

Animal-Related Engagement (ARE) Suggested Books



In this document, you will find hundreds of books that tell the tales of various animals for readers of all ages. Please note that this list is not exhaustive in nature, and that all books should be reviewed for content prior to deeming them appropriate for any given reader.

Children's Books About Animals



- *Art Dog* by Thatcher Hurd
- *Biscuit* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- *Clifford the Big Red Dog* series by Norman Bridwell
- *Dog Loves Books* by Louise Yates
- *Dogs* by Emily Gravett
- *Go, Dog. Go!* by P.D. Eastman
- *Henry and Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant
- *Hooray for Reading Day!* by Margery Cuyler
- *Love Comes on a Leash* by Jody Schwallier-Otwell
- *Martha Speaks* series by Susan Meddaugh
- *Moose! The Reading Dog* by Laura Bruneau and Beverly Timmons
- *No Time for That Now* by Jeannine Heil and P.E. Smith
- *Shampoodle* by Joan Holub
- *Tiny Goes to the Library* by Cari Meister



Cats

- *Cat* by Mike Dumbleton and Craig Smith
- *The Cat in the Hat* series by Dr. Seuss
- *I Love Cats* by Barney Saltzberg
- *Garfield* series by Jim Davis
- *Kat Kong* by Dav Pilkey
- *Pete the Cat* series by James Dean
- *Widget* by Lyn Rossiter McFarland



Equines

- *A Friend for Einstein: The Smallest Stallion* by Charlie Cantrell and Dr. Rachel Wagner
- *The Horse in Harry's Room* by Syd Hoff
- *Itty & Bitty: Two Miniature Horses* by Nancy Carpenter Czerw
- *Itty & Bitty: On the Road* by Nancy Carpenter Czerw
- *Little Big Horse* by Dave Horowitz
- *Miniature Horses: Cool Pets!* by Alvin Silverstein and Virginia Silverstein
- *Teeny Tiny Ernest* by Laura T. Barnes
- *Thumbelina: The World's Smallest Horse* by Random House



Rabbits

- *A Boy and His Bunny* by Sean Bryan
- *Bunnicula* series by James Howe
- *Bunny Loves to Read* by Peter Bently
- *Howard B. Wigglebottom* series by Howard Binkow
- *It's Not Easy Being a Bunny* by Marilyn Sadler
- *Nobunny's Perfect* by Anna Dewdney
- *P.J. Funnybunny* series by Marilyn Sadler
- *While We Were Out* by Ho Baek Lee
- *Why Do Rabbits Hop?* by Joan Holub



Guinea Pigs

- *Brian & Bob: The Tale of Two Guinea Pigs* by Georgie Ripper
- *Fluffy* series by Kate McMullen
- *Guinea Pigs Don't Read Books* by Colleen Stanley Bare
- *One Guinea Pig Is Not Enough* by Kate Duke
- *Pig Enough* by Janie Bynum
- *Super Guinea Pig to the Rescue* by Udo Weigelt
- *What Would a Guinea Pig Do?* by Kate Duke



Rats

- *The Cat, the Rat, and the Baseball Bat* by Andy Griffiths
- *I Brought My Rat for Show-and-Tell* by Joan Horton
- *Pie Rats Ahoy!* by Richard Scarry



Birds

- *Cockatoo, Too* by Bethanie Deeney Murguia
- *Cockatoos* by Quentin Blake
- *Fine Feathered Friends* by Tish Rabe
- *Flap Your Wings* by P.D. Eastman
- *Good Morning to Me!* by Lita Judge
- *If You Were a Parrot* by Katherine Rawson
- *More* by I.C. Springman
- *Parrots* by Henri Geron
- *The Parrot Tico Tango* by Anna Witte
- *The Umbrella* by Jan Brett



Pigs

- *The Adventures of Isabelle the Lost Pot Belly Pig* by Gail Gorski-Sterner
- *Potbellied Pigs: Cool Pets!* by Alvin Silverstein and Virginia Silverstein
- *Puck and the Pot Bellied Pigs* by Mary Kelly
- *Tiny Teacup and Pot Belly Pig* by Wanda Fay Messimer



Llamas and Alpacas

- *Al the Alpaca: Forever Friend* by Diane Odegard Gockel
- *The Alpaca-bet!* by Kathryn Keil Brown
- *An Alpaca in my Pocket* by Mindy J.B. Whitten
- *Is Your Mama a Llama?* by Deborah Guarino
- *The Littlest Llama* by Jane Buxton
- *Llama, Llama* series by Anna Dewdney
- *Maria Had a Little Llama* by Angela Dominguez
- *Why Do Llamas Wear Pajamas?* by Sally Huss



Reading for Tweens & Teens Focused on Animals

- *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Big Red* by Jim Kjelgaard
- *The Black Stallion* series by Walter Farley
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *Cat Girl's Day Off* by Kimberly Pauley
- *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- *Elephant in the Garden* by Michael Morpurgo
- *Flashes of Ember* by Vicki V. Lucas
- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
- *Horse Heaven* by Jane Smiley
- *I Am the Great Horse* by Katherine Roberts
- *The Incredible Journey* by Shelia Burnford
- *Kite* by Melvin Burgess
- *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *Love that Dog* by Sharon Creech
- *The Music of the Dolphins* by Karen Hesse
- *No Better Friend: Young Readers Edition* by Robert Weintraub
- *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson
- *Rescued* by Eliot Schrefer
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *Sundancer* by Shelley Peterson
- *The Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame



Animal-Focused Books for Adults

- *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein
- *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot
- *Appointments at the Ends of the World: Memoirs of a Wildlife Veterinarian* by William B. Karesh
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
- *Dewey the Library Cat: A True Story* by Vicki Myron and Bret Witter
- *Dog On It: A Chet and Bernie Mystery* by Spencer Quinn
- *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron
- *The Dogs of Babel* by Carolyn Parkhurst

- *The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild* by Lawrence Anthony
- *Enslaved by Ducks* by Bob Tarte
- *The Fur Person* by May Sarton
- *The Golden Compass* by Phillip Pullman
- *The Good Good Pig: The Extraordinary Life of Christopher Hogwood* by Sy Montgomery
- *H is for Hawk* by Helen MacDonal
- *Homer's Odyssey: A Fearless Feline Tale, or How I Learned about Love and Life with a Blind Wonder Cat* by Gwen Cooper
- *Lily and the Octopus* by Steven Rowley
- *Marley and Me* by John Grogan
- *My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell
- *One Good Dog* by Susan Wilson
- *The Parrot Who Owns Me: The Story of a Relationship* by Joanna Burger
- *Rescued* by Eliot Schrefer
- *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski
- *A Street Cat Named Bob: And How He Saved My Life* by James Bowen
- *A Three Dog Life* by Abigail Thomas
- *The Traveling Cat Chronicles* by Hiro Arikawa, Philip Gabriel (translator)
- *Unsaid* by Neil Abramson
- *Warriors: Into the Wild* by Erin Hunter
- *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
- *Watership Down* by Richard Adams
- *Wesley and the Owl: The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and His Girl* by Stacey O'Brien
- *Where We Belong* by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Looking for Other Book Titles?

The librarian at your local library or a bookstore employee can be a great resource for finding more books that are age-appropriate, and that suit you and your animal. You can also find suggestions online, at websites such as these:

- [This booklist](#) focuses on the human-animal bond for multiple species, and books that deal with kindness to animals and responsible pet ownership.
- [This index](#) lists children's fiction for a variety of species and includes a short description of each book.