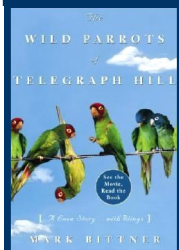
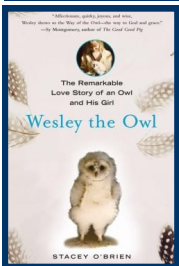


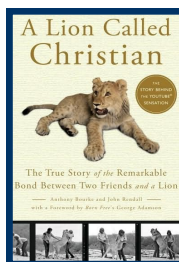
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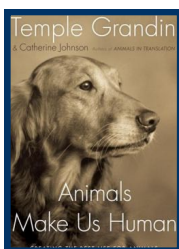
**The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill** by Mark Bittner (598 BITTN) The author describes his fascination with a flock of wild parrots that live on San Francisco's Telegraph Hill, his evolution into the local wild parrot expert, and his relationship with a documentary filmmaker.



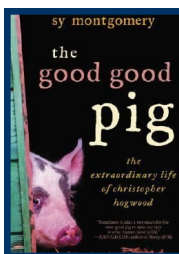
**Wesley the Owl: the Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and His Girl** by Stacey O'Brien (598.9 OBRIE) Written with the same heartwarming sentiment that made the memoir Marley & Me a runaway bestseller, biologist and owl expert Stacey O'Brien chronicles her rescue of an adorable, abandoned baby barn owl---and their astonishing and unprecedented nineteen-year life together.



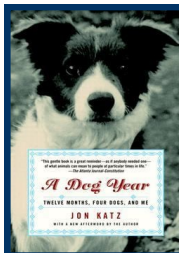
**A Lion Called Christian: The True Story of the Remarkable Bond between Two Friends and a Lion** by Anthony Bourke (599.757 BOURK) A wondrous, serendipitous tale that tracks Christian's migration from London streets to Kenyan wilderness and the new friends, both lion and human, that he finds there. Most astonishing, however, is that in 1971, after a year's absence, his old friends Bourke and Rendall returned to Africa and successfully reunited with Christian.



**Animals Make Us Human: Creating the Best Life for Animals** by Temple Grandin (636.o8 GRAND) Drawing on the latest scientific research and her own work with animals, the author discusses the emotional needs of animals and how to fulfill them, challenging common myths about animal emotions, mental stimulation, and emotional well-being. Also try [Animals in Translation](#).

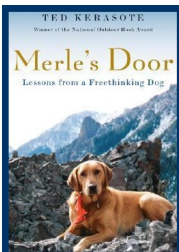


**The Good Good Pig: The Extraordinary Life of Christopher Hogwood** by Sy Montgomery (636.4 MONTG) Sy Montgomery had always felt more comfortable with animals than with people. So she gladly opened her heart to a sick piglet who had been crowded away from nourishing meals by his stronger siblings. Yet Sy had no inkling that this piglet, later named Christopher Hogwood, would not only survive but flourish—and she soon found herself engaged with her small-town community in ways she had never dreamed possible.



**Alex & Me: How a Scientist and a Parrot Discovered a Hidden World of Animal Intelligence--and Formed a Deep Bond in the Process** by Irene M. Pepperberg (636.6 PEPPE) This story of Alex, a famous African Grey parrot, documents his thirty-year relationship with his trainer and the ways in which his life has changed scientific understanding about language and thought.

**A Dog Year: Twelve Months, Four Dogs & Me** by Jon Katz (636.7 KATZ) The author describes how his world--and that of his two other canine companions--was transformed by the arrival of Devon, a high-strung border collie, and how the individual members of the household adapted to one another. It is a story of trust and understanding, of life and death, of continuity and change. It is by turns insightful, hilarious, and deeply moving. Also try [A Good Dog](#).



**It's Okay to Miss the Bed on the First Jump: And Other Life Lessons I Learned from Dogs** by John O'Hurley (636.7 OHURL) The host of the enormously popular National Dog Show presents a whimsical and reflective collection of life lessons that can be imparted by one's canine companions, sharing such pithy examples as "Every 15 Minutes Is a New Day," "Never Miss a Nap," and "A Cold Can of Meat Is Still a Feast."

**Merle's Door: Lessons From a Freethinking Dog** by Ted Kerasote (636.709 KERAS) Describes how the author adopted a wild dog by installing a dog door so that the dog could live both inside and outside, in a study of the human-dog partnership, animal consciousness and behavior, and how dogs might live if they can make some of their own decisions.

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**Come Back, Como: Winning the Heart of a Reluctant Dog** by Steven Winn (636.709 WINN)

A narrative based on the author's ten-part series in the *San Francisco Chronicle* describes one man's uncommonly rich experience with a dog who wanted nothing whatsoever to do with him.

**Marley & Me** by John Grogan (636.752 GROGA)

Follows the life story of an exuberant Labrador retriever who gets into perpetual trouble and experiences a range of inspiring adventures, from shutting down an entire beach to guarding a seventeen-year-old neighbor after a stabbing attack. Also try **Bad Dogs Have More Fun**.

**A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog** by Dean Koontz (636.752 KOONT)

The author presents a tribute to his late golden retriever, Trixie, that describes his family's adoption of the retired service animal, the numerous lessons he learned throughout their relationship, and the family's grief upon her passing.

**Homer's Odyssey: A Fearless Feline Tale, or How I Learned About Love and Life with a Blind Wonder Cat** by Gwen Cooper (636.809 COOPE)

A pet rescue volunteer and literacy outreach coordinator describes her relationship with a three-pound blind cat whose daredevil character and affectionate personality saw the author through six moves, a burglary, and the healing of her broken heart.

**Dewey: A Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World** by Vicki Myron (636.809 MYRON)

The story of Dewey Readmore Books, the beloved library cat, starts in the worst possible way. Only a few weeks old, on the coldest night of the year, he was stuffed into the book return slot at the Spencer, Iowa, Public Library. He was found the next morning by library director Myron, a single mother who had survived her share of loss. Dewey won her heart, and the hearts of the staff, by pulling himself up and hobbling on frostbitten feet to nudge each of them in a gesture of thanks and love.

**Modoc: the True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived** by Ralph Helfer (791.3 HELFE)

Chronicles the life and times of an elephant and her devoted companion and trainer, who journeyed from a small German circus town to international stardom in the Greatest Show on Earth to a tragic twenty-year separation.

**From Baghdad, With love: a Marine, the War, and a Dog Named Lava** by Jay Kopelman (956.704 KOPEL)

Presents the story of Marine Jay Kopelman's efforts to have Lava, a dog found in Fallujah, sent to the United States, at the same time focusing on Iraqi political corruption, military bureaucracy, and the sufferings of ordinary Iraqis who have become the innocent victims of the war.

**The Cat Who Came for Christmas** by Cleveland Amory (B AMORY)

An account of a year in the life of Polar Bear, a stray white cat that finds its way into the heart of the author, portrays the cat's independent nature and opposition to anything new. Also try **The Best Cat Ever**.

**Dog Years** by Mark Doty (B DOTY)

When poet Doty decides to adopt a dog as a companion for his dying partner, he finds himself bringing home Beau, a large golden retriever, malnourished and in need of loving care. Beau joins Arden, the black retriever, to complete their family. The two dogs become Doty's intimate companions, his solace, and eventually the very life force that keeps him from abandoning all hope during the darkest days.

**Enslaved by Ducks** by Bob Tarte (B TARTE)

When Bob Tarte bought a house in rural Michigan, he was counting on a tranquil haven. Then Bob married Linda. She wanted a rabbit, which seemed, at the time, innocuous enough. But that was just the beginning. Wouldn't a parrot be cute? Linda said. Bob suddenly found himself constructing pens, buying feed, clearing duck waste, spoonfeeding at mealtime. One day he realized he'd become a servant to a relentlessly demanding family, and a motley crew it was.

