

ANIMAL STORIES

Level K



Bunny and Clyde by Megan McDonald

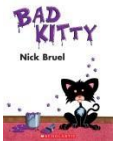
These by-the-rules buddies, a rabbit and a chipmunk, are sick and tired of being good. For once, they want to know what it's like to be baddies--rotten to the core! But to get really good at being bad, they're going to need some experience .



Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride By Kate DiCamillo

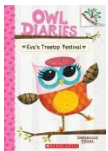
Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.

Level L/M



Bad Kitty By Nick Bruel

Part of the Bad Kitty series. Kitty is not happy when she's told that her favorite foods are all gone and all that's left are Asparagus, Beets, Cauliflower, Dill...and 22 other equally unappealing vegetables. So she: Ate my homework, Bit grandma, Clawed the curtains, Damaged the dishes, and so on, through Z.



Eva's Treetop Festival By Rebecca Elliot

First in the Owl Diaries series by Branches. Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea--but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help. Try other Branches series including **Boris, Diary of a Pug, Haggis and Tank Unleashed, Kung Pow Chicken, and Unicorn Diaries.**



Fergus and Zeke for President by Kate Messner

Fergus and Zeke love being the class pets in Miss Maxwell's room, and they do everything the students do. So when Miss Maxwell informs the class that Presidents' Day is approaching and they'll all be creating projects about the presidents, Fergus and Zeke get to work, too. Will these two mice be able to agree on what makes a good president - and a good friend - in time to present their project with the rest of the class?

Level N



Amy and the Missing Puppy By Callie Barkley

Part of the Critter Club series. During Spring Break, mystery lover Amy looks for clues to the disappearance of wealthy Ms. Sullivan's Saint Bernard puppy.



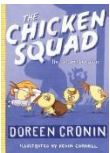
Captain Pug By Laura James

Part of the Adventures of a Pug series. A quirky and humorous series about a pug who lives with the charming Lady Miranda. The pair are off on a boating adventure, but poor Captain Pug highly dislikes the water, much preferring a tasty jam tart. Pug gets lost during the adventure, hatches a plan to be found but must overcome his fear in order for his plan to work.



Lucky by Ellen Miles

Part of the Puppy Place series. While camping out in the backyard of his new friend David, Charles spies a frightened and injured puppy that seems to be separated from its family. The boys would like to help the lost dog, but they first must gain its trust. Also check out **Kitty Corner** by the same author.



The First Misadventure By Doreen Cronin

Part of the Chicken Squad series. They're darling. They're daring. They're chicks on a mission, and in this, their first (mis)adventure, the Chicken Squad launches a galactic backyard expedition. Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar, the chicks of the Chicken Squad, must figure out what Tail the squirrel is so afraid of.



Ralph S. Mouse By Beverly Cleary

Presents the adventures of a motorcycle-riding mouse who goes to school and becomes the instigator of an investigation of rodents and the peacemaker for two lonely boys.



The Trouble with Chickens By Doreen Cronin

This witty farmyard mystery stars a canine detective and a family of crazy chickens that desperately need his help. J.J. Tully is supposed to be enjoying peaceful retirement on a farm, but it's a hard adjustment after seven adrenaline-filled years as a search-and-rescue dog, until his simple life on the farm is turned upside down when two chicks go missing.

Level O



8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel by Vivian Velde

A dog chases a squirrel into an elementary school one night, creating monumental chaos.



Jelly Bean By Cynthia Lord

First in the Shelter Pet Squad series. No pets are allowed in the apartment where Suzannah and her family live, so she volunteers at a local pet shelter and plays with the dogs and cats there—but when a child whose family is moving brings in her pet guinea pig, Jelly Bean, Suzannah promises that she will find him the perfect home.



Klawde: An Evil Alien Warlord Cat By Johnny Marciano

First in the Klawde series. Klawde, the exiled ruler of the planet Lyttyrboks, and Raj, who just moved from Brooklyn to tiny Elba, Oregon, forge an unlikely friendship as they find their footing in a strange new world.



Socks By Beverly Cleary

The happy home life of Socks, the cat, is disrupted by the addition of a new baby to the household.



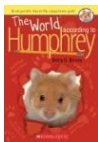
Story of Diva and Flea By Mo Willems

For as long as she could remember, Diva lived at 11 avenue Le Play in Paris, France. For as long as he could remember, Flea also lived in Paris, France — but at no fixed address. When Flea flâneurs past Diva's courtyard one day, their lives are forever changed. Together, Diva and Flea explore and share their very different worlds, as only true friends can do..



A Snow Day for Plum! by Matt Phelan

When an unexpected blizzard strands the animals of the Athensville Zoo in a seemingly empty elementary school overnight, Plum the peacock must overcome his anxiety to save his friend Itch, who gets lost in a snowdrift.



The World According to Humphrey By Betty Birney

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

Level P



Fantastic Mr. Fox By Roald Dahl

The adventures of Mr. Fox and three mean farmers who want to destroy the fox and his family



Lucy Longwhiskers gets Lost By Daisy Meadows

Part of the Magic Animal Friends series. Best friends Jess and Lily love all animals. But when they follow a mysterious golden cat into Friendship Forest their summer holidays suddenly become much more magical! On their first adventure in Friendship Forest, can the two friends rescue adorable baby bunny Lucy Longwhiskers from the wicked witch Grizelda?



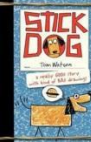
The Poet's Dog By Patricia MacLachlan

A dog with unusual communication talents loses his poet owner before rescuing two children trapped in a snowstorm and leading them to the poet's cabin, where the children explore the memories that the poet has left behind.



Spunky Tells All By Ann Cameron

Called a troublemaker by his human family, a reflective dog defends himself and then relates the family's adoption of an aristocratic but incompetent cat, who gives him a life purpose and new way of looking at his world.



Stick Dog By Tom Watson

Stick Dog and his doggy friends are strays living in a suburban park. One day they detect a pleasant aroma and decide to satisfy their hunger at whatever cost. The chase that follows involves distractions, misunderstandings about the family that is grilling, and a series of ludicrous attack plans that surprisingly results in a tasty conclusion. Try also **Stick Cat** by the same author.

Level Q



Journey to the Center of Town By Dan Yaccarino

Part of the Class Pets Squads series. The Class Pet Squad of Public School 1000, a group of enterprising school pets, risks everything to return an action figure that Ben McGillicutty accidentally left in school after show-and-tell.



Katt v. Dogg By James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein

A Dogg family and a Katt family are spending their vacations at Western Frontier Park fighting with each other when a youngster from each family becomes lost in the dangerous forest. Also try **Word of Mouse** and **Dog Diaries**.



Pie By Sarah Weeks

When Alice's Aunt Polly, the Pie Queen of Lipswitch, passes away, she takes with her the secret to her world-famous pie-crust recipe. Or does she? In her will, Polly leaves the recipe to her extraordinarily fat, remarkably disagreeable cat, Lardo, and then leaves Lardo in the care of Alice.



Crenshaw By Katherine Applegate

A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary



Nuts to You By Lynne Rae Perkins

After surviving being carried off by a hawk, a young squirrel resolves to find his way home, as his best friends begin their search for him.



Mr. Popper's Penguins By Richard Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.



Babe the Gallant Pig By Dick King-Smith

When Farmer Hogget wins Babe at the fair by guessing his weight, the pig is adopted by a mother sheep-dog who teaches him. Though he is destined for the slaughterhouse, Babe secures his life while protecting the sheep herd.



Saving Winslow By Sharon Creech

Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures. When his father brings home a sickly newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him. Everyone worries that Winslow won't survive, 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.



Raffie on the Run By Jacqueline Resnick

Raffie has a comfortable home and all the food he needs living in a Brooklyn subway station, but he must face dangerous streets when his brother Oggie is taken away and it is up to Raffie to bring him home.



They Call me No Sam! by Drew Daywalt

Meet Sam: an insolent pug--and incidental hero--who will stop at nothing to protect his family! When scientists Elaine and Gary Peterson adopt Sam to keep their son, Justin, company in the midst of a top-secret research project, they never imagine the precocious pup will cause more harm than good. But when a pair of crooks encroaches on the Peterson household in an attempt to steal their confidential findings, Sam's actions--never mind his reasoning for them--just may save the day.



Malcolm at Midnight by W.H. Beck

Malcolm, a smaller than average rat, loves life at McKenna School and the secret society of classroom pets that keep children out of trouble, but when Aggy the iguana disappears Malcolm must use all of his ratty persistence to prove his innocence and save her.



Zeus: Water Rescue by Bruce Cameron

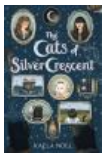
Some dogs were born to lend a helping hand (or paw!). Zeus, a chocolate lab puppy, is one of them. With his courage, smarts, and strength his purpose seems clear: he'll become a water rescue dog! When a young boy named Kimo is tasked with training Zeus, they quickly become best friends. But Zeus's excitement makes training hard, and worse yet, becoming a working dog means being separated from Kimo. Can Zeus and his boy figure out how to stay together forever?

Level R



Because of Winn Dixie By Kate DiCamillo

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 Cats of Silver Crescent by Kaela Noel

While on a weeks-long visit to her aunt Verity's house, eleven-year-old Elsby discovers there is more to the cats living in the house next door than first meets the eye.



Charlotte's Web By E.B. White

Wilbur is the runt of a litter born to a pig on the farm of Fern Arable's father. He is saved and raised by the farmer's daughter Fern. Wilbur begins to befriend other animals in the barn. His most important friend, however, turns out to be a spider named Charlotte.



Dogtown by Katherine Applegate

In Dogtown, a shelter for unwanted canine and robot dogs, an extraordinary bond develops between Chance, a longing three-legged dog, Metalhead, an empathetic robot, and Mouse, their friendly ally, as they strive to find forever homes.



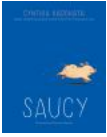
Hamstersaurus Rex By Tim Miller

Part of the Hamstersaurus Rex series. Eleven-year old Sam befriends a hungry class hamster that undergoes a freaky transformation



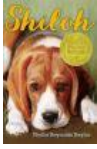
Nimbus by Jan Eldredge

A small black cat discovers she has magical abilities when she must go on a journey to return to her beloved owner.



Saucy by Cynthia Kadohata

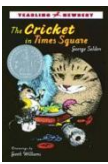
When eleven-year-old Becca, a quadruplet, finds a sick piglet on the side of the road, her life is changed forever.



Shiloh By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

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.

Level S



Cricket in Times Square By George Selden

Chester, a musical cricket from rural Connecticut, finds himself transported (via a picnic basket) to the grit and grime of New York City. When Mario Bellini, a boy from the neighborhood, finds Chester, he raises the insect as his own. When Mario's parents are faced with the bankruptcy of their subway newsstand, the friends try to come up with a plan to save it from disaster.



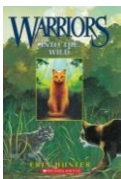
One and Only Ivan By Katherine Applegate

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. Also check out the read of the series.



Poppy By Avi

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



Into the Wild by Erin Hunter

First in the Warriors series. For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by the powerful ancestors. But the warrior code is threatened, and the ThunderClan cats are in grave danger. In the midst of this turmoil appears an ordinary housecat named Rusty... Who may yet turn out to be the bravest warrior of them all. Also try the **Seekers**, **Survivors**, & **Braveland** series by the same author.

Level T



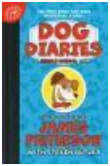
The Simple Art of Flying By Cory Leonardo

Alastair the African grey parrot is adopted by elderly dance-enthusiast and pie-baker Albertina Ploppy and his sister, Aggie, by twelve-year-old Fritz, spoiling his plans to fly away with Aggie. Told in Alastair, Albertina, and Fritz's voices.



Code Name Bananas by David Williams

A young boy, his great-uncle, and a friendly gorilla from the London Zoo uncover a Nazi plot in wartime Britain



Dog Diaries: A Middle School Story By James Paterson

When the evil Mrs. Stricker threatens to send Junior, Rafe Khatchadorian's dog, back to the pound, Junior and Rafe go to obedience school to learn how to follow the rules.



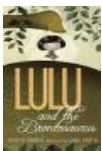
How to Steal a Dog By Barbara O'Connor

Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation and unwilling to accept her overworked mother's calls for patience, persuades her younger brother to help her in a scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.



I, Cosmo y Carlie Sorosiak

What is an arthritic thirteen-year-old golden retriever to do when the human he loves most asks him to compete in a dance contest? Say yes, of course. Cosmo has been a devoted older brother to his human, Max, for a lifetime of trick-or-treating, movie watching, and family dance nights. And now Max is convinced that dance is the key to keeping his arguing parents--and his whole family--together.. With help from veteran dog trainer Uncle Reggie, anxious Max and creaky Cosmo find a routine that is its own kind of unforgettable and discover that love can improvise its way around even the trickiest obstacles.



Lulu and the Brontosaurus By Judith Viorst

Lulu's parents refuse to give in when she demands a brontosaurus for her birthday and so she sets out to find her own, but while the brontosaurus she finally meets approves of pets, he does not intend to be Lulu's.



Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism By Georgia Byng

Part of the Molly Moon series. Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town with her pug, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City.



Pax By Sara Pennypacker

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.



Puppy Love by Gary Soto

After saving a drowning puppy while dealing with a huge crush on his classmate Sierra, thirteen-year-old Jordan Mendoza nurses the abandoned puppy back to health and wonders who threw her into the canal and if there are more puppies needing rescue.



Rescue on the Oregon trail By Kate Messner

Part of the Rangers in Time series. Ranger, a golden retriever, could have been a great search-and-rescue-dog except for the squirrels--but one day he unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850 where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail.



Wish By Barbara O'Connor

A story about a girl who, with the help of the dog of her dreams, discovers that family doesn't always have to be related--they are simply people who love you for who you are.

Level U



Ellie's Story: A Dog's Purpose By Bruce Cameron

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.



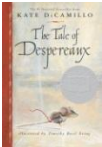
Maybe a Fox By Kathi Appelt

When Sylvie runs to the river to throw a wish rock, she runs so fast that no one sees what happens ... and no one ever sees her again. Jules is devastated, but she refuses to believe that her sister is gone forever. At the very same time, in the shadow world, a shadow fox is born--half of the spirit world, half of the animal world--and she senses something is very wrong.



Maximilian Fly By Angie Sage

Maximilian Fly wants no trouble. Yet because he stands at six feet two, with beautiful indigo wings, long antennae, and more arms than you or me, many are frightened of him. He is a gentle creature who looks like a giant cockroach. This extraordinary human wants to prove his godness, so he opens his door to two SilverSeed children in search of a place to hide. Instantly, Maximilian's quiet, solitary life changes. There are dangerous powers after them and they have eyes everywhere. But in this gray city of Hope trapped under the Orb, is escape even possible?



Tale of Despereaux By Kate DiCamillo

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives.

Level V



Belly Up By Stuart Gibbs

Part of the Fun Jungle series. When he discovers that FunJungle's mascot has been murdered, twelve-year-old Teddy is on the case. With help from the owner's thirteen-year-old daughter, Teddy risks his life to find the person guilty of destroying the famous Henry the Hippo.



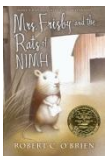
The Capture By Kathryn Lasky

In the first book in the Guardians of Ga'Hoole series, readers meet Soren, a barn owl who discovers a great evil in the owl kingdom which he must work to vanquish.



A Mango Shaped Space By Wendy Mass

Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the loss of something important to her.



Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien

When mouse widow Mrs. Frisby needs advice on how to move her children safely, she consults the rats who live under the rosebush. Not only do they help her, they tell her of their escape from a laboratory where experimentation had made them literate, and of the brave death of her husband.



Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin

Rose Howard has a hard time connecting with people, which is why Rose's best friend is her dog, Rain. When a heavy storm descends upon Rose's town, Rain goes missing. Rose won't rest until her friend is found, but finding Rain isn't the perfect ending she hopes it will be.



Storm Horse By Nicholas Garlick

When Flip's thieving father dies he goes to live with his stern and hostile uncle on the remote Dutch island of Mossum; there he works on the farm, deals with the local bullies, and his only "friend" is a strange, mute girl whom he thinks of as the ghost girl--until he rescues a horse from the stormy sea and discovers a new purpose in caring for his charge.

Level X



War Horse By Michael Morpurgo

Joey is a warhorse, but he wasn't always. Once, he was a farm horse and a gentle boy named Albert was his master. Then World War I comes storming through and everything changes. Albert's father sells Joey to the army where the beautiful horse is trained to charge the enemy, drag heavy artillery, and carry wounded soldiers not much older than Albert off of battlefields.



Where the Red Fern Grows By Wilson Rowls

Story of a young boy's love for two hunting dogs and his coming of age in the Ozark mountains in the 1930's.

Level Z



Something Like Home by Andrea Beatriz Arango

When a lost dog helps Laura find a way home to her family, they discover family in each other along the way.

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