

Picture Books Featuring Dogs

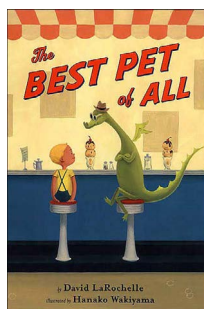
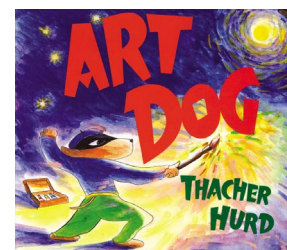
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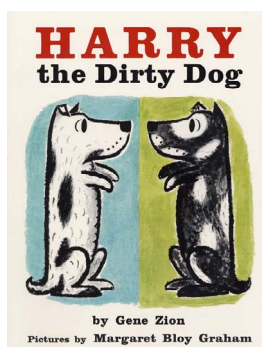
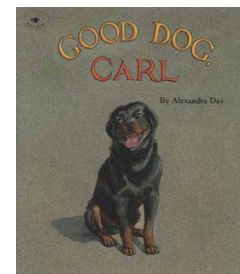
Spike, Ugliest Dog in the Universe by Debra Frasier - When Spike, the winner of the Ugliest Dog in the Universe contest, is abandoned by his owner the boy next door is determined—against all odds—to adopt him. Spike enlists help from Evangeline, (a cat!) but things look grim until Spike foils a cat theft, by being the very thing he doubted: himself.

Art Dog by Thacher Hurd - Arthur Dog enjoys his work at the Dogopolis Museum of Art. Guarding works by his favorite painters (like Leonardo Dog Vinci) satisfied him...but not enough to keep him from sneaking out under the full moon to transform walls into works of art. He even brings a few other skills to the secret role.



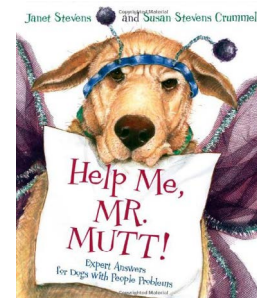
The Best Pet of All by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Hanako Wakiyama - A boy desperately wants a dog and tries to convince his mother to allow him to have a pet. Eventually, she agrees to a dragon instead, and soon, all the things she did not want about a dog are magnified with the intense dragon.

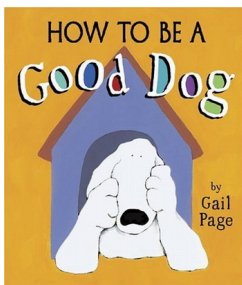
Good Dog, Carl by Alexandra Day - When his owner tells him to take good care of the baby while she is gone, Carl dutifully takes control. The two pretend and play together, making a tremendous mess. Yet Carl manages to clean the house, and get the baby back in the crib in time for the mother's return.



Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion - Harry is a white dog with black spots who hates taking a bath, so much so that he hides the scrubbing brush in the family's backyard and runs away from home. His adventures include playing tag with other dogs sliding down a coal chute (after which he becomes a black dog with white spots). When Harry returns home, the family does not even recognize him!

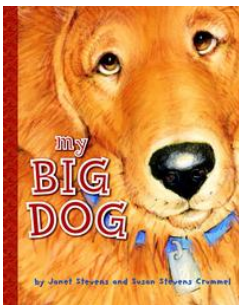
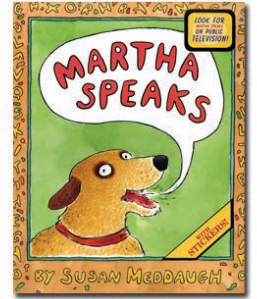
Help Me, Mr. Mutt: Expert Answers for Dogs With People Problems by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel - As the Canine Consultant, Mr. Mutt receives numerous letters requesting help in dealing with owner problems. Occasional retorts from the Queen Cat make things humorous!





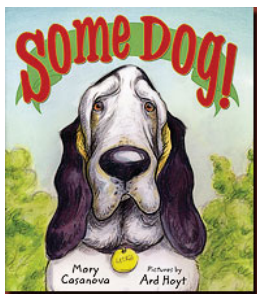
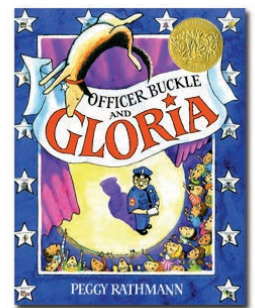
How to Be a Good Dog by Gail Page - Bobo so loved hearing his owner tell him what a good dog he was, but he finds it too hard to be good all the time. Cat comes to the rescue to teach Bobo how to behave well and helps him stay in their owner's good graces.

Martha Speaks by Susan Meddaugh - After her owner feeds her a bowl of alphabet soup, Martha magically gains the ability to speak! What might sound like an excellent thing for a canine pet becomes a bit of problem at times as Martha says things before thinking. The illustrations and speech bubbles make this extra humorous.



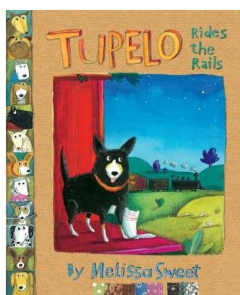
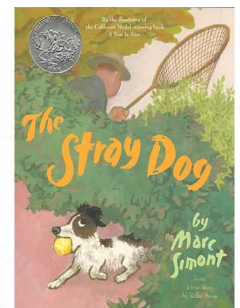
My Big Dog by Janet Stevens - Merl is a cat who lives in a "pur-r-r-fect house," quite content to be the center of attention. When a dog is added to the household, Merl's life changes dramatically. That dog - named Violet - grows quickly. Humorous scenes abound as the two animals learn to get along with each other. The story is told from Merl's point of view.

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann - After Officer Buckle gains a canine companion, his school safety speeches become incredibly popular. It turns out Gloria, his new partner, is creatively interpreting the safety tips on stage as he reads them aloud. They are the best of friends...until he discovers the truth.



Some Dog by Mary Casanova - illustrated by Ard Hoyt - George lived a good life with his family, but the yippy addition of a dog named Zippity puts a strain on everything. The new dog takes over George's duties and eventually causes havoc in the household. Imagining the yapping dog alone and scared, however, brings George to action.

The Stray Dog by Marc Simont - While on a picnic, a family encounters a stray dog they name Willy. Though they leave the dog at the park, assuming it is someone else's dog, all week their thoughts return to him. Another visit to the park gives them a chance to make a different decision about Willy.



Tupelo Rides the Rails by Melissa Sweet - After being dumped on the roadside with Mr. Bones, her sock buddy, Tupelo searches for a place to belong. She finds a welcoming group of dogs called the BONEHEADS and goes along with them on a train ride. A kind hobo and his friends help the dogs find homes...or at least a place to belong.