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MAN'S BEST  
FRIEND.**

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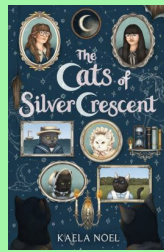
# **ANIMAL TALES**



## The Cats of Silver Crescent

*Kaela Noel (YT NOEL, K)*

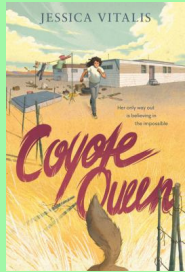
While on a weeks-long visit to her aunt Verity's house, eleven-year-old Elsby discovers there is more to the cats living in the house next door than first meets the eye.



## Coyote Queen

*Jessica Vitalis (YT VITALIS, J)*

Desperate for the prize money to escape her mother's abusive boyfriend, twelve-year-old Fud enters a beauty pageant, but her eerie connection to nearby coyotes helps her see who she is meant to be, and who she can truly save.



## Dogs of the Deadlands

*Anthony McGowan (YT MCGOWAN, A)*

As humans fled the nuclear disaster, they were forced to leave their pets behind. Without people, nature began to return to the woods surrounding the power plant—lynx, bear, and wolves. But the overgrown forest is no place for dogs. Can Zoya, and her pups Misha and Luka, learn to survive in the deadlands? And will Zoya ever find her way home to her beloved owner?



## The Extraordinary Adventures of Alice Tonks

*Emily Kenny (YT KENNY, E)*

Alice Tonks desperately wants to make friends at boarding school but, being autistic, she's always found it hard to fit in. Then she discovers she is a "switcher" and can talk to animals. As she starts to explore her newfound abilities,

to her horror she learns that creatures are going missing. Only Alice holds the key to solving the mystery and finding the culprit, but she'll need to harness her full powers first. And to do that she'll need a bit of help from her new friends—both human and animal.



## Gooseberry

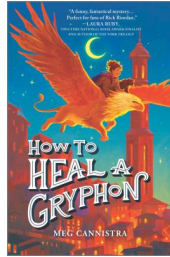
*Robin Gow (YT GOW, R)*

Twelve-year-old B, a young nonbinary person who wants to be a dog trainer someday, convinces their new foster parents to adopt a stray dog named Gooseberry, but training the dog ends up being much harder than they expected until they learn to trust each other.

## Haru

*Joe Latham (YT GN HARU #1)*

Haru, a small bird who dreams of flying, and their best friend Yama, a talkative boar, are used to being in the shadows. But when Yama finds a strange artifact that causes sinister effects, the two are swept into an epic journey to destroy the artifact and save the world.



## How to Heal a Gryphon

*Meg Cannistra (YT CANNISTRA, M)*

When a group of witches kidnaps her brother while their parents are away, healer Giada Bellantuono is drawn into the magical underground city of Malavita and needs the help of her new animal companions to save him—or risks losing him forever.

## Julia and the Shark

*Kiran Millwood Hargrave (YT HARGRAVE, K)*

Julia has followed her mum and dad to live on a remote island for the summer—her dad, for work; her mother, on a determined mission to find the elusive Greenland shark. But when her mother's obsession threatens to submerge them all, Julia finds herself on an adventure with dark depths and a lighthouse full of hope...

## No Place Like Home

*James Bird (YT BIRD, J)*

Living in a car, along with his mother and brother, Ojibwe boy Opin longs for a stable home, especially when he meets a stray dog who needs him as much as he needs her.



## Of a Feather

*Dayna Lorentz (YT LORENTZ)*

A baby great horned owl, Second, so called because his sister, First, is already out of the nest, is reluctant to hunt for himself, but when his mother is injured, he is forced out into the forest; Maureen is a human girl pulled out of her grandmother's violent home and placed with an aunt—but her Aunt Beatrice is involved in falconry and runs a mews where injured raptors can heal, and it is here Maureen and Second (now called Rufus) meet and learn how to heal each other.

## Out of My Heart

*Sharon M. Draper (YT DRAPER, S)*

Because she loves horses but is scared of them, Melody wants to conquer her fears, so she hopes a summer camp will welcome someone with cerebral palsy who wants to learn to ride.



## Redwall

*Brian Jacques (YT JACQUES)*

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help

Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

## The Silver Arrow

*Lev Grossman (YT GROSSMAN)*

Kate's humdrum life is transformed when her eccentric Uncle Herbert brings her a colossal locomotive train, the Silver Arrow, as her eleventh birthday gift, leading her and her younger brother on a mysterious quest.



## Silverwing

*Kenneth Oppel (YT GN OPPEL)*

Young silverwing bat Shade is blown off course during his colony's migration to Hibernaculum, during which he meets other winged loners on his journey back to his family, but with a long and dangerous flight ahead, he must figure out who he can trust.

## Snow Foal

*Susanna Bailey (YT BAILEY, S)*

When eleven-year-old Addie goes to stay with a foster-care family on a remote Exmoor farm in the midst of a very cold winter, she is full of hurt, anger and a deep mistrust of everyone around her. Until one day, when she rescues a tiny wild foal from the moorland

snow and Addie discovers that perhaps she's not so alone after all. And as adventure and unexpected friendship blossom, Addie is determined that both of them will know what is to be home again soon.



## The Thirteenth Cat

*Mary Downing Hahn (YT HAHN, M)*

Unnerved by the overgrown forest near her aunt's house and the wild black cats that live there, Danni encounters a mean old woman who claims to be their owner and makes a discovery that places her life in danger.