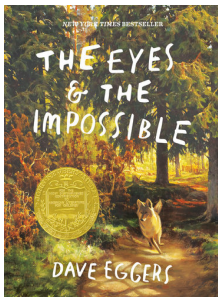


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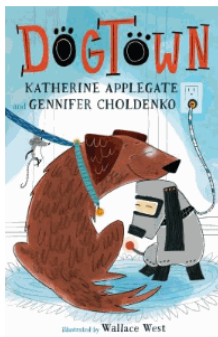
Animals



The Eyes & the Impossible

Dave Eggers

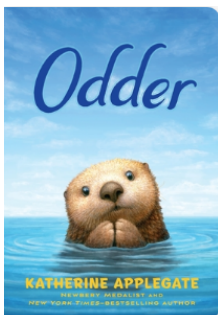
Johannes, a free dog, lives in an urban park by the sea. His job is to be the Eyes—to see everything that happens within the park and report back to the park's elders, three ancient Bison. His friends—a seagull, a raccoon, a squirrel, and a pelican—work with him as the Assistant Eyes, observing the humans and other animals who share the park. But changes are afoot. More humans arrive; a new building, containing mysterious and hypnotic rectangles, goes up. And then there are the goats—an actual boatload of goats—who appear, along with a shocking revelation that changes Johannes's view of the world.



Dogtown

Katherine Applegate & Gennifer Choldenko

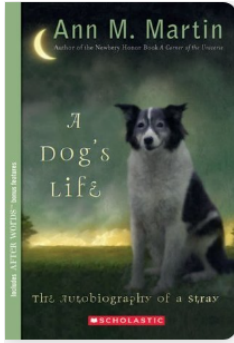
In Dogtown, a shelter for unwanted canine and robot dogs, an extraordinary bond develops between Chance, a longing three-legged dog, Metal Head, an empathetic robot, and Mouse, their friendly ally, as they strive to find forever homes.



Odder

Katherine Applegate

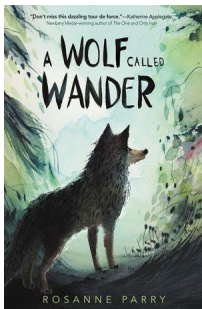
Odder spends her days off the coast of central California, practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning the quirky stories for which she's known. She's a fearless daredevil, curious to a fault. But when Odder comes face-to-face with a hungry great white shark, her life takes a dramatic turn, one that will challenge everything she believes about herself—and about the humans who hope to save her. Inspired by the true story of a Monterey Bay Aquarium program that pairs orphaned otter pups with surrogate mothers.



A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray

Ann M. Martin

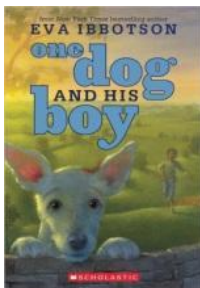
Squirrel and her brother Bone begin their lives in a toolshed behind someone's summer house. Their mother nurtures them and teaches them the many skills they will need to survive as stray dogs. But when their mother is taken from them suddenly and too soon, the puppies are forced to make their own way in the world, facing humans both gentle and brutal, busy highways, other animals, and the changing seasons. When Bone and Squirrel become separated, Squirrel must fend for herself, and in the process makes two friends who in very different ways define her fate.



A Wolf Called Wander

Rosanne Parry

This gripping novel about survival and family is based on the real story of one wolf's incredible journey to find a safe place to call home. This irresistible tale of survival invites readers to experience and imagine what it would be like to be one of the most misunderstood animals on earth. Includes black-and-white illustrations throughout and a map as well as information about the real wolf who inspired the novel.



One Dog and His Boy

Eva Ibbotson

All Hal had ever wanted was a dog. But on the morning of his birthday, the unbelievable happens. He's allowed to choose a dog at Easy Pets, a rent-a-pet agency. But later, the boy and dog discover to stay together, they'll have to run away...



Old Yeller

Fred Gipson

Enjoy the adventures of a boy and his dog in the wilderness.