

UNFORGETTABLE ANIMALS Books about animals that enrich lives, entertain, give us insight, and stay in our memories. This is a brief and eclectic collection of books about the interactions of people and animals and the impact of these relationships. For more books on these or other subjects, contact Voices of Vision.

Cats, Non-fiction

RC 38880 BR 9752

James Herriot's Cat Stories by James Herriot.

In Herriot's childhood his favorite animal was the cat, so he looked forward to studying cats in veterinary school. He was appalled to discover that anatomy books ignored cats, but during the fifty years that Herriot practiced veterinary medicine, he met many cats and learned a great deal about them. Here he offers ten stories about some of the cats who have come into his life, including Oscar, the socialite, and Alfred from the sweetshop. Bestseller. 1994.

RC 26048 BR 7225

The Cat Who Came For Christmas by Cleveland Amory.

As head of the Fund for Animals, the author is forever saving and housing homeless dogs, cats and birds in his New York City apartment. But he never allows himself to keep one as a pet because of his heavy travel schedule. Everything changes one fateful Christmas Eve, however, when Amory rescues and brings home an injured, terrified cat and finds that he can't part with it. This is the story of their first year together, as the lives of man and cat intertwine. Followed by *The Cat and the Curmudgeon* (RC 31599, BR 8269) and *The Best Cat Ever* (RC 37614, BR 9432). 1987.

RC 31773

A Cat Is Watching: a Look at the Way Cats See Us by Roger A. Caras.

Caras uses observations on his own cats' behavior to enhance his tour of a cat's world. He describes how cats hear and see more than humans, how they "taste" the air, and how their ability to sense variations in magnetic intensity helps them find their way home over extremely long distances. He also discusses their role in history and the value of human-cat bonding. 1989.

Cats, Fiction

RC 56052

Blitzcat by Robert Westall.

Lord Gort, a black female cat, runs away to search the countryside for her beloved master, a pilot, during World War II. She survives many dangerous adventures and is adopted by several people on her journey. For senior high and older readers. Some strong language.

RC 34788 BR 8864

The Cat Who Could Read Backwards by Lilian Jackson Braun.

Jim Qwilleran arrives early for his appointment with the managing editor of the "Daily Fluxion." His recent employment history is not good, and he really needs this job. They want him to be an art writer! As Jim begins his assignment, he and his sidekick, KoKo, find themselves hot on the trail of a murder at the art gallery. First book in this popular mystery series.

RC 36696

Catnap: a Midnight Louie Mystery by Carole Nelson Douglas.

There's been a murder at the American Booksellers Association convention. Also, Baker and Taylor, the feline mascots of a book wholesaler, have been catnapped. Cat detective Midnight Louis pads stealthily through the aisles of the exhibit booths in search of clues. He teams up with human female Temple Barr, the convention's public relations officer, to bring the criminal to justice. Followed by *Pussyfoot* (RC 40041).

Dogs, Non-fiction

RC 23911 BR 6695

James Herriot's Dog Stories by James Herriot.

Collection of fifty dog stories from the Scottish veterinarian and master storyteller of Yorkshire. Whether treating Mrs. Pumphrey's pampered Pekingese Tricki Woo, saving a dog's badly mangled leg without antibiotics, or ducking out of the Daffodil Ball with future-wife Helen, Herriot's reminiscences are warm and cheery. Bestseller. 1986.

RC 52468 BR 13614

Always Faithful: A Memoir of the Marine Dogs of WWII by William W. Putney.

The 1943 commander, also a veterinarian, of the Marines' Third War Dog Platoon describes the training and duties of the animals he led during World War II. Explains the recruitment and retention of his charges and their handlers and their subsequent action in the Pacific. 2001.

RC 40971

So That Others May Live: Carolyn Hebard and Her Search-and-Rescue Dogs by Hank Whitemore and Caroline Hebard.

A pioneer in the field of canine search-and-rescue work recounts twenty-five years spent in training herself and her dogs to locate people at disaster sites. Offers graphic accounts of efforts following the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, and other catastrophes. 1995.

RC 57155 BR 15158

Dog is My Co-Pilot: Great Writers on the World's Oldest Friendship by Editors of The Bark.

Anthology of essays, short stories, and expert commentaries celebrating the unique bond between humans and their dogs. Over forty selections chosen by the editors of a California-based dog magazine pay tribute to the very first meeting between man and animal, pack dynamics, canine wisdom, and the poignancy of friendship and loss. 2003.

RC 56418

The Dog Listener: A Noted Expert Tells You How to Communicate With Your Dog for Willing Cooperation by Jan Fennell.

British "dog whisperer" explains her technique of obedience training, which relies on emulating canine behaviors and using positive reinforcement. Offers solutions to common problems. 2000.

Dogs, Fiction

RC 25982

Watchers by Dean Koontz.

A fable-like tale that blends suspense, fantasy, and sentiment. World-weary Travis Cornell stumbles upon a super-intelligent golden retriever with uncanny powers in a California wood. The dog, Einstein, reveals how he and a vile murderous creature called "The Other" were created by U.S. scientists in a secret genetic experiment. The plot includes a romance and follows a psycho-killer hired by Soviet spies. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex.

RC 45719

Fear Nothing by Dean Koontz.

Christopher Snow has a skin disease, xeroderma pigmentosum, which has forced him to hide from light during all of his twenty-eight years. When his father dies of cancer, Chris stumbles on something odd in the hospital. Soon he is running for his life as he tries to unravel a mystery. Also *Seize the Night* (RC 47667). Bestseller.

Horses, Non-fiction

RC 45002 BR 11288

The Man Who Listens to Horses by Monty Roberts.

A portrait of Monty Roberts, the horse trainer who discovered a humane technique for taming wild horses. Appalled by traditional methods of breaking horses that he witnessed in his youth, Roberts developed a gentle procedure for joining-up with a horse through a process of man-animal communication. Bestseller. 1997.

RC 51968 BR 14930

Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand.

This book recounts the rise of an "undersized, crooked-legged" thoroughbred horse that in 1938 was the year's number one newsmaker over Franklin Roosevelt, Hitler, and Lou Gehrig. Hillenbrand tells Seabiscuit's story through the three men who made a true long shot into a winner. They were owner Charles Howard, trainer Tom Smith, and jockey Red Pollard. Bestseller. 2001.

Horses, Fiction

RC 50038

The Quest of Lee Garrison by Max Brand.

Lee Garrison, a solitary fence rider in the southwest, is entranced with stories he has read of daring medieval adventures. Then a dying Indian stumbles into his camp, telling of a magnificent wild mustang called Moonshine. Garrison pursues the elusive horse across the plains on a quest of self-discovery.

RC 28136 BR 7470

Traveller by Richard Adams.

A combination of historical fiction and animal fable, this book by the author of *Watership Down* tells the story of the horse Traveller and "Marse Robert," (Robert E. Lee). Told in a Southern dialect, the story begins with Traveller's life as a young colt and examines the events of the Civil War.

RC 41402 BR 11816

The Horse Whisperer by Nicholas Evans.

Thirteen-year-old Grace Maclean loses her leg when she and her horse, Pilgrim, are struck by a truck. Pilgrim is also injured--mentally and physically. Grace's mother, magazine editor Annie Graves, learns of a horse whisperer--Tom Booker--who might be able to restore Pilgrim. In hopes that he will also help Grace, Annie takes both of them to his ranch in Montana. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex.

Healing Animals, Non-fiction

RC 54792

The Healing Power of Pets: Harnessing the Amazing Ability of Pets to Make and Keep People Healthy and Happy by Marty Becker.

Practicing veterinarian advocates that people with chronic medical conditions reclaim their health by building strong relationships with animals. Combines information from scientific studies with the personal experiences of patients, including autistic children and surgery and Alzheimer's patients. 2002.

RC 44401

Love, Miracles and Animal Healing: a Veterinarian's Journey from Physical Medicine to Spiritual Understanding by Allen M. Schoen and Pam Proctor.

Schoen attests to power of the emotional and spiritual bond between humans and their pets. He discusses how alternative forms of treatment, such as

acupuncture, herbal remedies, and homeopathic medicine, can significantly enhance traditional veterinary practices. 1995.

RC 53926 BR 13837

All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot.

An English veterinarian reminisces about his work in Yorkshire that began in 1937 when he was fresh out of school. He recalls tending to the farm and house animals and comforting people whose pets died. Followed by *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (RC 39611, BR 13838). 1972.

RC 56348

Creature Comfort: Animals That Heal by Bernie Graham.

British psychologist describes "the potential health benefits that can be derived from the company of a wide range of animals." Includes success stories of animal-assisted therapy involving dolphins, guide dogs, horses, and cats. For senior high and older readers. 2000.

RC 42935

The Dog Who Rescues Cats: The True Story of Ginny by Philip Gonzalez and Leonore Fleischer.

After a disabling accident, Gonzalez had lost interest in living. Then a friend suggested that he adopt a dog. Ginny, the abused pup that Gonzalez found at a shelter, was no ordinary dog, but one with a penchant for rescuing abandoned cats. With Ginny, Gonzalez has aided scores of injured felines and found a new sense of purpose in life. 1995.

Strictly Fantasy

RC 56028

The Rolling Stones by Robert A. Heinlein.

Luna City, the Moon. Fifteen-year-old twins Castor and Pollux Stone buy an old spaceship to start a trading business. Their whole family decides to join them including their Martian flat cat, and problems arise when the cat has a litter. For senior high and older readers.

RC 47393

The Book of Night With Moon by Diane Duane.

In this feline universe, the cat civilization has its own language, Ailurin, and its unique codes of conduct. A team composed of Rhiow--a black female, Saash--a

tortoiseshell, and Urruah-a young tabby tomcat, is assigned to patrol Grand Central Station. Maintaining order in the magical gateways leads the cats into confrontations with their adversaries. For senior high and older readers.

RC 38115

A Night in the Lonesome October by Roger Zelazny.

Snuff, Jack the Ripper's guard dog, narrates this tale told in thirty-one chapters--one for each night of October. In a rare occurrence, cosmic forces are aligned, and the Elder Gods have a chance to reoccupy Earth at the Halloween full moon. But there are two forces preparing for that night--the "openers" who want the Gods to reappear, and the "closers," who oppose their return.

RC 51606

Anonymous Rex: A Detective Story by Eric Garcia.

L.A. shamus Vincent Rubio is a loser with few clients, his car repossessed, and basil addiction. He's also a dinosaur, literally, one of thousands who still inhabit the earth disguised as humans. Investigating arson at a dino nightclub, Vincent stumbles on an interspecies breeding conspiracy. Strong language and some violence.

RC 50124

Roc and a Hard Place by Piers Anthony.

Demoness Metria has a problem that only the good magician Humfrey can help her solve. But before Humfrey will help her, she must gather together a group of people to serve as jurors in the trial of Roxanne Roc, a bird charged with an improbable offense.

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