

**Fort Collins Regional Library District**  
***Animalia: Animals in Fact and Fiction***

Block. **Canine Caper: Real-Life Tales of a Female Pet Vigilante.** NF 636.0832 Frustrated by the lack of response from animal-welfare agencies, Block takes matters into her own hands to rescue stray, neglected, and abused dogs even if that means theft or jeopardizing her own safety.

Clement-Davies. **Sight.** In Transylvania during the Middle Ages, a pack of wolves sets out on a perilous journey to prevent their enemy from calling upon a legendary evil one that will give her the power to control all animals.

Dickinson. **Eva.** After a terrible accident, a young girl wakes up to discover that she has been given the body of a chimpanzee. The picnic on the beach is Eva's last memory. As she lies in the hospital bed while her mother explains about the coma, Eva senses there is something they are not telling her--a price she must pay to be alive.

Glen. **Best Friends: The True Story of the World's Most Beloved Animal Sanctuary.** NF 636.0832 Best Friends, a domestic animal sanctuary in Utah, is permanent home to more than 1800 dogs, cats, birds, horses, etc., many of them abused, disfigured, and unadoptable. Glen chronicles the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of a small band of dreamers who envisioned a refuge where such animals could live out their natural lives in comfort and safety.

Hattersley. **Buster's Diaries: the True Story of a Dog and His Man.** Buster relates the trials and tribulations of a dog's life in London in the mid-1990s with grace and humor, offering insight into The Man he owns, as well as She whom The Man must obey. It's not an easy life, especially at first, but Buster is a fast learner and soon manages to temper the blood of the tundra wolf that roars through his veins.

Hoose. **Race to Save the Lord God Bird.** NF 598.72 For thousands of years, the majestic ivory-billed woodpecker reigned over the dark emerald forests that once carpeted the bottomlands of America's broad southern rivers. This species was beginning to disappear in the early 1800s. A century later, it was presumed extinct. What happened?

Jacques. **High Rhulain.** Following a dream, the young ottermaid Tiria travels from Redwall to the Green Isle, where otters have long been enslaved by feral cats but fight back as they await the High Rhulain, a savior whose coming was foretold.

Jarvis. **Dark Portal.** In the sewers of Deptford, there lurks a dark presence that fills the tunnels with fear. The rats worship it in the blackness and name it "Jupiter, Lord of All." Into this twilight realm wanders a small & frightened mouse --the unwitting trigger of a chain of events that hurtle the Deptford mice into a world of heroic adventure & terror.

Koja. **Straydog.** Grrl is a beautiful feral collie but so savage that no one can approach her cage. Rachel, who loves all animals but especially dogs, volunteers at the animal shelter and immediately bonds with the stray. The teen loathes her nasty-minded classmates and doesn't get along with her parents. She makes plans to adopt Grrl and then a terrible thing happens.

Martel. **Life of Pi.** When Pi is 16, his family emigrates from India to America aboard a cargo ship, along with zoo animals bound for new homes. The ship sinks. Pi finds himself alone in a lifeboat-his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and Richard Parker, a 450-pound Bengal tiger. Soon the tiger has dispatched all but Pi, whose fear, knowledge, and cunning allow him to coexist with Richard Parker for 227 days while lost at sea. Anything might happen.

McCaughean. **Not the End of the World.** Teen Classic. Noah's daughter, daughters-in-law, sons, wife, and the animals describe what it was like to be aboard the ark while they watched everyone around them drown.

Pierce. **Treasure at the Heart of the Tanglewood.** Hannah, a healer with unusual powers, leaves the wizard she has always served and, along with her animal companions, begins a journey which un-covers the truth about her real nature.

Pratchett. **Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents.** A talking cat, intelligent rats, and a strange boy cooperate in a Pied Piper scam until they try to con the wrong town and are confronted by a deadly evil rat king.

Sherlock. **Letters from Wolfie.** Certain that he is doing the right thing by donating his dog Wolfie to the Army's scout program in Vietnam, Mark begins to have second thoughts when the Army refuses to say when and if Wolfie will ever return.

Von Kreisler. **Beauty in the Beasts: True Stories of Animals Who Choose to Do Good.** NF 591.5 Von Kreisler has collected many true stories about animals whose behavior proves that animals are capable of strong feelings and that they can choose to behave in ways that are virtuous and moral.