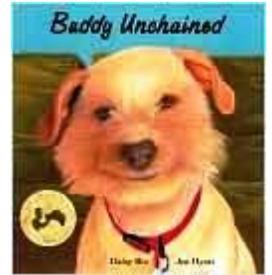


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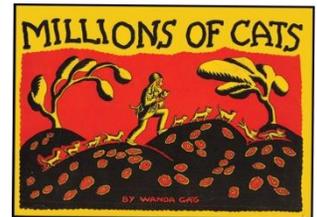
***Buddy Unchained*** by Daisy Box. (38 copies) (Grades K-2)

Buddy, a lovable mixed-breed dog is happy in a new home; he tells the story of his former life, and of how he was rescued and came to live with a caring family. Buddy's story shows that a neglected or abused dog can be rescued to live a good life in a new home through the efforts of those who care.



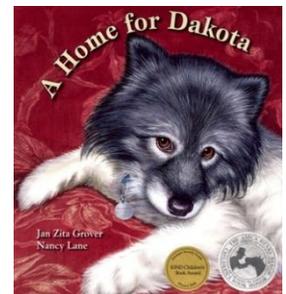
***Millions of Cats*** by Wanda Gag. (4 copies plus a video) (grades K-1)

Millions of Cats is a wonderful tale of vanity versus humility, written and illustrated by the singular Wanda Gag. An old man and his wife decide to get a cat, so the old man goes out in search of the prettiest cat of all. When he is forced to choose from "hundreds, thousands, millions and billions and trillions" of cats, he (naturally) brings them all home. When the wife points out their inability to support the legion of felines, it is left to the cats to decide who among them is the prettiest. Anyone who has ever owned more than a single cat can tell you what happens next.



***A Home for Dakota*** by Jan Grover and Nancy Lane. (4 copies) (Grades PreK-3)

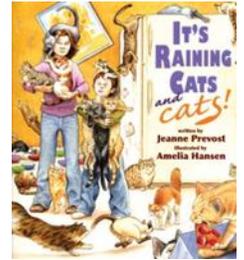
Dog No. 241 lives in a crate in a cold, dark barn that is stacked with hundreds of other caged dogs in a puppy mill breeding operation. She has never known human companionship, exercise, or decent care. One night, rescuers arrive and take her and the other dogs away to lead new and happier lives. Soon, despite her fears, she finds herself in a warm, secure foster home, being bathed and groomed and loved by a young woman named Emma. At first, she is too frightened to respond; all she wants is to return to the familiar dark. Dog No. 241 lives in a crate in a cold, dark barn that is stacked with hundreds of other caged dogs in a puppy mill breeding operation. She has never known human companionship, exercise, or decent care. One night, rescuers arrive and take her and the other dogs away to lead new and happier lives. Soon, despite her fears, she finds herself in a warm, secure foster home, being bathed and groomed and loved by a young woman named Emma. At first, she is too frightened to respond; all she wants is to return to the familiar dark.



Eventually renamed Dakota, she learns to love and trust Emma, and her foster home becomes a friendly haven. But then a new challenge arrives in the person of a young girl, Sweetie, who is recovering from a misfortune as deep as Dakota's own. Sweetie and her parents come to look at Dakota as a possible pet. Initially, Sweetie rejects hairless little Dakota, but later she returns to offer Dakota a home, and Emma recommends her for adoption. With Emma's reassurances, Dakota goes to her forever home to become Sweetie's true partner in recovery.

***It's Raining Cats and Cats*** by Jean Prevost. (34 copies) (grades 2-5)

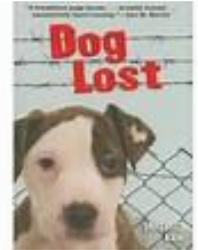
The horrific overpopulation of cats is one of our country's most tragic animal problems. Let us hope that this charming book will help guide readers to the obvious solution, spay/neuter."— Bob Barker, founder of The DJ&T Foundation and former host of The Price Is Right



***Dog Lost*** by Ingrid Lee. (1 copy) (Grades 2-5)

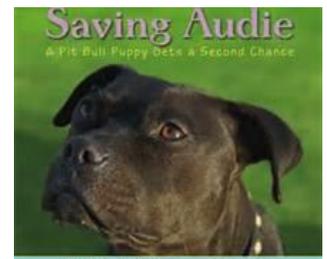
You can't judge a dog by its cover: The heroic story of a sweet, loyal pit bull pup that defies expectations and her breed's reputation to save the day--and the boy she loves!

11-year-old Mackenzie has got one friend in the whole world: Cash, his brown-eyed pit bull. His dad won the runt after a long night of gambling--ever since Mack's mom died, that's all he seems to do, and soon he erupts in a rage at the innocent pup, takes her away in the trunk of his car, and dumps her in the middle of nowhere. Mack vows to find Cash and bring her back home--he has to! All strays are about to be outlawed and put down. Little does Mack know that while he searches for Cash, she's surviving her own adventures and proving in the process that all dogs--even pit bulls--are born good.



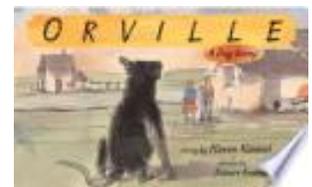
***Saving Audie a Pit Bull Gets a Second Chance*** by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent (4 copies) (Grades 4 and up, however, can be used for lower grades)

When Michael Vick's dog fighting ring was discovered, more than forty dogs were rescued. But their struggle was far from over. Most animal advocates believed the former fighting dogs were too damaged to save, but Audie and his kennel mates would prove them wrong when public outcry and the publicity surrounding Michael Vick's punishment won them a chance at a happy life. Teaming up once again with William Muñoz, photo-essay veteran Dorothy Hinshaw Patent gives an emotional account of one dog's heartwarming story; showing how Audie, who was only a puppy when he was rescued, was rehabilitated, adopted, and now enjoys the love he deserves.



***Orville: A Dog Story*** by Haven Kimmel (1 copy) (grades K-3)

A big, ugly dog is happy to meet a farmer and his wife who decide to give him a name and a home, but not so happy when they chain him to the barn. All Orville can do is bark to tell the world how unhappy he is, and the more he barks, the more he is left alone. But everything changes when Sally MacIntosh moves into the little house across the road and Orville falls in love. A beautifully crafted text that blends wry humor with the poignant twang of a country-and-western song is accompanied by dreamy, spare watercolor-and-ink illustrations for a fresh, original picture book that will resonate with anyone who has ever felt lonely or misunderstood.



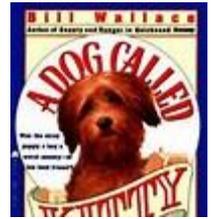
***Wringer*** by Jerry Spinelli (28 copies) (grades 4-6)

Palmer LaRue is not looking forward to the day he turns 10. His town has an annual Pigeon Day. When a boy turns 10 in this town, they become "wringers" and strangle the pigeons wounded during the annual pigeon shoot. He must either accept this task or find the courage to say no. His buddies soon discover Palmer is hiding a pet pigeon in his room. He finds friendship with Dorothy, the girl across the street. Palmer finds it is hard not to go along with the crowd.



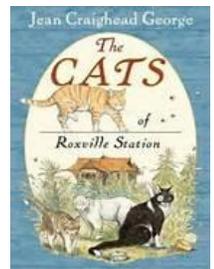
***A Dog Called Kitty*** by Bill Wallace (30 copies) (grades 3-5)

The puppy was small and fuzzy, with a friendly, wagging tail -- and Ricky was afraid of him! No wonder, since he was attacked by a dog when he was just a baby. So when a stray puppy comes sniffing around the farm, Ricky tells it to get lost. But the puppy keeps trying to play with Ricky. And every time Ricky's Mom feeds the cats, the little dog comes running. The cats aren't sharing their food, however, and the poor pup is slowly starving. If Ricky doesn't overcome his fear, the little puppy may die -- but if he lets himself get close enough to feed it, he may find the best friend he's ever had!



***The Cats of Roxville Station*** by Jean Craighead George (19 copies) (grades 3-5)

Rachet the cat was cruelly thrown in a river to drown, but she escapes and finds a home with the feral cats living by the Roxville train station. As Rachet learns to live with the cats and other animals, Mike, a local foster child, spots her and decides to befriend her. But Mike must learn to speak the language of cats to gain Rachet's trust. This gorgeous novel from celebrated author Jean Craighead George offers insight into feline behavior as it explores the wonder of friendship and the natural world hiding among us.



***Kittens in the Kitchen*** by Ben M. Baglio (30 copies) (grades 3-4)

Mandy Hope helps her parents treat animals of all shapes and sizes. Even outside the clinic, Mandy can't resist helping any animal in need. But when a stray cat gives birth in Mr. William's kitchen, he is absolutely furious. Can Mandy and her friend James find homes for four newborn kittens in just one week?

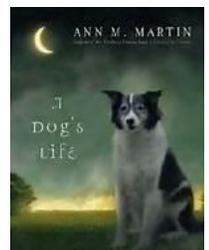


When the stray cat she has adopted has kittens in her school caretaker's cottage, he gives Mandy just a week to find homes for the four babies.

***A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray*** by Ann M. Martin (31 copies) (grades 4-5)

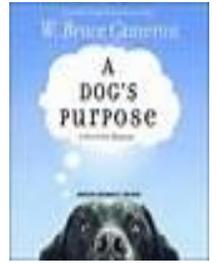
Newbery Honor author Ann Martin's "heart wrenching and heartwarming" (Kirkus) dog story, now in paperback, with After Words bonus material.

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 Dog's Purpose: A Novel for Humans*** by W. Bruce Cameron (25 copies) (grade 7.6 Lexile 960L)

This is the remarkable story of one endearing dog's search for his purpose over the course of several lives. More than just another charming dog story, *A Dog's Purpose* touches on the universal quest for an answer to life's most basic question: Why are we here?

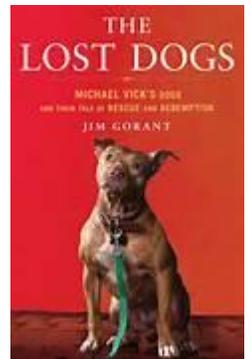


Surprised to find himself reborn as a rambunctious golden-haired puppy after a tragically short life as a stray mutt, Bailey's search for his new life's meaning leads him into the loving arms of 8-year-old Ethan. During their countless adventures Bailey joyously discovers how to be a good dog. But this life as a beloved family pet is not the end of Bailey's journey. Reborn as a puppy yet again, Bailey wonders—will he ever find his purpose?

Heartwarming, insightful, and often laugh-out-loud funny, *A Dog's Purpose* is not only the emotional and hilarious story of a dog's many lives, but also a dog's-eye commentary on human relationships and the unbreakable bonds between man and man's best friend. This moving and beautifully crafted story teaches us that love never dies, that our true friends are always with us, and that every creature on earth is born with a purpose.

***The Lost Dogs: Michael Vick's Dogs and Their Tale of Rescue*** by Jim Gorant (60 copies) (Grades High School)

The bestselling story of survival and our powerful bond with man's best friend, in the aftermath of the nation's most notorious animal cruelty case. Featuring a new Afterword with updates on the Vick dogs.



Animal lovers and sports fans were shocked when the story broke about NFL player Michael Vick's brutal dog-fighting operation. But what became of the fifty-one dogs who survived? As acclaimed writer Jim Gorant reveals, their story is the truly newsworthy aspect of this case. *The Lost Dogs* traces the effort to bring Vick to justice and turns the spotlight on these infamous pit bulls, which were saved from euthanasia by an outpouring of public appeals coupled with a court order that Vick pay nearly a million dollars in "restitution" to the dogs.

As an ASPCA-led team evaluated each one, they found a few hardened fighters, but most were lovable, friendly creatures desperate for compassion. In *The Lost Dogs*, we meet these amazing animals, many of whom now live in loving homes and work in therapy programs. *The Lost Dogs* exposes the terrible practice of dog fighting and shows us that even after being subjected to heartbreaking abuse, above all, a dog still wants to be man's best friend.

(\*\***WARNING**): First half of book states exactly how the dogs were killed by Vick and his partners)