who needed a dog.		
J GIF	Giff, Patricia Reilly	Jubilee
Judith stopped talking long ago when Mom left her in the care of beloved Aunt Cora. Going back into a regular fifth-grade classroom won't be easy, but she has her Dog and new friend who will help her through.		
J GIP	Gipson, Fred	Old Yeller
A fourteen-year-old boy, living in the Texas hill country befriends an ugly, stray dog and names him Old Yeller. Ages 10 and up.		
J HAM	Hamilton, K.R.	The Mesmer Menace
Daring dachshund Noodles narrates as evil Mesmers bent on world domination arrive at the Amazing Automated Inn, where eleven-year-old inventor Wally Kennewickett, aided by Noodles and the inn's automatons, tries to foil their plans.		
J HAM	Hamilton, K.R.	The Ire of Iron Claw
The daring and loyal dachshund Noodles, the boy inventor Wally Kennewickett, and his scientific genius family and staff of automatons join forces with Nikola Tesla to defeat sky pirates, cross Europe in a giant mechanical spider, and defy the evil Mesmers.		
J HAR	Harper, Charise Harper	Just Grace Walks the Dog
Eight-year-old Just Grace and her best friend Mimi embark on a campaign to convince Grace's parents that they are responsible and dependable enough to get a dog. Grades 2 - 5.		
J HAR	Hart, Alison	Darling: Mercy Dog of WWII (Dog Chronicles)
In Cosham, England, in 1917, Darling, a mischievous collie, must leave the children who love her when she is chosen for training as a mercy dog, seeking out injured soldiers on the battlefield and leading medics to them.		
J HAR	Hart, Alison	Finder: Coal Mine Dog (Dog Chronicles)
When Thomas's family needs money, he's forced to go to work in the coal mines, even though neither of his late parents wanted that for him. His only comfort is his dog Finder, a failed hunting dog who now pulls a cart in the mines. When disaster strikes, can Thomas and Finder escape from the fires deep below ground?		

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J HAR	Hart, Alison	Murphy: Gold Rush Dog (Dog Chronicles)
<p>Murphy wants to help Sally and Mama build a new life in Nome, but life in the mining town is not easy. Can the three of them find a home-and maybe a fortune?</p>		
J HAS	Hashimoto, Meika	The Trail
<p>Toby and his friend Lucas made a list of things to do the summer before they entered middle school, but now Lucas is gone, and Toby sets out to fulfill the promise he made to his friend, to finish the list by hiking the Appalachian Trail from Velvet Rocks to Mt. Katahdin, an undertaking that he is poorly prepared for--and which will become not only a struggle for survival, but a rescue mission for the starving and abused dog who he finds along the way.</p>		
J HES	Hest, Amy	Letters to Leo
<p>Annie Rossi never, ever thought her father would let her have a dog. But now that he's finally given in, she's found the perfect ear for the stories of her day. She just writes them in a notebook hidden under the bed and reads them to Leo in her soft night voice, like the one her mother used when reading to Annie at bedtime before she died. And Annie sure has a million stories to tell!</p>		
J HUN	Hunter, Erin	The Empty City (Survivors)
<p>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.</p> <p>Also in this series: <i>A Hidden Enemy; Darkness Falls; The Broken Path; The Endless Lake; Storm of Dogs; Alpha's Tale.</i></p>		
J HUN	Hunter, Erin	A Pack Divided (Survivors: The Gathering Darkness)
<p>For the first time Storm can remember, she has a place in a Pack, and the world that was devastated by the Big Growl is finally at peace. But tensions are rising among the dogs of the Wild Pack - and the greatest danger they face may come from within.</p> <p>Also in this series: <i>Dead of Night; Into the Shadows; Red Moon Rising; The Exile's Journey.</i></p>		
J JEN	Jennings, Patrick	Invasion of the Dognappers
<p>Nothing gets past Logan. When he observes that the neighborhood's dogs are mysteriously vanishing, he suspects nothing less than a full-scale alien dognapping invasion. The adults don't believe him, of course, so he enlists his friends to investigate and soon they make a shocking discovery. Now man's best friend needs help. Fast. Suddenly, Logan and his team are on a mission unlike anything known to man.</p>		

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J KNI	Knight, Eric	Lassie Come-Home
Lassie is Joe's prize collie and constant companion. But when Joe's father loses his job, Lassie must be sold. Three times she escapes from her new owner, and three times she returns home to Joe, until finally she is taken to the remotest part of Scotland--too far a journey for any dog to make alone. Ages 9 - 12.		
J LAS	Lasky, Kathryn	Lone Wolf (Wolves of the Beyond)
Abandoned by his pack, a baby wolf with a mysterious mark on his deformed paw survives and embarks on a journey that will change the world of the wolves of the Beyond. Also in this series: <i>Shadow Wolf; Watch Wolf; Frost Wolf; Spirit Wolf; Star Wolf.</i>		
J LYO	Lyons, Jayne	100% Wolf
At the time of his first transformation, a young werewolf of noble and proud ancestry, is driven from his pack when, instead of turning into a fierce wolf, he changes into a little black poodle. Grades 3 - 6.		
J MAR	Martin, Ann M.	A Dog's Life : the Autobiography of a Stray
Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal. Grades 4 - 6.		
J MAR	Martin, Ann M.	Everything for a Dog
In parallel stories, Bone, an orphaned dog, finds and loses a series of homes, Molly, a family pet, helps Charlie through the grief and other after-effects of his brother's death, and lonely Henry pleads for a dog of his own. Grades 4 - 6.		
J MCK	McKay, Hilary	Lulu and the Dog from the Sea
Lulu loves animals. When Lulu's family go on holiday to the seaside, the last thing they expect to find is a stray dog living on the beach. Everyone in the town thinks the dog is trouble. 'He's a menace' they say. But Lulu is sure that all he needs is a friend. And that he's been waiting for someone just like her.		
J MEI	Meisel, Peter	Stinky Spike and the Royal Rescue
Stinky Spike the dog and Captain Fishbeard the pirate are thick as thieves now that Spike has proved his treasure-sniffing ability. When Spike and his crew come across a sign offering a reward for finding the Princess's lost poodle, they can hardly resist. Surely finding a fluffy royal pooch can't be very difficult? When blundering pirates are involved, things never go according to plan.		
J MES	Messner, Kate	Danger in Ancient Rome
The mysterious box that Ranger the golden retriever found in the garden transports him back to first century Rome, where he must rescue Marcus, a young servant boy, and Quintus, a volunteer gladiator, from the brutal world of the Colosseum.		

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J MES	Messner, Kate	Rescue on the Oregon Trail
<p>Ranger has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog, but can't officially pass the test because he's always getting distracted by squirrels during exercises. One day, he finds a mysterious first aid kit in the garden and is transported to the year 1850, where he meets a young boy named Sam Abbott. Sam's family is migrating west on the Oregon Trail, and soon after Ranger arrives he helps the boy save his little sister. Ranger thinks his job is done, but the Oregon Trail can be dangerous, and the Abbotts need Ranger's help more than they realize!</p>		
NEWBERY 1992	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh
<p>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 mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. Grades 4 - 7.</p>		
J PLO	Plourde, Lynn	Maxi's Secrets (or, What You Can Learn from a Dog)
<p>Timminy knows that moving to a new town just in time to start middle school when you are perfect bully bait is less than ideal. But he gets a great consolation prize in Maxi—a gentle giant of a dog who the family quickly discovers is deaf. Timminy is determined to do all he can to help Maxi—after all, his parents didn't return him because he was a runt. But when the going gets rough for Timminy, who spends a little too much time getting shoved into lockers at school, Maxi ends up being the one to help <i>him</i>—along with their neighbor, Abby, who doesn't let her blindness define her and bristles at Timminy's "poor-me" attitude. It turns out there's more to <i>everyone</i> than what's on the surface, whether it comes to Abby, Maxi, or even Timminy himself.</p>		
J QUI	Quinn, Spencer	Woof
<p>There is trouble brewing in the Louisiana swamp -- Bowser can smell it. Bowser is a very handsome and only slightly slobbery dog, and he can smell lots of things. Like bacon. And rawhide chews! And the sweat on humans when they're lying. Birdie Gaux, the girl Bowser lives with, also knows something is wrong. It's not just that her grammy's stuffed prize marlin has been stolen. It's the weird rumor that the marlin is linked to a missing treasure. It's the truck that seems to be following Birdie and the bad feeling on the back of her neck.</p> <p>When Birdie and Bowser start digging into the mystery, not even Bowser's powerful sniffer can smell just how menacing the threat is. And when the danger comes straight for Birdie, Bowser knows it up to him to sic 'em.</p>		
<p>Also in this series: <i>Arf; Bow Wow.</i></p>		

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J SEL	Selfors, Suzanne	Wedgie & Gizmo
<p>While his human Elliot adjusts to his new home and stepfamily, Gizmo, an evil genius guinea pig, searches for a new evil lair where he can plot to take over the world, but Gizmo is constantly thwarted by Elliot's little stepsister Jasmine (who likes to play dress-up), Abuela (who may or may not like to eat cavies), and Wedgie (a Corgi superhero and Gizmo's nemesis).</p>		
J SHO	Shotz, Jennifer	Max: Best Friend, Hero, Marine
<p>When Justin's older brother, Kyle, is killed in Afghanistan, Justin can't believe that his brother is really gone. Except there's one thing that Kyle left behind....</p> <p>Max is a highly trained military canine who has always protected his fellow soldiers. But when he loses his handler and best friend, Kyle, Max is traumatized and unable to remain in the service.</p> <p>He is sent home to America, where the only human he connects with is Justin, and he is soon adopted by Kyle's family, essentially saving his life. At first Justin has no interest in taking care of his late brother's troubled dog. However, the two learn to trust each other, which helps the four-legged veteran become his heroic self once more. As the pair start to unravel the mystery of what really happened to Kyle, they find more excitement – and danger – than they bargained for. But they might also find an unlikely new best friend – in each other.</p>		
J VOI	Voight, Cynthia	Angus and Sadie
<p>Angus and Sadie, two siblings that are of mostly border collie heritage, are adopted by a young couple and start living on a Maine farm, where they begin to learn sheep herding and come to appreciate how they are different from each another. Grades 4 – 6.</p>		
J WAT	Watson, Tom	Stick Dog
<p>Stick Dog and his four friends - Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen - will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park!</p> <p>Also in this series: <i>Stick Dog Wants a Hot Dog; Stick Dog Chases a Pizza; Stick Dog Dreams of Ice Cream; Stick Dog Tries to Take the Donuts; Stick Dog Slurps Spaghetti; Stick Dog Craves Candy.</i></p>		
J WEE	Weeks, Sarah	Honey
<p>Melody has lived in Royal, Indiana, for as long as she can remember. It's been just her and her father, and she's been okay with that. But then she overhears him calling someone Honey -- and suddenly it feels like everyone in Royal has a secret. It's up to Melody and her best friend, Nick, to piece together the clues and discover why Honey is being hidden.</p> <p>Meanwhile, a dog named Mo is new to Royal. He doesn't remember much from when he was a puppy . . . but he keeps having dreams of a girl he is bound to meet someday. This girl, he's sure, will change everything.</p>		

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J WIL	Willis, Cynthia Chapman	Dog Gone
Twelve-year-old Dill refuses to deal with the recent death of her mother until her dog starts running with a pack that is suspected of killing livestock on neighboring farms, and Dill's beloved grandfather becomes so sick that he needs to go to the hospital just like her mother did. Grades 5 - 8.		

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