

Animals Helping People

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PICTURE BOOKS

Dolphin Tale: A Tale of True Friendship by Emma Ryan, 2011 Picture Book RYAN

Inspired by the true story of a dolphin named Winter and a boy named Sawyer. Sawyer rescues Winter, sees her through rehabilitation and helps scientists develop a prosthetic tail. (Grades 3-5)

Sally's Snow Adventure by Stephen Huneck, 2009 Picture Book HUNECK

Sally the Dog is vacationing at a ski lodge with her family. She enjoys the activities at the lodge but when night falls Sally gets lost. Luckily, a team of rescue dogs finds Sally and brings her back to safety. (Grades 3-4)

Rosie: A Visiting Dogs Story by Stephanie Calmenson, 1994. 636.7 C164r

Readers will delight in the story of Rosie, a special type of animal helper, trained to visit people in need of happiness. Readers will join Rosie as she makes her visits to children in hospitals, elderly homes and the police station, bringing joy and laughter to many people in need of positivity. (Grade 3)

Alex the Parrot: No Ordinary Bird. A True Story by Stephanie Spinner, 2012 j636.6865 S757a

An unlikely friendship is formed between African grey parrot Alex (short for Avian Learning Experiment) and graduate student Irene Pepperberg. Planning on studying the bird's behavior, Irene soon discovers the amazing intellect of Alex. Unexpectedly, Alex learned mathematics and language. Combined with vivid watercolor illustrations, the story of Alex and Irene is a tale of amazing abilities and unique friendships. (Grades 3-5)

JUVENILE FICTION

Tides of War: Blood in the Water by Alexander C. London, 2014 J Fiction LONDON

Cory McNab is a member of the Navy Marine Mammal Program, where he is partnered with a search and recovery dolphin named Kaj. They are the navy's best hope when a U.S. spy submarine is lost in enemy waters. Cory and Kaj are called upon to save the submarine and its crew. (Grades 6-8)

A Nest for Celeste: A Story about Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home by Henry Cole, 2010

J Fiction COLE

Celeste the mouse lives a content life under the floorboards of the Oakley Plantation until naturalist John Audubon and his assistant Joseph arrive to study and paint the animals of the area. Suddenly displaced by the new guests, Celeste seeks refuge in the guest room where she watches John struggle to paint birds. Celeste secretly helps John improve his artistic abilities and also helps tend to the hurt animals John captures for his paintings. Along with detailed black and white sketches, the story of an unlikely friendship between a mouse and a naturalist will inspire readers to seek inspiration in even the smallest of places.

Racing in the Rain: My Life As a Dog by Garth Stein, 2011

J Fiction STEIN

Written from the perspective of Enzo, a happy go lucky dog. Join Enzo as he discovers that life is not just about the fun stuff. He is the companion to his family as they all deal with familiar challenges and struggles. An inspiring story of the bond between animals and their families. (Grades 4-6)

Duke by Kirby Larson, 2012

J Fiction LARSON

In this historical novel that takes place during World War II, eleven year old Hobie Hanson decides to donate his beloved German Shepherd, Duke, to Dogs for Defense to help with patrol duty and sniffing out mines. Hobie soon regrets his decision and tries to get Duke back, all while grappling with the meaning of war, duty and family sacrifice.

Mountain Dog by Margarita Engle, 2013

J Fiction ENGLE

Tony begins a new part of his life with his dog Gabe in the Sierra Nevada region after moving from Los Angeles to live with his uncle. Gabe helps Tony learn wilderness survival skills in his new environment and Tony learns lessons he never dreamed he would experience.

NONFICTION

Super Sniffers: Dog Detectives On The Job by Dorothy Patent, 2014

j636.70886 P295s

Dogs have been man's best friend for centuries, hunting and protecting humans. With their highly developed sense of smell dogs have been trained and put to work rescuing people from some of the worst disasters imaginable: avalanches, earthquakes, hurricanes and tornados. Dogs also help the military by sniffing out bombs and help scientists discover bed bugs, cancer and other diseases. (Grades 3-4)

Sniffer Dogs: How Dogs (and Their Noses Save the World) by Nancy F. Castaldo, 2014

j636.70886 C346s

Dog lovers will enjoy this in-depth look into all the ways dogs and their keen senses of smell help out humans, like firefighters, soldiers and scientists. Highlighted are profiles of extraordinary search dogs spanning across history. Complete with up-to-date photographs and beautiful artistic renderings of dogs on the job, this book will inform readers on the brave yet amazing duties of sniffer dogs.