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Pigeon District Library

Dog Days of Summer - Book Club Challenge

Read a book (fiction or non-fiction) that has a dog on the cover, a dog is an important character, a dog was mentioned in the summary, a canine is in a chapter title.



Prize awarded for most tail-wagging book review!

Some furry ideas to help you sniff out that great book.

All these books were available at Pigeon Library as of 14-July-2017.

If these titles don't interest you, keep digging for others!

Title	Summary	Author
Never have your dog stuffed : and other things I've learned	He's one of America's most recognizable and acclaimed actors-a star on Broadway, an Oscar nominee for The Aviator, and the only person to ever win Emmys for acting, writing, and directing, during his eleven years on M*A*S*H. Now Alan Alda has written a memoir as elegant, funny, and affecting as his greatest performances.	Alda, Alan
The one and only Ivan	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. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog.	Applegate, Katherine
Gun shy : a Raine Stockton dog mystery	Nestled in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains Hanover County draws hikers and leaf-peepers every fall. But Michelle White came to die. For days her body has lain in a cabin her wheelchair toppled over her hand around her shotgun and her frantic yellow lad guarding her.	Ball, Donna
Hair of the dog	For her fourth adventure, Connecticut poodle owner Melanie Travis returns to the Dog Eat Dog (1996) world of high-tech grooming and showing. With her five-year-old son, Davey, Melanie attends her Aunt Peg's Fourth of July barbecue where she learns of the scandal surrounding Alicia Devane, who has left her husband for a generally disliked dog handler named Barry Turk. The next night, following a win at a popular poodle show, Barry is shot to death at his home. Melanie jumps at the chance to investigate when Alicia asks her to see if she can identify the killer. The case is complicated by Alicia's announcement that she is pregnant and the discovery that Barry had recently written a will, leaving everything to her.	Berenson, Laurien
Dog years : a memoir	Why do dogs speak so profoundly to our inner lives? When poet Doty decides to adopt a dog as a companion for his dying partner, he finds himself bringing home Beau, a large golden retriever, malnourished and in need of loving care. Beau joins Arden, the black retriever, to complete their family. As Beau bounds back into life, the two dogs become Doty's intimate companions, his solace, and eventually the very life force that keeps him from abandoning all hope during the darkest days. Their tenacity, loyalty, and love inspire him when all else fails. This is a moving and intimate memoir interwoven with profound reflections on our feelings for animals and the lessons they teach us about life, love, and loss. Doty writes about the heart-wrenching vulnerability of dogs, the positive energy and joy they bring, and the gift they bear us of unconditional love.	Doty, Mark
A dog named Christmas	Excerpt from book: spend more time now looking back than looking ahead, sifting through the years and pausing over the important events of my life. Maybe it's rare, but aside from the occasional sadness that accompanies us all, there is no litany of disappointments for me. Instead, there is a storehouse of good memories and special times. We all have some defining moments in our lives. Mine was a holiday that seemed perfect.	Kincaid, Gregory D.
Shoe dog : a memoir by the creator of Nike	In this candid and riveting memoir, for the first time ever, Nike founder and CEO Phil Knight shares the inside story of the company's early days as an intrepid start-up and its evolution into one of the world's most iconic, game-changing, and profitable brands.	Knight, Philip
Odd hours	Haunted by dreams of a powerful red tide, Odd Thomas, accompanied by two otherworldly sidekicks--his dog Boo and the Chairman of the Board--is drawn to a small California coastal town, where nothing is at it appears and where he confronts overwhelming and sinister forces out to stop his quest.	Koontz, Dean
Inflating a dog : the story of Ella's lunch launch	Ella Leroy dreams of escaping the dreary routine of her 1950s wife-and-mom life. Without telling her husband, she enlists her son Peter and his locally-notorious girlfriend Patti in a scheme: to buy a run-down clamboat and re-invent it as an elegant cruising vessel for summer people in the beach town of Babbington, Long Island.	Kraft, Eric
Where angels go	Archangel Gabriel and his three mischievous Prayer Ambassadors--Shirley, Goodness and Mercy--lend their celestial aid to three needy Christmas cases. Harry Alderwood, 86, prays that his increasingly forgetful wife, Rosalie, will agree to move into assisted living before he dies. Meanwhile, nine-year-old Carter Jackson begs God for a dog, even though his mother and father tell him that they can't afford to keep a pet, while Beth Fischer's mother prays that her divorced paralegal daughter, nightly engrossed in a World of Warcraft online game, will start a new life.	Macomber, Debbie

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The rescue at Dead Dog Beach	Describes the author's efforts to protect the stray dogs of Puerto Rico after discovering Dead Dog Beach, a notorious dumping ground for the island's unwanted canines, and the opposition he faced from locals determined to stop him.	McGarva, Stephen
A dog called hope : a wounded warrior and the service dog who saved him	Lone Survivor meets Marley & Me in this inspiring buddy memoir of an extraordinary service dog whose enduring love brought a wounded soldier back to life.	Morgan, Jason
Stepdog : a memoir	Stepdog is the hilarious and heartwarming tale of a woman who has finally met the man of her dreams—and the dog of her nightmares. Lots of dogs eat shoes, bite people, destroy furniture. But Eddie tried to destroy a marriage.	Navarro, Mireya
Hitler's last days	By early 1945, the destruction of the German Nazi State seems certain. The Allied forces, led by American generals George S. Patton and Dwight D. Eisenhower, are gaining control of Europe, leaving German leaders scrambling. Facing defeat, Adolf Hitler flees to a secret bunker with his new wife, Eva Braun, and his beloved dog, Blondi.	O'Reilly, Bill
The dog who knew too much	Anya Vereen asks PI Bernie Little to pose as a friend of hers and accompany her to parents' weekend at Big Bear Wilderness Camp, where her son, Devin, is a camper. Anya, who fears that her ex, Guy Wenders, also slated to attend, will cause trouble, hopes that Bernie's presence will prevent "unpleasantness." The investigator reluctantly accepts the job. At the camp, he and Chet, his faithful dog sidekick, find themselves with a very different problem to solve after Devin disappears while on an overnight. Chet's tracking ability comes in handy, but the search quickly takes a violent and unexpected turn. Quinn (suspense novelist Peter Abrahams) manages to sell the conceit of a literate canine narrator by dint of intelligent writing and on-the-mark pacing and tone.	Quinn, Spencer
Bones of the lost	While examining a bundle of Peruvian dog mummies confiscated by U.S. Customs, forensic anthropologist Tempe Brennan finds herself in the center of a human trafficking conspiracy when she investigates the murder of a teenage girl/	Reichs, Kathy
The search	Fiona, a dog trainer who participates in canine search-and-rescue missions, is devastated after her fiancé is murdered, but her emotions are rekindled when Simon, a newcomer to town, brings his puppy Jaws to her for obedience training.	Roberts, Nora
Dog tags	Dog-loving lawyer Andy Carpenter plunges into a high profile murder case in which a rogue German shepherd police dog may be the only hope for its owner, an Iraq war vet and former-cop-turned-thief accused of murder.	Rosenfelt, David
Jonathan unleashed : a novel	Jonathan Trefoil's boss is unhinged, his relationship baffling and his apartment just the wrong side of legal. His girlfriend wants to marry someone just like him - only richer and more organized with a different sense of humor. On the plus side, his two flatmates are determined to fix his life - or possibly to destroy it altogether. It's difficult to be certain as they only speak dog.	Rosoff, Meg
Why my third husband will be a dog	Lisa Scottoline's "Philadelphia Inquirer" columns are, at last, together in one collection. In her column, Lisa lets her hair down, roots and all, to show the humorous side of life from a woman's perspective.	Scottoline, Lisa
A spool of blue thread	"It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon." This is the way Abby Whitshank always begins the story of how she fell in love with Red that day in July 1959. The whole family—their two daughters and two sons, their grandchildren, even their faithful old dog—is on the porch, listening contentedly as Abby tells the tale they have heard so many times before	Tyler, Anne
The dog who danced	Mack is a gray-and-white sheltie whose owner, Justine Meade, has taught him to dance. Living in Seattle, Justine, a divorced single mother. When she learns that her father is dying, the financially strapped Justine pays a truck driver \$300 to take her and Mack to Boston. But he abandons Justine at a truck stop with Mack in the backseat and later dumps the dog by the side of the road.	Wilson, Susan