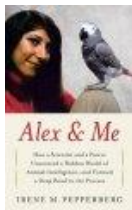


**Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World**

**By Vicki Myron**

Dewey was left abandoned as a kitten on the coldest night of the year stuffed in the returned book slot at the Spencer Public

Library in Iowa. He won the heart of Vicki Myron, the librarian who found him.

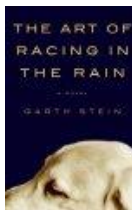


**Alex & me: how a scientist and a parrot discovered a hidden world of animal intelligence--and formed a deep bond in the process**

**By Irene M. Pepperberg**

This story documents the thirty-year relationship of Alex, an

African Grey parrot, with his trainer.

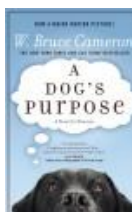


**The art of racing in the rain: a novel**

**By Garth Stein**

Evaluating his life on the eve of his death, a typical canine Enzo considers the sacrifices his master, Denny Swift, has made in his pursuit of becoming a

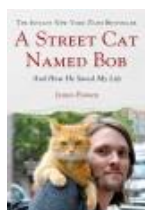
professional race car driver, and the dog's own efforts to preserve the Swift family.



**A dog's purpose**

This is the remarkable story of one endearing dog's search for his purpose over the course of several lives. More than just another charming dog story, this touches on the universal quest

for an answer to life's most basic question: Why are we here?

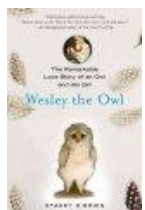


**A street cat named Bob: and how he saved my life**

**By James Bowen**

Traces the story of an impoverished London street musician who after saving an injured and highly intelligent cat found his life profoundly

changed in unexpected ways.



**Wesley the owl: the remarkable love story of an owl and his girl**

**By Stacey O'Brien**

On Valentine's Day 1985, biologist Stacey O'Brien first met four-day-old baby barn owl--a fateful encounter that would turn

into an astonishing 19-year saga.



**Ape House: A Novel**

**By Sara Gruen**

Consider reality TV, meth labs, over-the-top animal-rights activists, Botox, tabloids and Internet diatribes, and you, too, might come to the conclusion: People should be more like

animals.



**Water for elephants: a novel**

**By Sara Gruen**

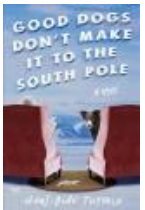
Ninety-something-year-old Jacob Jankowski remembers his time in the circus as a young man during the Great Depression, and his friendship with Marlena, the star of the equestrian act, and Rosie, the elephant, who gave them hope



**Perestroika in Paris: a novel**

As the cold weather and Christmas near, the unlikely of friendships bloom among humans and animals alike. But how long can a runaway horse live undiscovered in Paris? And

how long can a boy keep her hidden, and all his own?

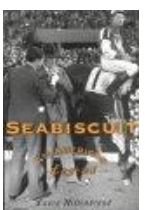


**Good dogs don't make it to the South Pole: a novel**

**By Hans-Olav Thyvold**

Told through the eyes of a very grumpy yet lovable mutt, a funny and touching tale of aging, death, friendship, and life that proves sometimes a dog's story is the

most human of all.

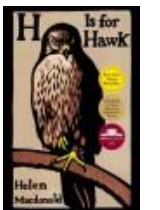


**Seabiscuit: an American legend**

**By Laura Hillenbrand**

Seabiscuit was one of the most electrifying and popular attractions in sports history and the single biggest newsmaker in the world in 1938, receiving more

coverage than FDR, Hitler, or Mussolini. But his success was a surprise to the racing establishment, which had written off the crooked-legged racehorse with the sad tale.



**H is for Hawk**

When Helen Macdonald's father died suddenly on a London street, she was devastated. An experienced falconer, Helen had never before been tempted to train one of the most vicious predators,

the goshawk, but in her grief, she saw that the goshawk's fierce and feral temperament mirrored her own.



**Dog tripping: 25 rescues, 11 volunteers, and 3 RVs on our canine cross-country adventure**  
**By David Rosenfelt**

An account of the author's cross-country move and role in establishing a dog rescue

foundation describes the unanticipated challenges encountered while transporting more than two dozen dogs to a new home in Maine.



**Animal spirit: stories**  
**By Francesca Marciano**

Centering us in Rome, but transporting us seamlessly into worlds as varied and exotic as they are emotionally real, these stories paint landscapes that are populated-vividly, hauntingly-by animals.



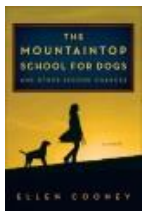
**Corduroy mansions**  
**By Alexander McCall Smith**

In London's Pimlico neighborhood lies a tenement described in architectural guides as "a building of no interest whatsoever." But the residents -- including a literary

agent, a wine merchant, a thoroughly unpleasant member of Parliament, and a vegetarian dog -- are a rather fascinating lot

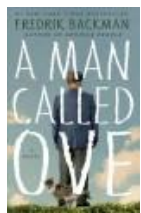
**The Mountaintop School for Dogs and other second chances**  
**By Ellen Cooney**

Like the golden retriever who returns to his job as the Sanctuary's butler every time he's adopted, and the Rottweiler who's a hopeless candidate for search-and-rescue, Evie comes from a troubled past. But as they all learn, no one should stay prisoner to a life she didn't choose



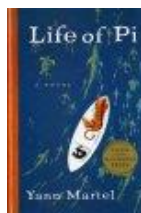
**Secrets to happiness**  
**By Sarah Dunn**

So what's a girl to do? Get two new men at once, of course -- one a lovable dog, and the other a much younger lover.



**A man called Ove: a novel**  
**By Fredrik Backman**

A curmudgeon hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior while clashing with new neighbors, a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.



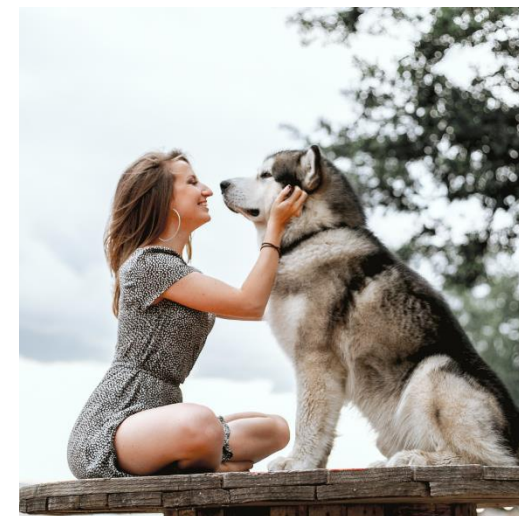
**Life of Pi**  
**By Yann Martel**

Possessing encyclopedia-like intelligence, unusual zookeeper's son Pi Patel sets sail for America, but when the ship sinks, he escapes on a life boat and is lost at sea with a dwindling number of animals until only he and a hungry Bengal tiger remain.



**Merle's door: lessons from a freethinking dog**  
**By Ted Kerasote**

Describes how the author adopted a dog living on its own in the wild that he encountered during a camping trip and his decision to install a dog door in his house so that the dog could live both inside and outside. Studies the human-dog partnership, animal consciousness and behavior, and how dogs might live if they can make some of their own decisions.



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