

## **Juvenile Animal Fiction**

**If you like Erin Hunter's series (*Warriors, Seekers, Survivors, Bravelands*)...**

### ***The Last (Endling series: book 1) Applegate, Katherine (Gr 4-7)***

Byx is the youngest member of her dairne pack. Believed to possess remarkable abilities, her mythical doglike species has been hunted to near extinction in the war-torn kingdom of Nedarra. After her pack is hunted down and killed, Byx fears she may be the last of her species. The Endling. So Byx sets out to find safe haven, and to see if the legends of other hidden dairnes are true...

### ***White Fox Chen, Jiatong (Gr 4-7)***

A young white fox called Dilah returns home to find his mother gravely injured. Before she dies, she tells him about a treasure with the power to make animals human. But wicked blue foxes seek the treasure too and Dilah must race to find it first.

### ***The Familiars by Epstein, Adam Jay (Gr 4-7)***

When a scrappy alley cat named Aldwyn passes himself off as a magical animal companion to Jack, a young wizard in training, Aldwyn and his fellow "familiar," a know-it-all blue jay and bumbling tree frog, must save the kingdom after the evil queen of Vastia kidnaps Jack and two other wizards.

### ***Swordbird Fan, Nancy Yi (Gr 4-6)***

Warring factions of blue jays and cardinals call on Swordbird, the heroic bird of peace, to rescue them from the evil machinations of Turnatt, the tyrant hawk lord who plans to enslave them.

*If you like Erin Hunter's series cont.*

***Journey Beyond the Burrow* by Heisel, Rina (Gr 4-8)**

When young mouse Tobin has his baby brother snatched from his burrow by monstrous spiders, Tobin and his friends must embark on a dangerous journey deep into their forest home to save him, encountering new friends along the way.

***The Taken (Foxcraft series: book 1)* Iserles, Inbali (Gr 4-6)**

Isla and her brother are two young foxes living just outside a human city, but one night Isla returns to her den to find it destroyed, and surrounded by strange, vicious foxes, so she takes refuge in the city while she masters foxcraft--the ancient magical arts of her kind.

***The Spinner Prince (Pride Wars series: book 1)* Laney, Matt (Gr 4-6)**

Prince Leo is next in line for the throne of Singara, a land ruled by super-evolved felines. Like every thirteen-year-old, Leo must prove his worth by hunting a deadly beast called a slaycon. But killing a slaycon is the least of Leo's problems. The enemy beyond the Great Wall is rising up. Inside the wall, Singara is being torn apart by Leo's rebellious cousin. Worst of all, Leo is a Spinner, cursed with a dangerous and forbidden power he can't control.

***The Quest of the Cubs (Bears of the Ice series: book 1)* by Lasky, Kathryn (Gr 4-6)**

A group of power-hungry polar bears called Roguers has been snatching cubs from their mothers and killing those who resist; but Svenna is not about to relinquish her two cubs to that fate, so she agrees to go with the Roguers and serve Mystress of the Hands if her cubs, who have special powers, are allowed to stay with her cousin--but nobody is truly safe when a way of life is collapsing around them.

*If you like Erin Hunter's series cont.*

***The Wild Ones (series: book 1) by London, Alexander (Gr 3-6)***

After his parents are killed, Kit, a young raccoon sets off for the city with a stone that may be the key to finding the Bone of Contention, a legendary object that is proof of a deal giving the wild animals the rights to Ankle Snap Alley, which the dogs and cats--known as the flealess--want back and are willing to kill for.

***Mez's Magic (The Lost Rainforest series: book 1) Schreffer, Eliot (Gr 4-7)***

Caldera has always been divided into those animals who walk by night and those who walk by day. Nightwalker panthers like young Mez have always feared daywalkers as creatures of myth and legend. Until the eclipse. Now Mez has discovered that she can cross the Veil and enter the daylight world. Her magical power has unknown depths, but she must rush to discover it after a mysterious stranger arrives at her family's den, bearing warnings of a reawakened evil.

***Braver: A Wombat's Tale by Selfors, Suzanne (Gr 4-6)***

When her parents and the other quiet, shy wombats of the Northern Forest are captured by the traitorous, carnivorous Tassie devils, Lola Budge, a talkative, adventure-seeking young wombat, embarks on a rescue mission, joined by a swamp water rat and a baby penguin.

## **Animal Rescues**

### ***Maggie and the Flying Horse (Magic Animal Rescue series: book 1) by Baker, E.D. (Gr 1-4)***

To save an injured flying horse, eight-year-old Maggie must journey through the Enchanted Forest, which is full of dangerous trolls and goblins, to find a kindly stableman named Bob, who cares for many different magical animals.

### ***Lily to the Rescue (series: book 1) by Cameron, W. Bruce (Gr 4-6)***

Lily (a dog) meets a crow with a broken wing, so she and Maggie Rose take the crow home to Mom. But when the crow starts to become too tame, some unexpected problems arise. It's Lily to the rescue!

### ***The Lonely Lion Cub (Zoe's Rescue Zoo series: book 1) by Cobb, Amelia (Gr 1-3)***

A tiny, abandoned lion cub has been rescued and brought to the zoo. He's scared and he's lonely. Zoe has a plan to help, but it's a risky business.

### ***Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech (Gr 3-6)***

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.

### ***Little Penguin Rescue (Little Animal Rescue series) by Delahaye, Rachel (Gr 1-4)***

When Callie finds herself in the Antarctic, she's thrilled to meet a colony of Adélie penguins, ready to march north for the winter! But then a blizzard blows in, separating a baby penguin and her injured mother from the group. (Also try *Little Dolphin Rescue* & *Little Tiger Rescue*.)

## **Animal Rescues cont.**

### ***Truman the Dog (My Furry Foster Family series) by Florence, Debbi Michiko (Gr 1-3)***

Eight-year-old Kaita wants to be a vet when she grows up. One night at dinner, her father announces that they will be fostering an older black lab named Truman whose family had to move away without him. Kaita is excited about fostering Truman and finding him his "forever home," but she soon realizes that adding another dog to a household isn't always easy.

### ***The Snowy Reindeer (Royal Rescues series) by Harrison, Paula (Gr 1-3)***

"A royal palace is no place for pets, Beatrice!" says her father, King George. But Princess Bea loves animals and is not going to let a royal rule stop her from helping every animal she finds. When Bea goes to visit her cousins at the wintery Peruva Castle, she finds a cold and hungry reindeer hiding in the snow. But with the whole castle abuzz with party preparations, will Bea be able to keep the little deer safe until she can find its family?

### ***The Storm Dragon (The Secret Rescuers series: book 1) by Harrison, Paula (Gr 2-5)***

Finding a little lost dragon who is in terrible trouble, Sophy enlists the help of magical friends to protect the dragon and other creatures from a cruel queen's wicked army.

### ***Guardians of the Taiga (Wild Rescuers series: book 1) by Hinojosa, Stacy (Gr 3-5)***

Stacy was raised by wolves. Her pack of six powerful, playful wolves--Addison, Basil, Everest, Noah, Tucker and Wink--have been her only family. Together, Stacy's pack patrols the forest to keep other animals safe, relying on her wits and each wolf's unique abilities to accomplish risky rescue missions.

## **Animal Rescues cont.**

### ***Rescue at Lake Wild (Survivor Diaries series) by Johnson, Terry Lynn (Gr 3-7)***

When Madi and her two best friends rescue beaver kits whose mother was killed, they find themselves at the center of a local conspiracy that's putting the beavers and their habitats in danger.

### ***Crocodile Rescue (Wild Survival series: book 1) by Marquez, Melissa Cristina (Gr 4-6)***

Adrianna and her brother Feye travel the globe with their parents, the hosts of a nature show called "Wild Survival!" The show features daring animal rescues and the work the family does at their animal sanctuary. Their first stop is Cuba, where they're going to help rescue an injured crocodile. But things get off to a rocky start when Feye is injured in an accident partially caused by Adrianna...

### ***Lulu and the Duck in the Park (Lulu series: book 1) by McKay, Hilary (Gr 1-3)***

Lulu, who loves animals, brings an abandoned duck egg to school, even though her teacher has banned Lulu from bringing animals to school ever again.

### ***The Last Panther by Mitchell, Todd (Gr 4-7)***

An eleven-year-old girl discovers a family of panthers that were thought to be extinct. But when others find out they are alive, too, she must risk everything to save the species.

### ***The Home-Along Kitten (Animal Rescue Center series) by Nolan, Tina (Gr 1-3)***

Ella and Caleb, who live at the animal rescue center, know that life isn't perfect. Every day there's a new arrival in need of their help! When soccer star Jake Adams cancels his appearance at Animal Magic's anniversary celebration, Ella is determined to find out why. But when she and Caleb arrive at Jake's house, all they find is his adopted kitten, Charlie, meowing on the doorstep....

## **Animal Rescues cont.**

### ***Bush Rescue (Pup Patrol series) by Odgers, Darrel & Sally (Gr 1-3)***

When Daisy Ado the Cockatoo flies into the Fourby, James decides to return her to her owner. But there's a bushfire coming to the town of Jasper, and the local vet has his hands full. Will James, Stamp and Ace be able to save all the town pets in Jasper?

### ***Tiger Boy by Perkins, Mitali (Gr 3-6)***

A tiger cub has escaped from a reserve in the Sunderbans in West Bengal, India, and Neel, a poor boy from the islands, is determined to find her in order to save her from being captured and sold on the black market by Mr. Gupta and his men.

### ***A Lamb Called Lucky (Jasmine Green Rescues series) by Peters, Helen (Gr 2-5)***

When a little lamb loses his mother, Jasmine names him Lucky and steps in to bottle-feed him and patiently help him learn to walk. With a sheepdog to train and two helpless baby birds to raise, it's hard work for Jasmine to juggle all of her animals, even with the help of her best friend, Tom. But when sheep rustlers strike her family's flock, taking Lucky with them, Jasmine will have to summon the courage for her most daring rescue yet.

### ***Pandas on the Eastside by Prendergast, Gabrielle (Gr 3-6)***

When Journey Song hears that two pandas are being held in a warehouse in her beloved and poverty-stricken neighborhood, she worries that they may be hungry, cold and lonely. Journey makes it her mission to save the two animals. But she's going to need some help.

### ***Case File: Little Claws (The Animal Rescue Agency series: book 1) by Schrefer, Eliot (Gr 2-5)***

When Esquire Fox and her partner Mr. Pepper get the message that an animal of some kind is trapped on an ice floe, they rush to the rescue. The animal they need to save is a baby polar bear named Little Claws. It will require the help of some unlikely animal allies and a daring adventure in the Arctic Sea to rescue the cub while escaping a villainous poacher.

***Other animal care/rescue series:***

***The Unicorn Rescue Society* by Adam Gidwitz**

***The Critter Club* by Callie Barkley**

***The Puppy Place* by Ellen Miles**

**Other Animal Adventures**

***Once Upon a Camel* by Kathi Appelt (Gr 4-6)**

Zada wanders the desert as the last camel in Texas. But she's not alone. Two tiny kestrel chicks are nestled in the fluff of fur between her ears--kee-killy-keeing for their missing parents--and a dust storm the size of a mountain is taking Zada on one more grand adventure.

***Otto P. Nudd* by Butler, Emily (Gr 3-7)**

While his corvid buddies spend their days cracking jokes at the dump, raven Otto P. Nudd invents things with his human neighbor Old Man Bartleby, but when one of Bartleby's contraptions puts him in danger, Otto must join forces with kids and critters to save the Old Man.

***Pony on the Twelfth Floor* by Polly Faber (Gr 4-6)**

Kizzy had dreamed of every possible way she might get a pony, but she'd never expected to pick one up from the bakery aisle in the supermarket. There's just one problem: How do you keep a pony in a twelfth-floor flat without your mum finding out?

***Horace and Bunwinkle (series: book 1)* by PJ Gardner (Gr 3-5)**

An anxious Boston Terrier and an exuberant potbellied pig team up to solve crimes in their barnyard.



## **Other Animal Adventures cont.**

### ***Clarice the Brave* by Lisa McMann (Gr 4-6)**

When a shocking mutiny aboard her ship home forces Clarice onto a small, leaky boat with Special Lady and a dozen hungry sailors with deadly boots, her brother Charles Sebastian is left on the ship to fend off mutineers, a flock of irate chickens, and an inquisitive human prisoner—a mouse's worst enemy.

### ***A Whale of the Wild* by Parry, Rosanne (Gr 3-7)**

Vega is a young orca whale being trained to one day be the group's Wayfinder—the whale who navigates their family toward food and away from danger. Vega is reckless and impulsive, but when she and her young cousin are separated from the pod by an earthquake and the resulting tsunami, Vega must use her way-finding skills to reunite them with their elders.

### ***Nuts to You* by Perkins, Lynne Rae (Gr 3-7)**

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.

### ***Other animal series:***

***Secret Zoo* by Bryan Chick**

***Fairy Animals* by Lily Small**

***Spirit Animals* by various authors (shelved under “Spirit”)**

## **Dog Tales to Try**

### ***Secondhand Dogs* by Crimi, Carolyn (Gr 4-6)**

When a new dog named Decker arrives in Miss Lottie's home and convinces Moon Pie to embark on an impossible journey, Gus, the insecure pack leader, must gather his courage to bring Moon Pie home.

### ***Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School (series: book 1)* by Falatko, Julie (Gr 2-4)**

Sassy and Waldo are good dogs, who keep their house safe (from squirrels, mostly), and worry about their boy, Stewart, who always comes home from school smelling of anxiety; so the two dogs come up with a plan to help him--they will dress up in a trench coat and attend school, posing as a new student, to find out just what is bothering Stewart.

### ***The Wizard's Dog (series: book 1)* by Gale, Eric Kahn (Gr 3-6)**

When his master and best friend, Merlin, is kidnapped, there is nothing Nosewise the dog will not do to get Merlin back, even if it means facing the strange Fae people and their magic-eating worms, or tangling with the mysterious Sword in the Stone.

### ***Dog Squad (series: book 1)* by Grabenstein, Chris (Gr 4-6)**

Fred, a scrappy and lovable dog, gets cast as a stand-in for the lead role in Dog Squad, a show about crime-fighting dogs, and he soon finds out the action doesn't always stop on screen.

### ***Rescue on the Oregon Trail (Ranger in Time series: book 1)* by Messner, Kate (Gr 4-6)**

Ranger, a golden retriever, unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850 where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail.

## **Dog Tales to Try cont.**

### ***Scout: National Hero* by Shotz, Jennifer Li (Gr 4-6)**

Scout, once a stray puppy with a troubled past, is joining the National Guard! When a terrifying flash flood hits town, Scout and his new owner, twelve-year-old Matt, team up to survive the dangerous rising water and lead victims to safety. But when they try to rescue Matt's sister, they learn that bravery is only one part of being a hero.

### ***The Dog Who Saved the World* by Welford, Ross (Gr 4-6)**

A girl and her dog set out to save the world from a deadly plague by time traveling into the future.

### ***Good Dogs on a Bad Day (Good Dogs series: book 1)* by Wenitsky, Rachel (Gr 3-6)**

Hugo, Lulu, and King love going to doggy day care together. They always follow the rules, even at the park. But then a new dog comes to town. Napoleon jumps on people, dives into fountains, and will do anything (really!) to get human food. The Good Dogs are shocked to see such canine chaos, but they also notice something else- Napoleon seems to be having a ton of fun.

### ***The Underdogs (series: book 1)* by West, Tracey (Gr 1-3)**

Welcome to the town of Barksdale, where the canine residents strive for perfection. Every shopkeeper claims to be the "best groomer" or sell the "best biscuits." And at Barksdale Academy, the pressure is on every year for one pup to be named Best in Show.

***Other dog series:***

***Magic Puppy*** by Sue Bentley

***Puppy Princess*** by Patty Furlington

***Good Dog*** by Cam Higgins

***Pug series*** by Laura James

***Magic Bone*** by Nancy Krulik

***Diary of a Pug*** by Kyla May

***Wedgie & Gizmo*** by Suzanne Selfors

***Stick Dog*** by Tom Watson

### **Cat Tales to Try**

***The Cool Cat Club (Jasper & Scruff series: book 1)*** by Colton, Nicola (Gr 1-4)

Jasper is desperate to impress the "Sophisticat" society members, and doesn't want Scruff bounding into his life creating chaos. But sometimes, friends know exactly what you need...

***Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue (series: book 1)*** by Paula Harrison (Gr)

Kitty wants to be a superhero like her mother, once she gets over her fear of the dark, but when Figaro the cat needs help she springs into action.

## **Cat Tales to Try cont.**

### ***Snazzy Cat Capers (series: book 1) by Kent, Deanna (Gr 3-5)***

Life is short. Diamonds are fur-ever. Internationally famous cat burglar Ophelia von Hairball V adores jewels--the only thing she loves more is a challenge. She's never met a safe she couldn't crack. Now the Furry Feline Burglary Institute (FFBI) offers her the ultimate caper: steal the giant Himalayan diamond and win their top award!

### ***The Newest Princess (Itty Bitty Princess Kitty series: book 1) by Mews, Melody (Gr K-3)***

Itty Bitty Kitty's eighth shooting star is about to arrive and that means she's going to become a princess! Itty's excited, but when she learns about all the things that are going to change, she's also nervous. Will Itty Bitty Kitty become Itty Bitty Princess Kitty after all?

### ***The Midnight Visitor (Museum Kittens series: book 1) by Webb, Holly (Gr 1-4)***

Meet the Museum Kittens, a feline family that guards history's treasures, inspired by real cats at the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg and the British Museum in London.

### ***Other cat series:***

***Purrmaids by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen***

***Magic Kitten by Sue Bentley***

***Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel***

***Dr. Kitty Cat by Jane Clarke***

***Ra the Mighty by A.B. Greenfield***

***Stick Cat by Tom Watson***

## **Talking to Animals & Other Strong Human-Animal Connections**

### ***Maybe a Fox* by Kathi Appelt (Gr 4-6)**

An otherworldly fox is born to help eleven-year-old Jules, who is grieving over the death of her sister.

### ***Stand on the Sky* by Erin Bow (Gr 5-8)**

Twelve--year-old Aisulu defies the expectations of her Kazakh family and tradition to train an eagle in order to save her brother, Serik, and prevent her family from giving up their nomadic life forever.

### ***Storm Horse* by Garlick, Nick (Gr 3-6)**

When Flip's thieving father dies he goes to live with his uncle on the remote Dutch island of Mossum. He struggles to adjust until he rescues a horse from the stormy sea and discovers a new purpose in caring for his charge.

### ***Indiana Bones (series: book 1)* by Heape, Harry (Gr 3-7)**

Aisha Ghatak and a magical talking dog named Indiana Bones set off to discover the trillions of pounds' worth of gold and jewels allegedly collected by a single thief.

### ***The Secret Necklace (Amy Wild, Animal Talker series: book 1)* by Kimpton, Diana (Gr 1-3)**

Amy's great-aunt gives her a magical necklace that gives her the power to talk to animals! Amy can't wait to make new furry friends.

## **Talking to Animals & Other Strong Human-Animal Connections cont.**

### ***Willa and the Whale* by Morris, Chad (Gr 5-8)**

Twelve-year-old Willa, grieving the loss of her mother, a renowned marine biologist, discovers she can talk to whales.

### ***Forest of Wonders (Wing & Claw series: book 1)* by Park, Linda Sue (Gr 4-7)**

When Raffa makes a cure from a rare crimson vine he finds deep in the forbidden forest, the bat he saves transforms into something much more.

### ***Wild Magic (The Immortals series: book 1)* by Pierce, Tamora (gr 5-7)**

Thirteen-year-old Daine has always had a special connection with animals, but only when she's forced to leave home does she realize it's more than a knack--it's magic. With this wild magic, not only can Daine speak to animals, but she can also make them obey her. Under a wizard's guidance, she explores her magic and becomes a key to fighting the Immortal creatures attacking the realm.

### ***The Last Wild* by Torday, Piers (Gr 3-7)**

In a world where animals no longer exist after a deadly virus, Kester Jaynes feels like he hardly exists either. He's been locked away in a home for troubled children and cannot speak. Then one night some talking pigeons come to help him escape-- and the animals need him to save them too.