



# Dog Stories

for  
**Middle  
Readers**

## **Angus and Sadie** by *Cynthia Voigt*

Two dogs are adopted from the animal shelter and tell the story of their daily activities while living with a couple on a farm in Maine.

## **Because of Winn-Dixie** by *Kate DiCamillo*

Ten-year-old Opal finds the tough transition of moving to a new community and coming to terms with her mother's abandonment a bit easier when she finds and adopts a big scraggly dog, Winn-Dixie, and shares her troubles with him.

## **The Boy Who Spoke Dog** by *Clay Morgan*

After a shipwreck, a young boy is marooned on an island near New Zealand that is only inhabited by dogs and he must find ways to communicate with the animals.



## **Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam** by *Cynthia Kadobata*

Willie moves and cannot take his dog with him so he gives him to the military, which first trains the dog and then sends him to assist a soldier in Vietnam.

## **A Dog on His Own** by *Mary Jane Auch*

K-10 has lived with a variety of owners before setting out on his own, getting captured and being placed in the dog shelter. He and two other dogs escape the shelter and experience life as strays.

## **A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray** by *Ann Martin*

A dog named Squirrel tells about her life after her mother disappears and she spends years wandering from place to place before an elderly woman adopts her.

## **The Good Dog** by *Avi*

Set in a mountain town in Colorado, this is the story of a young boy's dog, McKinley, and the dog's desire to stay loyal to his human master while considering the freedom of wild life when Lupin, a she-wolf, comes to town.

## **The Green Dog: A Mostly True Story** by *Suzanne Fisher Staples*

Suzanne has wished for a dog for a very long time so when a stray dog appears at her house one summer, she must find a way to convince her parents to allow her to keep him.



## **Gully's Travels** by *Tor Seidler*

When his professor-owner falls in love with a woman with dog allergies, pampered Gully moves from Manhattan to Queens and into a completely different lifestyle.

## **Hachiko Waits** by *Leslea Newman*

Hachiko goes to the train station in Toyko every day with his master and waits for him to return after work. One day his master has a heart attack and will never return. Slowly, the people at the train station realize they should adopt faithful Hachiko in this tale based on a true story.

## **The Hundred and One Dalmatians** by *Dodie Smith*

Mr. and Mrs. Dearly's Dalmatian dogs – Pongo and Missis – set out to rescue their puppies who have been dog napped by Cruella de Vil.



## **The Incredible Journey** by *Sheila Burnford*

Two dogs and a cat go on a long adventure through the Canadian wilderness to find their family after they become separated.

## **Listen** by *Stephanie Tolan*

As Charley attempts to heal from both an accident that injured her leg and her mother's death, she discovers a wild dog in the woods that may help her be well again.

## **Old Yeller** by *Fred Gipson*

A young boy's dream of having a dog comes true when a stray, yellow dog shows up at his frontier home one day.



## **Ribsy** by *Beverly Cleary*

A frisky dog gets into the wrong station wagon at the mall one day, which starts him on a long string of adventures as he tries to find his way back to his true owner.

## **Sheep** by *Valerie Hobbs*

A border collie pup lives on a farm with his mother before a devastating fire forces him to a dog shelter where he sets out on a journey with a variety of different owners – some bad and others good.

## **Shiloh** by *Phyllis Reynolds Naylor*

An eleven-year-old boy finds a beagle in the woods near his house and grapples with whether to return the dog to his abusive owner.



## **Stone Fox** by *John Reynolds Gardiner*

A young boy and his dog – Searchlight – enter a dogsled race hoping to win the prize money to help save his grandfather's farm.

## **Waggit's Tale** by *Peter Howe*

Waggit, abandoned in Central Park, joins a gang of homeless dogs and tries to survive until a kind woman adopts him.

## **White Star: A Dog on the Titanic** by *Marty Crisp*

A twelve-year-old boy aboard the S.S. Titanic offers to take care of the ship's animals and becomes very attached to the dog of ship owner, J. Bruce Ismay.