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Dog Stories for the Dog Days of Summer

FICTION

Art of Racing in the Rain

Stein, Garth

A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope. This is the story of Enzo and his master, Denny, as told through Enzo's point of view.

Biloxi: A Novel

By Mary Miller

Mary Miller seizes the mantle of southern literature with this wry tale of middle age and the unexpected turns a life can take. Miller slyly transports readers to her unapologetic corner of the South--this time, Biloxi, Mississippi, home to sixty-three-year-old Louis McDonald Jr. His wife of thirty-seven years left him, his father has passed--and he has impulsively retired from his job in anticipation of an inheritance check that may not come. In the meantime, he watches reality television, sips beer, and avoids his ex-wife and daughter. One day, he stops at a house advertising free dogs and meets overweight mixed-breed Layla. Unexpectedly, Louis takes her, and, newly invigorated, begins investigating local dog parks and buying extra bologna.

A Cold Day for Murder

By Dana Stabenow

MYSTERY

It is December in the Park, and a ranger is missing. It is no great loss to the rest of the Park rats, they figure he has stumbled into a snowbank and will re-emerge come breakup, just in time for the ground to thaw and them to bury him.

Dancing Dogs: Stories

By Jon Katz

Short Stories

A collection of dog-themed stories includes the tales of a woman's farewell to a beloved retriever, a young girl's instant connection with a shelter puppy, and a sheepdog's confrontation with an injured coyote.

The Darkest Evening of the Year

By Dean Koontz

Amy Redwing has dedicated her life to the southern California organization she founded to rescue abandoned and endangered golden retrievers. No one is surprised when Amy risks her life to save Nickie, nor when she takes the female golden into her home. The bond between Amy and Nickie is immediate and uncanny. Even her two other goldens, Fred and Ethel, recognize Nickie as special, a natural alpha. But the instant joy Nickie brings is shadowed by a series of eerie, ominous, and invasive incidents.

Dog On It (A Chet and Bernie Mystery, Book 1)

By Spencer Quinn

MYSTERY

Meet Chet, the wise and lovable canine narrator of Dog On It, who works alongside Bernie, a down-on-his-luck private investigator. Chet might have flunked out of police school but he's a detective through and through. In this, their first adventure, Chet and Bernie investigate the disappearance of Madison, a teenage girl who may or may not have been kidnapped, but who has definitely gotten mixed up with some very unsavory characters. He's relieved, if vaguely suspicious, when Madison turns up unharmed with a story that doesn't add up. But then she disappears for a second time in a week. Both Chet and Bernie bring their own special skills to the hunt, one that puts each of them in peril. But even as the bad guys try to turn the tables, this duo is nothing if not resourceful, and the result is an uncommonly satisfying adventure. With his doggy ways and his endearingly hardboiled voice, Chet is full of heart and occasionally prone to mischief. He is intensely loyal to Bernie, who, is enormously likable himself, in his flawed, all-too-human way

A Dog's Purpose (book 1 in A Dog's Purpose series)

By Bruce W. Cameron

This is the remarkable story of one endearing dog's search for his purpose over the course of several lives.

Searching for his purpose over the course of multiple canine lives, Bailey is reborn as a golden-haired puppy after a tragic death as a stray and shares a loving bond with young Ethan before he again dies and starts over.

The Friend

By Sigrid Nunez

A moving story of love, friendship, grief, healing, and the magical bond between a woman and her dog. When a woman unexpectedly loses her lifelong best friend and

mentor, she finds herself burdened with the unwanted dog he has left behind. Her own battle against grief is intensified by the mute suffering of the dog, a huge Great Dane traumatized by the inexplicable disappearance of its master, and by the threat of eviction: dogs are prohibited in her apartment building. While others worry that grief has made her a victim of magical thinking, the woman refuses to be separated from the dog except for brief periods of time. Isolated from the rest of the world, increasingly obsessed with the dog's care, determined to read its mind and fathom its heart, she comes dangerously close to unraveling. But while troubles abound, rich and surprising rewards lie in store for both of them.

Jonathan Unleashed

By Meg Rosoff

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 with a different sense of humour. 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. Poor Jonathan. He doesn't remember life being this confusing back in the good old days before everyone expected him to act like a person. But one thing he knows for sure: if he can make it in New York City, he can make it anywhere. Will he get out of advertising, meet the girl of his dreams and figure out the gender of his secret crush? Given how it's going so far, probably not.

Lessons in Chemistry

By Bonnie Garmus

Set in 1960s California, this blockbuster debut is the hilarious, idiosyncratic and uplifting story of a female scientist whose career is constantly derailed by the idea that a woman's place is in the home, only to find herself starring as the host of America's most beloved TV cooking show.

Lily and The Octopus

By Steven Rowley

A man is reminded of how it feels to love fiercely, to fight for a loved one, and to work through the pain of letting go as he becomes gradually aware of his devoted bond with his aging canine companion.

The Mountaintop School for Dogs

By Ellen Cooney

A woman with little experience with animals signs up to be a volunteer trainer at The Sanctuary, a home for strays and unwanted dogs, and learns more than she bargained for about forgiveness, rehabilitation, and being rescued.

Open and Shut (Andy Carpenter Mystery Book 1)

By David Rosenfelt

MYSTERY

Defense attorney Andy Carpenter manages to sail through any tough situation, whether inside the courtroom or in his personal life. But this all changes when his marriage breaks up and his father suddenly dies, leaving him distraught--and 22 million dollars richer.

Tomorrow

Damian Dibben,

With the rich historical vision of *Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell* and the captivating canine perspective of *A Dog's Purpose*, *Tomorrow* draws us into a unique century-spanning tale of the unbreakable connection between dog and human.

The Wild Inside

By Jamey Bradbury

A natural born trapper and hunter raised in the Alaskan wilderness, Tracy Petrikoff spends her days tracking animals and running with her dogs in the remote forests surrounding her family's home. Though she feels safe in this untamed land, Tracy still follows her late mother's rules: Never Lose Sight of the House. Never Come Home with Dirty Hands. And, above all else, Never Make a Person Bleed. But these precautions aren't enough to protect Tracy when a stranger attacks her in the woods and knocks her unconscious. The next day, she glimpses an eerily familiar man emerge from the tree line, gravely injured from a vicious knife wound--a wound from a hunting knife similar to the one she carries in her pocket. Was this the man who attacked her and did she almost kill him? With her memories of the events jumbled, Tracy can't be sure. Helping her father cope with her mother's death and prepare for the approaching Iditarod, she doesn't have time to think about what she may have done. Then a mysterious wanderer appears, looking for a job. Tracy senses that Jesse Goodwin is hiding something, but she can't warn her father without explaining about the attack--or why she's kept it to herself. It soon becomes clear that something dangerous is going on. the way Jesse has wormed his way into the family. the threatening face of the stranger in a crowd. the boot-prints she finds at the forest's edge. Her family is in trouble. Will uncovering the truth protect them--or is the threat closer than Tracy suspects?

NON FICTION TITLES

Come Back, Como: Winning the Heart of a Reluctant Dog

By Steven Winn

636.7092 WIN

A narrative based on the author's ten-part series in the "San Francisco Chronicle" describes one man's uncommonly rich experience with a dog who wanted nothing whatsoever to do with him.

Doctor Dogs: how our Best Friends are Becoming Our Best Medicine

By Maria Goodavage

615.8515 GOO

New York Times bestselling author Maria Goodavage takes us on a thrilling, delightful, globe-trotting journey to discover the heartwarming and fascinating new world of doctor dogs. In this groundbreaking book, Goodavage brings us behind the scenes of cutting-edge science at top research centers, and into the lives of people whose well-being depends on their devoted, highly skilled personal MDs (medical dogs). With her signature wit and passion, Goodavage explores how doctor dogs are becoming our happy allies in the fight against dozens of physical and mental conditions.

Dog is Love: Why and How Your Dog Loves You

By Clive D.L. Wynn PhD

636.7 WYN

A pioneering canine behaviorist draws on cutting-edge research to show that a single, simple trait--the capacity to love--is what makes dogs such perfect companions for humans, and to explain how people can better reciprocate their affection.

Dog Songs: Poems

By Mary Oliver

811.54 OLI

A selection of new and favorite poems celebrates the canine companions who have enriched the author's world, exploring how they have accompanied her walks, inspired her work, and served as life guides.

Dog Years: A Memoir

By Mark Doty

BIOGRAPHY

When Mark Doty decides to adopt a dog as a companion for his dying partner, he brings home Beau, a large, malnourished golden retriever in need of loving care. Joining Arden, the black retriever, to complete their family, Beau bounds back into life. Before long, the two dogs become Doty's intimate companions, and eventually the very life force that keeps him from abandoning all hope during the darkest days.

The Dogist

By Elias Weiss Friedman

779.3297 FRI

A treasury of expressive canine portraits is complemented by subject stories and characteristics and is thematically organized under sections ranging from "Puppies" and "Cones of Shame" to "Working Dogs" and "Dogs in Fancy Outfits."

How Dogs Love Us: A Neuroscientist and His Adopted Dog Decode the Canine Brain

By Gregory Berns

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The powerful bond between humans and dogs is one that's uniquely cherished. Loyal, obedient, and affectionate, they are truly "man's best friend." But do dogs love us the way we love them? Emory University neuroscientist Gregory Berns had spent decades

using MRI imaging technology to study how the human brain works, but a different question still nagged at him: *What is my dog thinking?*

After his family adopted Callie, a shy, skinny terrier mix, Berns decided that there was only one way to answer that question--use an MRI machine to scan the dog's brain. His colleagues dismissed the idea. Everyone knew that dogs needed to be restrained or sedated for MRI scans. But if the military could train dogs to operate calmly in some of the most challenging environments, surely there must be a way to train dogs to sit in an MRI scanner.

With this radical conviction, Berns and his dog would embark on a remarkable journey and be the first to glimpse the inner workings of the canine brain. Painstakingly, the two worked together to overcome the many technical, legal, and behavioral hurdles. Berns' research offers surprising results on how dogs empathize with human emotions, how they love us, and why dogs and humans share one of the most remarkable friendships in the animal kingdom.

Good Dog: True Stories of Love, Loss and Loyalty

Edited by David DiBenedetto

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Inspired by "Garden & Gun" magazine's popular "Good Dog" column, a collection of true stories celebrating the unique relationship between humans and their canine companions includes contributions by Jon Meacham, Roy Blount Jr., Dominique Browning, and P.J. O'Rourke.

Lessons from Tara: Life Advice from the World's Most Brilliant Dog

By David Rosenfelt

636.7 ROS

Describes what the author learned about life and love from his first dog, Tara, who inspired her namesake in the Andy Carpenter novels, his fictional works about an animal-loving attorney who saves both humans and canines from death row.

Once Wolf: The Science Behind our Dogs' Astonishing Genetic Evolution

By Bryan Sykes

636.7 SYK

Reveals how all dogs share a common ancestry with a small group of domesticated wolves and how the vast range of canine breeds were created by a few gene mutations.

Oogy: The Dog Only a Family Could Love

By Larry Levin

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The story of a friendly, severely injured puppy who had been used as a bait dog in dogfights, and the family who adopted him.

Our best Friends: Wagging Tales to Warm the Heart

By Michael Capuzzo and Teresa Banik Capuzzo

636.7 OUR

In this delightful and heartwarming book, America's premier pet columnist, Michael Capuzzo, presents remarkable true stories celebrating the powerful and nurturing bond

between people and their dogs. Drawn from history and literature as well as from dog lovers--both famous and not so famous--from all walks of life all over the world, here are unforgettable tales of hope, heroism, and healing that capture the unflagging nobility of our oldest, dearest, and truly best animal friend.

Service Dogs: The Heroes Who Protect the President of the United States

By Maria Goodavage

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US members of state are protected by service dogs and their handlers. Secret Service Dogs shines a spotlight on some of these canine heroes, from Hurricane, a Belgian Malinois with four titanium teeth, to Roadee, a little terrier mix with a big attitude. It's a must-read for dog lovers and anyone who wants a behind-the-scenes look at one of the most captivating programs of the United States Secret Service.

Travels with Charley in Search of America

By John Steinbeck

917.3049 STE

Steinbeck hits the highways with his French poodle, Charley. In a custom-built camper he named Rosinante after Don Quixote's steed, the two traveled the country--10,000 miles and 34 states. Their varied experiences comprise several slices of small-town back-roads Americana. Steinbeck laments the rise of plastic-covered everything, the vacuousness of "sad souls" he encounters, and the homogenization of local and regional culture. But bright spots abound, and Steinbeck rarely forsakes his humor and his hope in the human spirit. He reluctantly swings through the deep, segregated South before he concludes his trip. Here the ugly specter of racism pervades all, and Steinbeck's chronicle is profoundly disturbing.

What is a Dog: A Memoir

By Chloe Shaw

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On the heels of her family's beloved dog's death, one woman returns to the canines of her past in order to imagine the human she hopes to become in the future in her memoir, *What Is a Dog?* Chloe Shaw is in a dog house of her own choosing. A married mother with kids, the death of Booker, her children's eldest family pet, has left her reeling and reckoning with her lifelong relationship with dogs. Unable to shake the feeling a year later, she asks her family for some time alone to be with nothing but her thoughts and remaining canines, Safari and Otter--only to find the dogs of her past pawing at her every memory and running, sticks in mouths, back into her life. What follows is a meditation on one woman's life through the dogs she's loved and lost.

When Harry Met Minnie: A True Story of Love and Friendship

By Martha Teichner

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A memoir of love and loss, of being in the right place at the right time, and of the mysterious ways a beloved pet can bring people together, from CBS Sunday Morning News correspondent and multi-Emmy-Award-winning Martha Teichner. There are true fairy tales. Stories that exist because impossible-to-explain coincidences change

everything. Except in real life, not all of them have conventional, happily-ever-after endings. When Harry Met Minnie is that kind of fairy tale, with the vibrant, romantic New York City backdrop of its namesake, the movie When Harry Met Sally, and the bittersweet wisdom of Tuesdays with Morrie. There's a special camaraderie among early-morning dog walkers. Gathering at dog runs in the park, or strolling through the farmer's market at Union Square before the bustling crowd appears, fellow pet owners become familiar-as do the personalities of their beloved animals. In this special space and time, a chance encounter with an old acquaintance changed Martha Teichner's world. As fate would have it, her friend knew someone who was dying of cancer, from exposure to toxins after 9/11, and desperate to find a home for her dog, Harry. He was a Bull Terrier-the same breed as Martha's dear Minnie. Would Martha consider giving Harry a safe, loving new home? In short order, boy dog meets girl dog, the fairy tale part of this story. But there is so much more to this book. After Martha agrees to meet Harry and his owner Carol, what begins as a transaction involving a dog becomes a deep and meaningful friendship between two women with complicated lives and a love of Bull Terriers in common. Through the heartbreak and grief of Carol's illness, the bond that develops changed Martha's life, Carol's life, Minnie's life, Harry's life. As it changed Carol's death as well. In this rich and touching narrative, Martha considers the ways our stories are shaped by the people we meet, and the profound love we can find by opening our hearts to unexpected encounters.

Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod

By Gary Paulsen

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Paulsen and his team of dogs endured snowstorms, frostbite, dogfights, moose attacks, sleeplessness, and hallucinations in the relentless push to go on.

Rescuing Riley, Saving Myself: A Man and His Struggle to Find Salvation

By Zachary Aneregg

BIOGRAPHY

While hiking on a solo vacation in a remote, uninhabitable region of Arizona, Zachary Aneregg happened upon Riley, an emaciated puppy clinging to life at the bottom of a 350-foot canyon. In a daring act of humanity that trumped the deliberate savagery behind Riley's presence in such a place, Zak single-handedly orchestrated a delicate rescue.

Zak and Riley's destinies were intertwined long before they improbably found each other. For much of Zak's childhood, he was at the bottom of a veritable canyon himself--a canyon in which imprisoning depth and darkness were created by bullies who just wouldn't quit and parents who weren't capable of love.

When Zak found Riley, the puppy's condition bespoke his abusers' handiwork--three shotgun pellets embedded beneath his skin and teeth turned permanently black from malnutrition. The meeting was one of a man and a dog singularly suited to save each other. As a former US Marine sergeant, Zak was one of only a few people with the mettle and physical wherewithal to get Riley out. And in rescuing him, Zak was also attempting to save himself, conquering the currents of cruelty that swelled beneath his early life and had always threatened to drown him.