

Henry Bergh Award Winners

Non-fiction

Animals Asleep by Sneed B. Collard

J591.56 COL

Gives a glimpse into the many different ways animals sleep, from a dozing orangutan to a sleeping whale, as well as provides facts about each animal.

The Elephant Hospital by Kathy Darling

J636.9

This book describes the work done by veterinarians at the Elephant Hospital in Thailand, including helping pregnant and newborn elephants, elephants injured and abused in logging operations, and elephants with illnesses and infections.

ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room by Donna M. Jackson

J636.089 JAC

Twenty-four hours a day, with a very special team, emergency room veterinarians try to heal little—and large—creatures we consider part of our families. Filled with full-color behind-the-scenes photographs, this book captures the drama, excitement, and courage of being an ER vet.

Fire Dogs by Donna Latham

J636.73 LAT

Learn the science of arson investigation, and discover how dogs are trained to sniff for clues when all evidence has seemingly gone up in smoke

Gorilla Doctors: Saving Endangered Great Apes by Pamela S. Turner

J599.884

Mountain gorillas are one of the most endangered species in the world. Now they are facing a new threat, from the very tourism that is helping to protect them: exposure to human disease. This is the story of the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project and its work to provide medical care to the gorillas.

Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog by Pamela S. Turner

J636.7 TUR

This book tells the true story of a loyal dog who accompanied his master to and from a Tokyo train station everyday for a year and, after his master died, continued to wait for him there every day for many years.

How to Speak Dog! by Sarah Whitehead

J636.7 WHI

If dogs could talk, what would they say? Read this book to find out what it means when dogs do things like wag their tails and sniff other dogs and learn how you can communicate back!

Interrupted Journey: Saving Endangered Sea Turtles by Kathryn Lasky

J636.9 DAR

All sea turtles are threatened or endangered, but the Kemp's ridley is the most endangered of all. This book describes efforts to protect sea turtles, particularly Kemp's ridley turtles, and help them reproduce and replenish their once-dwindling numbers.

Is My Dog a Wolf?: How your Pet Compares to Its Wild Cousin by Jenni Bidner

J636.7 BID

These books explains how dogs and wolves descended from the ancient wolf, but have evolved into very different animals. It then discusses both the similarities and differences between how the two animals behave.

It's About Dogs: Poems by Tony Johnston

J811.54 JOH

Here is a presentation of forty-two poems--some funny, some poignant and philosophical--about dogs and their attributes, including their loyalty to people, their love of food and smells, and their varied appearances and personalities.

Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea by Sy Montgomery

J599.222 MON

It looks like a bear, it climbs trees as easily as a monkey and it has a belly pocket like a kangaroo — but isn't any of these animals. What is it!? Follow a group of explorers and scientists as they travel to Papua New Guinea to find the amazing Matschie's tree kangaroo.

Tails Are Not for Pulling by Elizabeth Verdick

J636.0887 VER

Children will learn in this book how to pay attention to the cues animals give with their barks, growls, purrs, and whishing tails.

Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter by Mary Alice Monroe

J597.928 MON

This is a mother's journal of a summer spent with her daughter on an island among loggerhead turtles. Using original photographs, this scrapbook journal explains the nesting cycle of sea turtles and the natural life along the southeastern coast, including local shore birds, shells, and the sea turtle hospital.

Water Rescue Dogs by Frances E. Ruffin

J636.73 RUF

Told in a gripping narrative style, this book will introduce readers to dogs who have been expertly trained to rescue people from floods, boating accidents, and other water-related disasters. Take a journey with the dogs as they go from training school to the first day on the job.

Wild Tracks!: A Guide to Nature's Footprints by Jim Arnosky

J591.47 ARN

Naturalist Jim Arnosky explains everything you ever wanted to know about animal tracks, including telling how fresh tracks are, which animals made them, how fast they might have been traveling, and more.

The Wolves Are Back by Jean Craighead George

J599.773 GEO

Persecuted and hunted for nearly 100 years in the U.S., wolves almost became extinct. Gradually reintroduced, they are thriving again in the West, much to the benefit of the ecosystem. This book will teach a new generation to appreciate the grace, dignity, and value of wolves as it promotes awareness of the environment's delicate balance.

Picture Books

Dolphins on the Sand by Jim Arnosky

E ARN

A dozen dolphins, led by the eldest member and her youngster, become stranded on a sandbar and must be helped to safety by humans.

Goose's Story by Cari Best

E BES

A young girl finds a Canada goose with a badly injured foot and looks for her each day to see how she is doing.

Before You Were Mine by Maribeth Boelts

E BOE

In this thought provoking picture book, a young boy imagines what his rescued dog's life was like before he adopted him.

"Let's Get a Pup!" Said Kate by Bob E. Graham

E GRA

When Kate and her parents visit the animal shelter, an adorable puppy charms them, but it is very hard to leave an older dog behind.

Earth Mother by Ellen B. Jackson

E JAC

This beautifully illustrated story portrays a day in the life of Earth Mother who, as she tends plants and animals around the world, meets three of her creations and gives them advice on how to make the world more perfect.

Jubela by Cristina Kessler

E KES

When a baby rhino loses his mother, he must rely on his own resources to survive until he is adopted by an old female rhino.

So, What's It Like to Be a Cat? By Karla Kuskin

E KUS

A cat answers a young child's questions about things such as how much and where it sleeps, and whether or not it likes living with people.

Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival by Kirby Larson

E LAR

This a true story of how a dog and a cat relied on each other for survival after the devastating Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, leaving them without an owner.

Go Home!: The True Story of James the Cat by Libby Phillips Meggs

E MEG

A homeless cat spends several seasons wandering alone until finally a suburban family adopts him for their own.

Old Mother Bear by Victoria Miles

E MIL

A twenty-four-year-old grizzly bear gives birth to her last litter of cubs, and then spends three years teaching them what they need to know to survive in their southern British Columbia home before they go off on their own.

Chapter Books

Dog Sense: A Novel by Sneed B. Collard

J COL

After he and his mother move from California to Montana to live with his grandfather, thirteen-year-old Guy gradually adjusts to the unfamiliar surroundings, makes a friend, and learns to deal with a bully, with the help of his Frisbee-catching dog, Streak.

Star in the Storm by Joan Hiatt Harlow

J HAR

Because of a new law outlawing non-shepherding dogs in her Newfoundland village, twelve-year-old Maggie fears for the safety of her beloved Newfoundland dog Sirius. Maggie tries to save him by keeping him hidden. Will it work?

Wings by William Loizeaux

J LOI

Ten-year-old Nick, who misses his father, finds companionship after rescuing an injured baby mockingbird.

A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray by Ann M. Martin

J MAR

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.