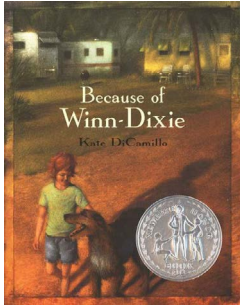


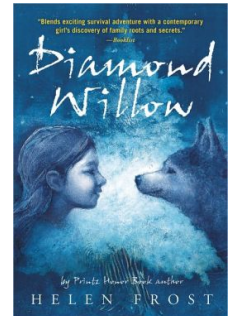
# Chapter Books Featuring Dogs

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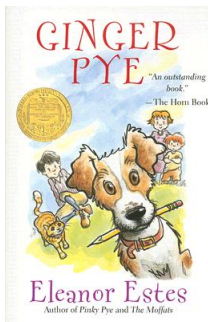
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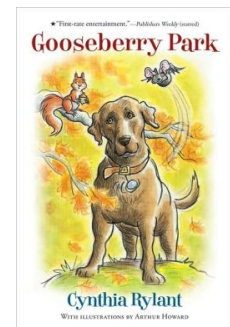
*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo - India Opal Buloni acquires her dog in an unexpected place: the produce section of the grocery store. Together, Opal and Winn-Dixie learn about getting along with others, dealing with fears, and accepting love.



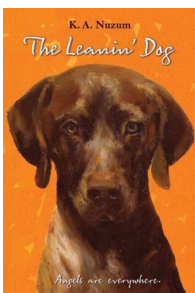
*Diamond Willow* by Helen Frost - Willow loves her family's dog sled team and feels she is capable of driving them alone. With Roxy in the lead, she sets off for her grandparents' home, only to face a situation she never expected. Told in diamond verses, this book is filled with messages and expression.



*Ginger Pye* by Eleanor Estes - Jerry Pye buys Ginger for a dollar (a lot back when this book was published), and he is absolutely the best dog. He is smart, learns tricks quickly, and delights everyone who meets him. When someone in the town of Cranbury steals their beloved dog, the Pyes a desperate to find him.

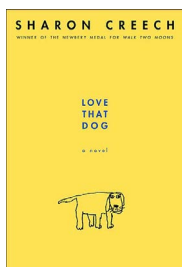
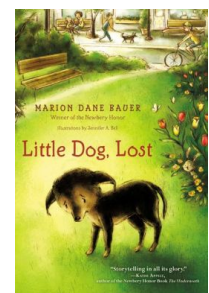


*Gooseberry Park* by Cynthia Rylant - Kona, a Labrador retriever owned by a professor, is a thoughtful friend to Stumpy, a squirrel who lives nearby in the park. After a storm, Kona knows he must search for Stumpy and take care of her babies. He is assisted by a wise hermit crab and a humorous bat.

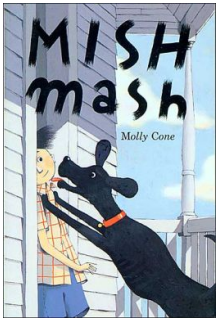


*The Leanin' Dog* by K.A. Nuzum - Dessa Dean feels responsible for a tragedy that changes her life and becomes afraid to leave even the porch of the home she shares with her father. An injured dog starts spending time near the house, but it is too afraid to get close. Dessa must face her fears as her love for the dog grows.

*Little Dog, Lost* by Marion Dane Bauer - Buddy is a small dog who wants to be loved. Mark is a boy who badly wants a dog. Mr. LaRue is a man who keeps to himself in their small town. Their lives intersect in an unexpected way, bringing the town of Erhtly closer.

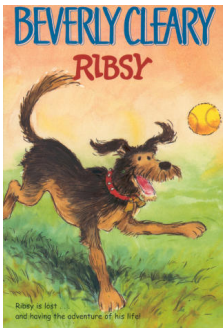
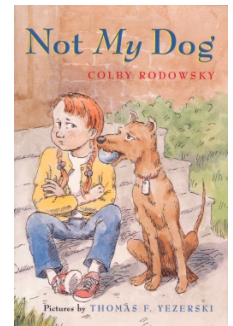


*Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech - Jack's teacher, Miss Stretchberry, wants the class to compose their own poems, but he is certain he is not capable. Somehow, the things he writes become poems and eventually reveal the story of his wonderful and beloved dog, Sky.



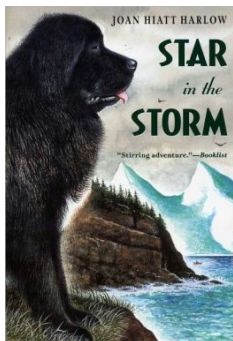
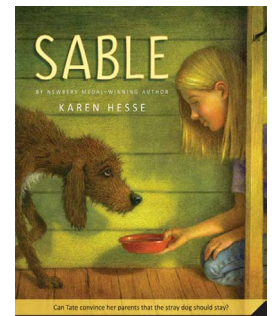
*MishMash* by Molly Cone - Pete's enthusiastic and friendly dog Mishmash does not always behave in the best ways. In order to keep his family and the neighborhood happy, Pete must find a better place for Mishmash to live. Several other books continue the dog's adventures.

*Not My Dog* by Colby Rodowsky - Ellie has always wanted a dog, specifically a puppy. When her great aunt Margaret can no longer take care of her full-grown dog, Preston comes to live with Ellie's family. Preston is not the puppy she wanted, and Ellie has a hard time learning to like him.



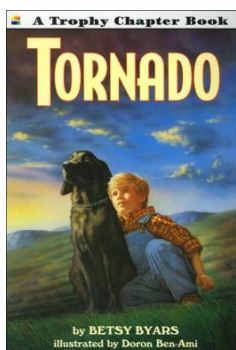
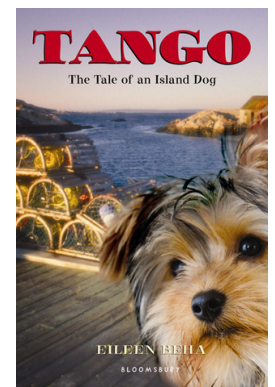
*Ribsy* by Beverly Cleary - Henry Huggins took a stray dog home one day, and Ribsy has joined him on adventures ever since then. When Ribsy gets lost on a shopping trip, he thinks he has found the family station wagon, jumps in the back window, and falls asleep. Ribsy knows something is wrong when he meets girls in the car!

*Sable* by Karen Hesse - Nat's mom does not believe the family needs a dog, but when a stray comes to their home, Nat names it Sable and care for her. Sable is a wanderer who does not stay on their property, causing trouble and offending the neighbors. If Nat wants to keep her, she must teach Sable better manners.



*Star in the Storm* by Jean Hiatt Harlow - Sirius is a wonderfully protective and obedient Newfoundland dog who lives on the Newfoundland coast with his loving owner Maggie. Because some islanders believe dogs are a threat to the sheep who live on the island, Maggie has kept Sirius a secret. A shipwreck occurs, and Maggie knows her dog could assist in the rescue effort. But offering his help would reveal his presence!

*Tango: The Tale of an Island Dog* by Eileen Beha - Tango's life in New York City is ideal. His wealthy owners provide him with everything a dog could want. But while sailing with them, Tango goes overboard during a storm, ending up on Prince Edward Island where he is taken in by Miss Augusta Smith.



*Tornado* by Betsy Byars - During a tornado, a family goes to the storm shelter where they listen to the stories told by Pete, the farmhand, about a dog named Tornado (who dropped down on Pete's farm during a twister).