

# Dogs are a Kid's Best Friend!



## Nicki

When Nicki, 10, helps train a service dog, she doesn't realize how much responsibility she's taking on and what she'll have to give up.

**J American**

## Sounder



A young African-American boy is angry when his father is jailed for stealing food, but he grows in understanding with the help of his dog, Sounder.

**J Armstrong**

## Tornado

As they wait out a tornado, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.

**J Byars**

## Notes from a Liar and her Dog



Unhappy Ant, 11, pretends that her "real" parents are coming to rescue her, and until then, she and her dog have to navigate Ant's lies and their consequences.

**J Choldenko**

## Henry Huggins / Henry and Ribsy / Ribsy



Funny stories about Henry and his troublemaking dog, Ribsy.

**J Cleary**

## Strider



In his diary, Leigh tells how he deals with his parents' divorce, acquires joint custody of an abandoned dog, and joins the track team at school.

**J Cleary**



## Mishmash

Pete's acquaintance with his new home and his fifth-grade class and teacher develops rapidly because of his new hound dog, Mishmash.

**J Cone**

## Absolutely Lucy

Eight-year-old Bobby is a shy boy until he gets a beagle puppy named Lucy, who helps him to make new friends.

**J Cooper**

## My Dog, Cat

Ten-year-old Abbie, bullied at school, wants to get a big black dog, but living with a little Yorkshire terrier changes his mind about a number of things.

**J Crisp**

## Because of Winn-Dixie



Opal, 10, 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.

**J DiCamillo**

## Ginger Pye



The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger, and the appearance of a mysterious man, bring excitement into the lives of the Pye family.

**J Estes**

**Jim Ugly** 

The adventures of twelve-year-old Jake and Jim Ugly, his father's part-mongrel, part-wolf dog, as they travel through the Old West trying to find Jake's actor father.

**J Fleischman**

**Stone Fox** 

Willy hopes to pay the taxes on his grandfather's farm by winning a dog sled race.

**J Gardiner**

**Sable**

Tate is delighted when a stray dog turns up in the yard one day, but Sable, named for her dark, silky fur, causes too much trouble with the neighbors.

**J Hesse**

**Dog Friday**

Ten-year-old Robin Brogan is determined to keep the dog he finds abandoned on the beach from being impounded by the police.

**J McKay**

**Shiloh** 

When he finds a lost beagle behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean man known to mistreat his dogs.

**J Naylor**



**Where the Red Fern Grows**  

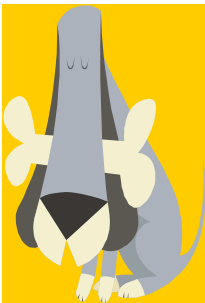
A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

**J Rawls**

**Robert and the Great Pepperoni**

Second-grader Robert finds a stray dog, but even though he wants to keep him, all he can do is train him so he can be adopted by someone else.

**J Seuling**



**The Green Dog: a mostly true story**

The summer before fifth grade, Suzanne, a daydreaming loner who likes to fish and walk through the woods, makes a new friend.

**J Staples**

**Listen!** 

During her convalescence from a crippling accident, Charley finds a wild dog, and training him leads her to think about her mother's death two years earlier.

**J Tolan**

**Smart Dog**

Fifth grader Amy finds her life growing complicated when she meets and tries to hide a talking dog who has escaped from a university lab.

**J Vande Velde**

**Each Little Bird that Sings**

Comfort Snowberger's family runs the funeral parlor in their small town, but even so she is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that include her dog, Dismay, going missing.

**J Wiles**