

Animal Stories

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Allen, Kate – [The Line Tender](#)

Following a tragedy that further alters the course of her life, twelve-year-old Lucy Everhart decides to continue the shark research her marine biologist mother left unfinished when she died years earlier. (Grades 5 – 8)

Annable, Graham – [Peter and Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths](#)

Peter and Ernesto are sloths, friends, and nothing alike, so Ernesto decides to go off on an adventure alone. Will the pals' separation tear them apart or bring them closer together? Presented in comic book format. Try also [Peter and Ernesto: The Lost Sloths](#). (Grades 1 – 4)

Appelt, Kathi - [The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp](#)

Twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, ancient Sugar Man, and his raccoon-brother Swamp Scouts Bingo and J'miah try to save Bayou Tourterelle from feral pigs Clydine and Buzzie, greedy Sunny Boy Beaucoup, and world-class alligator wrestler and would-be land developer Jaeger Stitch. (Grades 3 – 7)

Appelt, Kathi – [The Underneath](#)

An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free. (Grades 4 – 8)

Applegate, Katherine – [The One and Only Ivan](#)

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. (Grades 3 – 7)

Benton, Jim – [Catwad: It's Me](#)

Meet Catwad. He's blue, he's a bit of a grouch, and his best friend is a happy-go-lucky cat named Blurmp who can see the bright side of anything. From pizza and computers to love and happiness, this burball has a funny take on just about everything, and he's not afraid to share it. It's an all-new, laugh-out-loud series that will make even the grumpiest of grumblers smile! (Grades 3 – 6)

Birney, Betty G. – [The World According to Humphrey](#)

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher. Try the whole [series](#)! (Grades 2 – 5)

Creech, Sharon – [Saving Winslow](#)

When his father brings home an ailing, newborn donkey, Louie names the animal Winslow and takes care of him, but everyone, including Louie's quirky friend Nora, thinks Winslow is not going to survive. (Grades 3 – 6)

Dicamillo, Kate – [Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures](#)

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived. (Grades 4 – 6)

Fusco, Kimberley Newton – [Chasing Augustus](#)

During a rough year in which she was placed in the care of her prickly grandfather after her father suffered a stroke, Rosie embarks on a search for her missing dog after he is given away by her estranged mother. (Grades 4 – 7)

Griffin, Paul – [Saving Marty](#)

When Lorenzo adopts a runt piglet destined for auction, an unexpected, life-changing friendship forms. (Grades 4 – 7)

Griffin, Paul – [When Friendship Followed Me Home](#)

Seventh-grader Ben, always an outsider, is led into a deep friendship with Halley, who is being treated for cancer, by the special dog he and his adoptive mother take in. (Grades 5 – 8)

Lord, Cynthia – [Because of the Rabbit](#)

On the last night of summer, Emma and her Maine game warden father rescue a small domestic rabbit stuck in a fence; the very next day Emma starts fifth grade after years of being home schooled, excited and apprehensive about making new friends, but she is paired with Jack, a hyperactive boy, who does not seem to fit in with anyone--except that they share a love of animals, which draws them together, because of the rabbit. (Grades 3 – 7)

Martin, Ann M. – [A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray](#)

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal. (Grades 4 – 8)

Martin, Ann M. – [Rain Reign](#)

Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet. (Grades 4 – 6)

Morpurgo, Michael – [An Elephant in the Garden](#)

Devastated to learn that an orphan elephant in the Dresden zoo where their mother works is to be euthanized in anticipation of an upcoming bombing, Lizzie and Karl persuade the zoo director to let them keep the elephant in their garden. (Grades 5 – 7)

Parry, Rosanne – [A Wolf Called Wander](#)

A young wolf cub, separated from his pack, journeys 1000 miles across the Pacific Northwest, dealing with forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before finding a new home. Based on the true story of a wolf called OR-7. (Grades 4 – 6)

Pennypacker, Sara – [Pax](#)

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. (Grades 4 – 7)

Perkins, Lynne Rae – [Nuts to You](#)

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. (Grades 3 – 6)