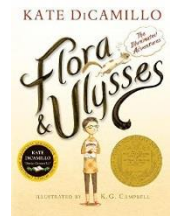
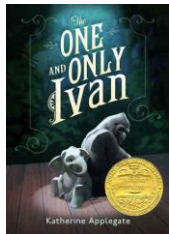


Books for kids who love animals



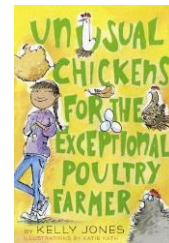
[Flora & Ulysses : The Illuminated Adventures](#) by Kate DiCamillo

It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming...



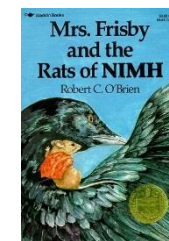
[The One and Only Ivan](#) by Katherine Applegate

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all...



[Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer](#) by Kelly Jones

Farm life gets more interesting when a cranky chicken appears and Sophie discovers the hen can move objects with the power of her little chicken brain...



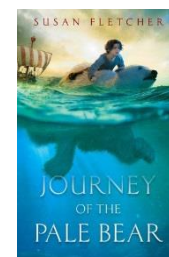
[Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh](#) by Robert C. O'Brien

The 1971 classic about a family of field mice in trouble and the highly intelligent Rats of Nimh who come to their aid. A great read aloud.



[Song For a Whale](#) by Lynne Kelly

The story of a deaf girl's connection to a whale whose song can't be heard by his species, and the journey she takes to help him...



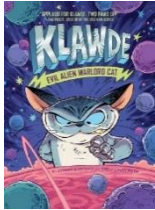
[Journey of the Pale Bear](#) Susan Fletcher

The polar bear is a royal bear, a gift from the King of Norway to the King of England. The first time Arthur encounters the bear, he is shoved in her cage as payback for stealing food. Restless and deadly, the bear terrifies him. Yet, strangely, she doesn't harm him...



Pax by Sara Pennypacker

This is the story of Peter, a boy, and Pax, a fox, and their independent struggles to return to one another against all odds. Told from the alternating viewpoints of Peter and Pax.



Klawde by Johnny Marciano

Who can resist a book series about an Evil Alien Warlord Cat from the planet Lyttyrbok? Nominated for the 2020-2021 VT Golden Dome middle grade book award.

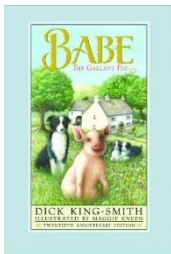


The Poet's Dog by Patricia MacLachlan

“Dogs speak words but only poets and children hear.”

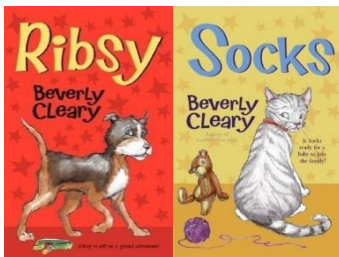
A short, moving story about two children, a poet, and a dog...

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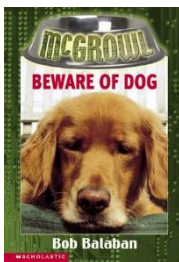
Dick King Smith books- any and all

Animals, animals, animals! Try any one of these “farmyard fantasies” from the author of “Babe, The Gallant Pig”.



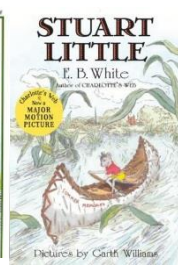
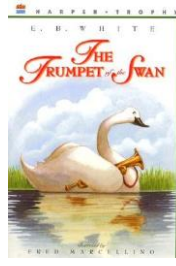
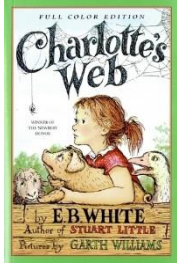
Ribsby and **Socks** by Beverly Cleary

We all know Beverly Cleary’s iconic characters, Ramona and Henry Huggins, but give these two lesser known classics about lovable pets a try.



McGrowl series by Bob Balaban

Meet Thomas and his new best friend McGrowl--a courageous canine who's bionic to the bone!



[The Trumpet of the Swan](#), [Stuart Little](#), and [Charlotte's Web](#), by E.B. White

True classics that have been making animal lovers laugh and cry for decades. Not true transitional readers, but great read alouds for young children who are just getting into sitting through a chapter book.

***What is a “Transitional Reader”?**

Transitional Readers are those early chapter books that get kids into independently reading chapter books. Typically 100 pages or less, with frequent pictures and larger, easy to read text, these books bridge the gap between “easy readers” and more advanced chapter books. Often written in series, with themes and characters geared toward 1-4 graders, these books build confidence and increase reading stamina in the young reader.