

Paws and Read!

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• Storytime •

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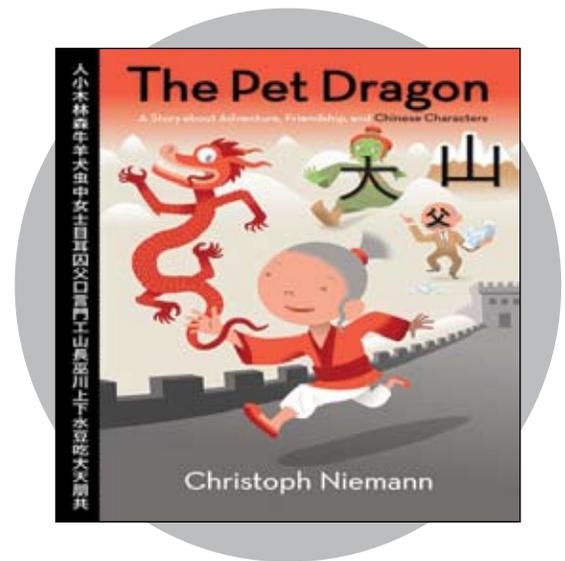


Further Reading

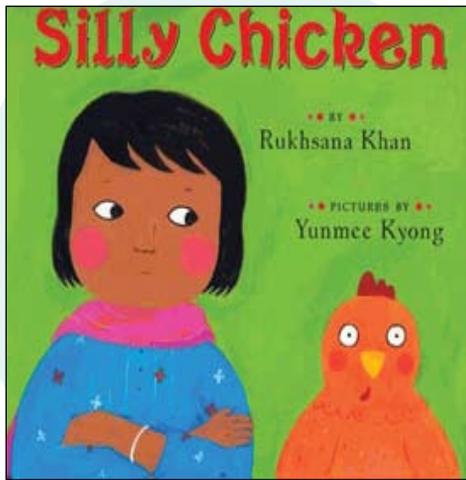
- *Arthur's Pet Business* by Marc Brown. Little, Brown and Company 1990. ISBN: 0316112623. Arthur's determination to prove he is responsible enough to have a puppy brings him to a menagerie of animals to care for.
- *At the Dog Park With Sam and Lucy* by Daisy Bix. Gryphon Press, 2006. ISBN: 9780940719002. In this first-ever children's book about dog parks, dogs Sam and Lucy eagerly take part in a dog fiesta of movement and fun as they run off-leash, free to cavort, to meet and greet, and to leap and chase.
- *Bad Cat* by Tracy-Lee Mcguinness-Kelly. Little, Brown and Company 2003. ISBN: 0316605840. Bad Cat plays a lot of tricks that turn out all right in the end.
- *Bath Day (Puppy & Me series)* by Julia Noonan. Cartwheel Books 2000. ISBN: 0439114926. Come romp with a lovable little girl and her irresistible dog, Pup, as they splash and play. This delightfully rhythmic story with luminous artwork is told and seen from a child's point of view.
- *Cats, Cats, Cats!* by Leslea Newman. Simon & Schuster, 2001. ISBN: 0689830777. At night when Mrs. Brown begins to snore, her sixty cats have fun galore.
- *Clifford's Best Friend* by Norman Bridwell. Scholastic, Inc. 2000. ISBN: 0430219973. Emily Elizabeth, Clifford the Big Red Dog's friend talks about her day and what she has to do having Clifford the Big Red Dog in her life.
- *Daniel's Dog* by Jo Ellen Bogart. Scholastic, Inc. 1990. ISBN: 0590434020. A young boy adjusts to the arrival of his new baby sister with the help of his imaginary dog, Lucy.
- *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash* by Trinka Hakes Noble. Dial Books for Young Readers 1980. ISBN: 0803717237. Jimmy's boa constrictor wreaks havoc on a class trip to a farm.
- *The Dog from Arf! Arf! To Zzzzzz: The Dog Artist Collection*. Harper Collins, 2004. ISBN: 0060598581. Alphabet book of awesome dogs using real photographs and simple words.
- *A Dog Named Jack* by DyAnne Disalvo-Ryan. Holiday House, 1999. ISBN: 0823413691. After a long life of chasing squirrels, licking ice cream cones, and loving his adoptive family, an old dog comes to the end of his days.
- *Emma's Pet* by David McPhail. E.P. Dutton, 1985. ISBN: 0525442103. Emma's search for a soft, cuddly pet has a surprise ending.
- *Emma's Strange Pet* by Jean Little. HarperCollins, 2003. ISBN: 00602835065. Emma is allergic to animals with fur, but because she and her adopted brother really want a pet, they decided to try a lizard.

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- *Fran's Friend* by Lisa Bruce. Bloomsbury Children's Books 2003. ISBN: 1582347778. Fran's dog Fred wants her to play with him and does not understand why she is so busy working on something special (for him!).
- *Fritz's Fish* by Geraldine Elschner. Penguin, 2005. ISBN: 0698400283. Fritz, who longs to have a pet, captures a fish after the river floods his neighborhood, but must decide how long he can keep him in the apartment bathtub.
- *Just Dog* by Hiawyn Oram. Chronicle Books 1998. ISBN: 0811822478. Dog is a dog, and that's what everyone calls him: Dog. But Dog is sure he deserves a more exciting name, and he sets out to prove it, much to the amusement of a cat named Midnight.
- *Lost and Found* by Rebecca Doughty. Putnam, 2005. ISBN: 0399241779. When Lucy slows down, she finds she does not lose things as much as she used to, and in losing and finding her dog, she finds a new friend, too.
- *Meow!* by Allan Ahlberg. Candlewick Press, 2002. ISBN: 033618705. (A lift-the-flap book.) Clara has a little cat, a tabby tom named Jack. When he goes out for a walk, she waits even though he's always late.
- *Mess Pets* by Jill McElmurry. Sea Star Books 2002. ISBN: 1587171740. Hannah and Hilary are two sisters who just can't agree. Hannah revels in dirty clothes and jumbled heaps while Hilary has a place for everything. But when a furry, fun-loving creature grows from the depths of Hannah's mess, a jealous Hilary steals some of her sister's gooey gobs to create a fabulous "mess pet" of her own.
- *Moonbear's Pet* by Frank Asch. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 1997. ISBN: 0689807945. Bear and Little Bird find a baby fish in their pond and decide to keep her for a pet, but when she starts to sprout wings, or maybe paws, each thinks the fish wants to be like him!
- *Mouse in the House* by Patricia Baehr. Holiday House, 1994. ISBN: 0823411028. Mrs. Teapot's new pets try to catch the mouse in her house.
- *Old Mother Hubbard and Her Wonderful Dog* Illustrated by James Marshall. Farrar, Straus and Giroux 1991. ISBN: 0374356211. Colorful illustrations of the classic Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme.
- *The Perfect Pet* by Carol Chataway and Greg Holfeld. Kids Can Press, 2001. ISBN: 155337178X. Hamlet, Pygmalion and Podge are three little pigs that each wants a dog more than anything else in the world. The problem is, they just can't decide what sort to get.
- *The Perfect Pet* by Margie Palatini. HarperCollins 2003. ISBN: 0060001089. After Elizabeth's parents do not agree with her various suggestions for the perfect pet, she discovers a solution.



- *The Pet Dragon* by Christopher Niemann. Greenwillow Books, 2008. ISBN: 9780061577765. When Lin's beloved pet dragon disappears, she searches for home far and wide until a witch helps her reach the dragon's new home. Introduces a different Chinese character on each step of Lin's adventure.
- *Please Don't Tease Tootsie* by Margaret Chamberlain. Dutton, 2008. ISBN: 9780525479826. The playful rhyming text and wonderfully wacky illustrations exude fun and warmth that teaches children to be kind to their animal friends.



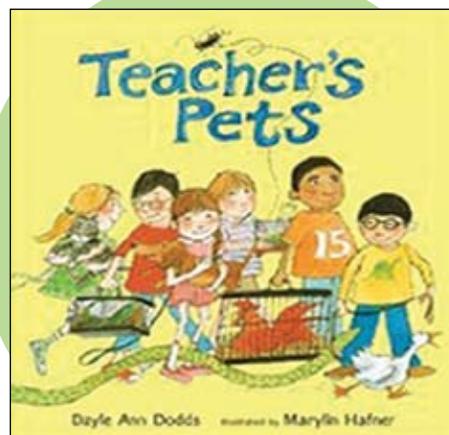
- *Silly Chicken* by Rukhsana Khan. Viking, 2005. ISBN: 060059129. In Pakistan, Runi believes that her mother loves their pet chicken Bibi more than she cares for her, until the day that a fluffy chick appears and steals Rani's own affections.
- *Spike* by Paulette Bogan. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1998. ISBN: 0399231633. Tired and bored with his life as a dog, Spike leaves home to try doing what other animals do.
- *Spike in the Kennel* by Paulette Bogan. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2001. ISBN: 0399235949. On his first stay at a kennel, Spike is worried about being left in a strange place, but when it is time to go home, he wants to stay.
- *Spike in Trouble* by Paulette Bogan. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2003. ISBN: 0399237658. Spike enjoys attending obedience school after someone causes mischief at home, and upon his return, he exposes the real culprit.
- *The Strawberry Dog* by Betty Paraskovas. Dial Books for Young Readers, 1993. ISBN: 0803713673. A homeless and independent dog and a lonely man find companionship at a beach resort.
- *Tabby* by Alike. Harper Collins, 1995. ISBN: 0060249153. A story in pictures of a kitten's first year with her new family.
- *Teacher's Pets* by Dayle Ann Dodds. Candlewick Press, 2006. ISBN: 0763622524. Monday morning is sharing day in Miss Fry's class, and children may bring in a pet to share, "just for the day." Week after week, a new and wonderful pet comes to "visit," but somehow ends up staying for a very long time.

Soon a host of classroom critters are mingling happily among the students. . .but what will happen when the school year ends and its time for all of the well-taught pets to say good-bye?

- *Wet Dog* by Elise Broach. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2005. ISBN: 0803728091. A dog's attempt to cool off on a hot day gets him in trouble and finally leads him to disrupt a country wedding.
- *Widget & the Puppy* by Lyn Rossiter. McFarland. Farrar Straus Giroux 2004. ISBN: 0374384290. When a stray puppy shows up, Widget the dog receives no help from the cats as he tries to look after it.
- *You Bad Dog!* by Leslie Baker. Dutton, 2003. ISBN: 0525471278. Lulu, a mischievous terrier, is always landing her rottweiler friend, Bridget, in trouble.



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Healthy
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**Gold
Medal
Reader!**

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My Mind
Healthy—
I Read**

**I'm
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