

Books About Dogs

Children's books about dogs are a perennial favorite and new books are published every year. Use these recommended titles for book displays, read-alouds, and to create your own book lists.

Picture Books

The Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra Barracca and Sal Barracca

Maxi thinks that being a taxi driver's dog in New York is just about the best job ever.

Aggie and Ben: Three Stories by Lori Ries

Three simple, sweet adventures with Ben and his new dog, Aggie.

Angus Lost by Marjorie Flack

This is the first in a series of classic books about a Scottish terrier and his adventures.

The Blues of Flats Brown by Walter Dean Myers

All Flats Brown wants to do is play the blues, but his junkyard owner has other things in mind.

Chowder by Peter Brown

A bulldog who has always "been different" tries to make friends when he visits a petting zoo.

City Dog by Karla Kuskin

A dog who is used to traffic and sidewalks experiences the country for the first time.

City Dog, Country Frog by Mo Willems

Throughout the changing seasons, City Dog and Country Frog play together.

Cool Dog, School Dog by Deborah Heiligman

Tinka doesn't like being left at home, so she decides to join her young owner at school.

Dex: The Heart of a Hero by Caralyn Buehner

Dexter decides that the only way to get some respect is to become a superhero.

Dog and Bear by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Dog is brave and Bear is shy, but they are the best of friends.

Dog Biscuit by Helen Cooper

Will Bridget turn into a real dog after she eats a dog biscuit?

Dog Loves Books by Louise Yates

A small dog loves books so much that he decides to open his own bookstore.

The Dog Who Cried Wolf by Keiko Kasza

Moka thinks he should be more wolf-like, until he howls at the moon alone on a mountain.

Dogs by Emily Gravett

Watercolor illustrations show many different kinds of dogs.



Dogs Don't Do Ballet by Anna Kemp

Biff the dog will stop at nothing to become a ballet dancer.

Dogs on the Bed by Elizabeth Bluemie

When a family tries to go to bed, their dogs raise a riotous ruckus.

Fabian Escapes by Peter McCarty

While Hondo the dog stays inside, Fabian the cat finds adventure outdoors.

Finding Susie by Sandra Day O'Connor

Based on the Supreme Court judge's real-life experiences, this is the story of a little girl who can't seem to find the right pet, until she meets a dog named Susie.

Fleabag by Helen Stephens

A lovable, but flea-ridden dog and a lonely boy find friendship.

Go Dog Go by P.D. Eastman

This ever-popular book about dogs of all sizes is in an easy-to-read format.

The Great Dog Wash by Shellie Braeuner

A group of kids get together to wash dogs of all kinds, but what happens when a cat shows up?

The Great Gracie Chase by Cynthia Rylant

When Gracie is let out she leads everyone on a wild chase.

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

A boy and his dog share many adventures in this easy-to-read book series. See also *Puppy Mudge Finds a Friend*.

Hip Hop Dog by Chris Raschka

A mutt discovers is love and talent for music.

A Home for Dakota by Jan Zita and Nancy Lane

Dakota has lost some fur and has sore feet from being in a puppy mill, but a volunteer saves her and eventually finds her a loving home.

Hooray for Reading Day! by Margery Cuyler

Jessica is worried about reading aloud in school until she tries reading to her dog.

Houndsley and Catina Plink and Plunk by James Howe

Dog and cat friends help one another overcome their fears.

How Much Is That Doggie in the Window? by Iza Trapani and Bob Merrill

A boy saves his money to buy a puppy, but uses it to help his family instead.

How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills

A little yellow bird is determined to teach Rocket to read.

How to Be a Good Dog by Gail Page

Bobo wants to be a good indoor dog, so he takes lessons from the cat.

I Don't Want a Posh Dog! by Emma Dodd

A little girl knows exactly what kind of dog she wants.

I Want a Dog! by Helga Bansch

Lisa loves dogs, but despite her pleas, her family's apartment is too small for a dog.

I, Trixie, Who is Dog by Dean Koontz

Trixie is happy, because she does get to be a dog—the best thing there is to be!

I'm the Best by Lucy Cousins

High-spirited but overconfident Dog competes with his four friends.

Jake the Philharmonic Dog by Karen LaFrak

When Jake joins his owner at his job at the Philharmonic, he mistakes the sounds of the orchestra for common outdoor sounds. Introduces musical terms and instrument names.

The Last Puppy by Frank Asch

The last born of nine puppies worries that he will be the last chosen as a pet.

"Let's Get a Pup!" Said Kate by Bob Graham

What do you do when you fall in love with two dogs at the animal shelter?

Measuring Penny by Loreen Leedy

In this fun story that also teaches math concepts, Lisa measures her dog for an interesting homework assignment.

No Dogs Allowed by Sonia Manzano

Despite mishaps, a family finally takes a road trip to the country—but what about their dog, El Exigente?

Noodle by Munro Leaf

When the dog fairy grants Noodle a wish to be any shape or size, he decides to remain the way he is.

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann

When Gloria the police dog comes along, Officer Buckle's safety lectures get a lot more exciting!

¡Perros! ¡Perros! Dogs! Dogs! by Ginger Foglesong Guy and Sharon Glick

This story follows a humorous pack of excited dogs, describing their adventures in English and Spanish.

Please Take Me for a Walk by Susan Gal

A persuasive pup pleads with his best friend—the reader—to take him for a walk.

Sam Goes to School by Mary Labatt

Sam decides to visit school on the bus one day.

Shampoodle by Joan Holub

It's picture day at the dog park, but the pups need a bit of grooming first.

A Small Brown Dog with a Wet Pink Nose by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

Amelia wants a small brown dog with a wet pink nose, but will her family agree to adopt one?

Some Dog! by Mary Casanova

Zippity, the new dog, runs circles around George. But when Zippity runs away, only George can find him.

Stanley's Party by Linda Bailey

While his owners are out, Stanley invites his doggy friends over for some fun.

Stella, Unleashed: Notes from the Doghouse by Linda Ashman

A dog describes the adoption, training, and care of her new family.

Wag! by Patrick McDonnell

It seems like *everything* gets Earl's tail wagging—from a bowl of food, to walks, to belly rubs.

What Pet to Get by Emma Dodd

A boy considers an elephant, a lion, and a dinosaur for a pet but settles on a “lovely little puppy.”

What Pete Ate from A to Z by Maira Kalman

Pete's alphabet adventure begins when he eats an accordion.

Who's Been Here? A Tale in Tracks by Fran Hodgkins

Three children follow their dog, Willy, outside on a winter's day and find the animal prints in the snow.

Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats

After lots and lots of practice, Peter learns to whistle for his dog Willie.

Widget by Lyn Rossiter McFarland

A stray Westie finds that he has to change his ways when he winds up on a farm with six cats.

Nonfiction

Brave Dogs, Gentle Dogs: How They Guard Sheep by Cat Urbigkit

Photographs show how dogs help ranchers in Wyoming by protecting the sheep.

A Dog's Best Friend: An Activity Book for Kids and Their Dogs by Lisa Rosenthal

This lively guide tells everything you want to know about caring for and playing with dogs.

Dogs by Seymour Simon

All kinds of information about dogs is told with photographs.

Dogs and Cats by Steve Jenkins

Interesting artwork helps provide lots of facts about dogs.

First Dog Fala by Elizabeth Van Steenwyk

Before there was Bo, there was Fala, FDR's beloved Scottish terrier.

Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog by Pamela S. Turner

This poignant story of loyalty tells about a dog who meets his master every day at the train station—even after his owner dies. (For older readers.)

How to Talk to Your Dog by Jean Craighead George

This guide will help dog owners communicate with their pets.

I Love to Draw Dogs! by Jennifer Lipsey

This step-by-step guide will help young artists create their own dog picture.

Lewis and Clark and Me by Laurie Myers

One of several books about Seaman, the dog who accompanied the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Little Pink Pup by Johanna Kerby

The runt of a litter of piglets is adopted by a dog named Tink.

May I Pet Your Dog? The How-to Guide for Kids Meeting Dogs by Stephanie Calmenson

This friendly guide shows children how to behave safely around dogs.

Owney, the Mail-Pouch Pooch by Mona Kerby

The true story of a stray dog who was adopted by the U.S. Post Office.

Puppy: See How They Grow by Jane Burton

Color photos show how puppies grow into dogs.

The Right Dog for the Job: Ira's Path from Service Dog to Guide Dog

by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

Told with photographs, this book shows a golden retriever as he is trained to be a guide dog.

Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival by Kirby Larson

An abandoned cat and dog pair rely on each other to survive after Hurricane Katrina.

Why Do Dogs Bark? by Joan Holub

Cartoons and color photographs offer information on dog habits and activities.

Poetry

Good Dog by Maya Gottfried

A variety of dogs, from collies to bulldogs, express their personalities in these playful poems.

Name That Dog by Peggy Archer

Colorful cartoon illustrations show different type of dogs living up to their names in this collection of canine poetry.

Selected classics for older readers

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Through the love she gains from her new pet, 10-year-old Opal gains courage and strength.

Big Red by Jim Kjelgaard

A well-loved story about a boy and his dog, a champion Irish setter.

Henry and Ribsy by Beverly Cleary

Ramona's friend Henry stars in his own story about his dog Ribsy.

The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford

A Siamese cat, a bull terrier, and a Labrador retriever travel 250 miles to find their family in this amazing story.

Love That Dog by Sharon Creech

Jack doesn't like poetry, but with his teacher's encouragement, he begins writing about a mysterious car and a lovable dog.

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

A stray dog becomes friends with 14-year-old Travis in 19th century Texas.

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

When Marty befriends an abused dog, he learns about loss, love, and loyalty.

Wanted...Mud Blossom by Betsy Byars

In this funny family story, Mud the dog is the suspect when Junior's hamster disappears.

White Fang by Jack London

This story of endurance and human kindness is told from the perspective of a wolf-dog.

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

A classic coming-of-age story, this book is about a boy in the Ozark Mountains and a pair of coonhounds.

Martha Speaks Books by Susan Meddaugh

Martha Speaks	Martha Walks the Dog
Martha Calling	Martha and Skits
Martha Blah Blah	Perfectly Martha

Books based on the MARTHA SPEAKS TV series

Picture Books

Leader of the Pack
Martha Says It with Flowers

Early Readers

Farm Dog Martha
Meet Martha
Play Ball!
Toy Trouble
Haunted House
Thief of Hearts

Chapter Books

Martha on the Case
A Pup's Tale
Shelter Dog Blues
White House Dog

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