

## Dog Diaries 9 Sparky Dog Diaries Special Edition

A stray dog's moving tale about life with Abraham Lincoln--our sixteenth American president and a true animal lover! Meet Fido--a "yaller" mutt who was Abraham Lincoln's constant companion and pampered family pet at the time he was elected President. Smart, friendly, and frightened of loud noises, Fido was uniquely positioned to witness American history . . . when he wasn't trying to hide under a piece of furniture! Young readers will hear from Fido about Abraham Lincoln's love for all creatures (great and small), his unique methods of child-rearing, his most famous speeches--including the Emancipation Proclamation--and the tragedy that cut short his life. With realistic black-and-white illustrations throughout and a fact-filled appendix including information about Abraham Lincoln the animal lover, animal cruelty laws, and more, this is historical fiction for middle graders who don't realize they like historical fiction!

A German shepherd describes her life as the first guide dog trained to serve the blind.

Ginger the golden retriever narrates the story of her life, from her birth in a puppy mill through the various people who have "owned" her.

When Kyle's dog Rex makes friends with a lost dog, Kyle and Mia set out to find "Scruffy's" owner before the unruly dog wrecks Kyle's home.

Saving Sammy

Batcat and the Seven Squirrels

Sparky's Hero

Stories

Sparky (The Puppy Place #62)

"Cinders is a dappled gray Percheron horse during the 1871 Great Chic Chicago Fire"--

"Mary's new in town and worried about starting classes at a new school. So her mom called the Helper Hounds--and that is why Sparkplug, the wildly handsome, wickedly smart, world famous Helper Hound is on the scene."--

A German shepherd--the first dog trained at Dorothy Eustis's famous Seeing Eye guide-dog school for the blind--looks back at her life. Chosen for her intelligence, obedience, and willingness to learn, Kiss knows there is more to life than chasing balls and chewing bones. She is a Noble Creature and Great Things await her. But after spending months learning to take care of her beloved trainer Jack, why does he suddenly want her to take care of Morris--a strange, clumsy man who wants to change her name to Buddy? Could it be that Morris needs Kiss to take care of him even more than Jack did? Based on a true story, and featuring realistic black-and-white illustrations by Tim Jessell (plus an appendix with information about German shepherds, the history and training of guide dogs, hosting guide-dog puppies, and much more), this canine confessional is pitch-perfect for smart, dog-crazy, early middle-grade readers!

Play hide-and-seek with Instagram's favorite border collie, hiding in every page of this New York Times best-selling book of beautiful landscape photography. Momo and his best buddy Andrew Knapp travel all over--through fields, down country roads, across cities, and into yards, neighborhoods, and spaces of all sorts. The result is a book of spectacular photography that's also a game for kids or adults of all ages. Perfect for fans of coffee table books, a must-have for kids on a long car trip, and a great dog lover gift.

Dog Diaries #6: Sweetie

Cheetah

Dog Diaries #5: Dash

Dog Diaries #9: Sparky (Dog Diaries Special Edition)

Find Momo

Meet Murphy, a clever sheltie puppy! Kat and her BFF Maya love playing with the puppies at her aunt Jenn's grooming business, Tails Up! The girls know that every dog has its own special personality...and problems. Luckily, Kat and Maya are always there to help a puppy in need! When a shy shetland puppy named Murphy is boarded at Tails Up!, Kat and Maya can't wait to play with him! But after Kat invites new-girl Grace to join them, Kat notices Maya is less than pleased. Can sweet little Murphy help bring the three girls together?

A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year! A Chicago Tribune Best Children's Book of the Year! Weak, sick, and hungry, a tabby cat seeks shelter in an old barn, where the mice take pity on her and make her a warm, cozy bed in the straw. . . But as soon as she feels better, Marmalade the cat begins doing what cats do: chasing the mice! When Smart Mouse stumbles across an old bell, the mice hatch a plan to make sure Marmalade can never sneak up on them again... but who will be able to get the collar onto the cat? Retold by a master storyteller, this well-known fable is brought to life by bold, luminous illustrations of gentle mice, cozy barn corners, and of course, the magnificent feline rage of Marmalade on the hunt. A perfect read-aloud for winter days.

George Washington's transformation from farmer to Father of Our Country--as told by his dog Sweetlips! Sweetie was the finest foxhound in George Washington's kennel. But Sweetie's idyllic days at Mount Vernon were cut short when her master was chosen to represent Virginia at the first Continental Congress in Philadelphia--which he attended with Sweetlips by his side. Follow their journey from the hunt country of Virginia to the battlefields of the Revolutionary War in this meticulously researched, unique historical novel. With realistic black-and-white illustrations by Tim Jessell, an appendix including information about George Washington and the history and breeding of American foxhounds, plus links to the primary source material on which the book is based, this is the kind of historical fiction that dog-loving middle graders--and educators--sit up and beg for!

A scrappy stray becomes one of the greatest dogs in military history! Stubby the war dog narrates the story of his life--from his days as a stray to his time on the battlefields of France! Adopted by Private John Robert Conroy in 1917 when the dog wandered into training camp, Stubby soon became the mascot for the 26th Yankee division--even learning how to salute! When the men were shipped out for France, Conroy smuggled Stubby on-board . . . and the rest is the kind of incredible true story that dog-crazy middle graders sit up and beg for! By the end of the war, Stubby had served in 17 battles, been

injured by mustard gas and grenade; found and captured a German spy; shaken hands with Woodrow Willson; and become the first dog given rank in the United States Armed Forces!

Cupcake Queen

Sweetie

Dog Heaven

Penny Helps Portia Face Her Fears

Dog Diaries #2: Buddy

**SPARKY'S HERO A Bedtime Story A Storybook for Young Readers Sparky is a 3 month old colt living on a farm in rural Thailand. Yama-Haha is a little blue motorcycle that happens to think he is a horse! The two meet and become great friends, but Sparky's parents disapprove of his new friend... he's too different! Angry and hurt, Sparky runs away from home, and into the Rubber Tree forest called "The Spookies." Soon Sparky finds himself lost in the dark and in REAL danger! Can Yama find and save his friend before its too late? This story can help young people deal with fear of the dark, honesty, prejudice, friendship, responsibility for one's actions, and that sometimes even loving parents make mistakes. 50 pages with full page color illustrations on every page turn. Just the right size for a 25 minute bedtime story for young children, or an early adventure for elementary students. Includes Storyteller's Notes with interesting facts about life in Thailand that can be brought up during, or after the reading. This helps keep the story interesting for young listeners. Sure to become a favorite!**

"A fire dog from the Maxwell Street fire station tells the story of the Great Chicago Fire"--

A best-selling collection of stories focusing on portrayals of the searching and the disaffected of modern-day America offers a trenchant combination of wit, empathy, and intelligence. Reprint. 100,000 first printing. NYT. PW.

Welcome to the Puppy Place! Where every puppy finds a home. Charles and Lizzie Peterson love puppies. Their family fosters these young dogs, giving them love and proper care, until they can find the perfect forever home. Lizzie's got some competition! At Caring Paws Animal Shelter to volunteer, she meets newcomer Harper. Like Lizzie, Harper loves and knows lots about dogs! But when Sparky, a tiny Chihuahua mix, arrives with an injured leg to the shelter, the two girls will have to team up to find this sweet and strong puppy a perfect home.

Dog Diaries #8: Fala

Nine Magic Wishes

Murphy

The Doggone Dog

Who Will Bell the Cat?

Dog Diaries #9: Sparky (Dog Diaries Special Edition) Random House Books for Young Readers

A dachshund loses a leg and finds his life's calling—as a therapy dog! Scrappy dachshund Rolf von Noodle may be missing a hind leg, but he's got attitude and can-do spirit to spare! If anything, his tripod status gives him something special: real empathy for people overcoming physical challenges. And as his owner Mindy discovers, it makes him an ideal choice to become a therapy dog. With realistic black-and-white illustrations and an appendix that includes photographs and information about the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen program, therapy dog training, tripod dogs, and more, this is the kind of fact-based fiction reluctant middle grade readers sit up and beg for!

"An English Springer Spaniel's tale of the Mayflower voyage and the first Thanksgiving at Plymouth Colony"--

It is November 25, 1960, and three beautiful sisters have been found near their wrecked Jeep at the bottom of a 150-foot cliff on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. The official state newspaper reports their deaths as accidental. It does not mention that a fourth sister lives. Nor does it explain that the sisters were among the leading opponents of Gen. Rafael Leonidas Trujillo's dictatorship. It doesn't have to. Everybody knows of Las Mariposas—"The Butterflies." In this extraordinary novel, the voices of all four sisters—Minerva, Patria, María Teresa, and the survivor, Dedé—speak across the decades to tell their own stories, from hair ribbons and secret crushes to gunrunning and prison torture, and to describe the everyday horrors of life under Trujillo's rule. Through the art and magic of Julia Alvarez's imagination, the martyred Butterflies live again in this novel of courage and love, and the human cost of political oppression.

Dog Diaries #14: Sunny

Mystery of the Missing Luck

Dog Diaries #11: Tiny Tim (Dog Diaries Special Edition)

A Puppy is for Loving

Dog Diaries #10: Rolf

*After Morgan's backyard is flooded by the nearby river, her dog, Shire, finds a baby beaver that has been washed out of its den. Realizing that its parents aren't coming back, Morgan must quickly learn to care for the beaver, which she names Sammy. Morgan's parents warn her that he can't stay with them forever. Will Morgan be able to find a safe home for Sammy?*

*A dog's-eye view of the Mayflower voyage and the first Thanksgiving at Plymouth Colony! English springer spaniel Dash and his furry friend Mercy--a mastiff--travel with their master, John Goodman, in search of the New World. Taken from the pages of history, this Dog Diary follows the story of the colonists whom we now call Pilgrims, from their sixty-six-day voyage at sea to the celebration of their first harvest with the Wampanoag Indians who become their friends and advisors. With realistic black-and-white illustrations by Tim Jessell and an appendix including information about the Mayflower,*

*Plymouth Colony, springer spaniels, and the primary sources on which the book is based, this is historical fiction that dog-loving middle graders--and educators--can be truly thankful for!*

*Small, feisty Siberian husky Togo—the overlooked sled-dog hero of the 1925 serum run to Nome—sets the record straight in Dog Diaries #4! When a diphtheria epidemic breaks out in isolated Nome, Alaska, in January 1925, the only way to get life-saving serum to the town is by using dog-sled relay teams. Twenty teams participate, and the dog who inevitably gets credit for saving the town is Balto, lead dog on the final team which delivered the serum. But few people have ever heard of 12-year-old Togo and his musher Leonard Seppala, who carried the serum for almost double the length of any other team, and twice violated warnings to avoid perilous Norton Sound and instead ran straight over the frozen ice! With realistic black-and-white illustrations by Tim Jessell—plus an appendix with information about Siberian huskies, sled dogs, mushers, and more—Togo's tale is perfect for middle-grade readers who love a spunky underdog!*

*"Stubby the war dog narrates the story of his life, from his birth on the streets of New Haven, Connecticut, through his time spent in Europe with the American Expeditionary Force, to his eventual hero's welcome back in the U.S."--*

*Dash*

*A Photography Book*

*Sparky (Dog Diaries Special Edition)*

*Dog Diaries #7: Stubby*

***"Born with Down syndrome, Portia knows people want to limit what she can do. Inside herself, Portia knows she can do anything--including getting over her fear of dogs. But when Penny the pit bull terrier shows up, she isn't so sure."--***

***A child meets a magician who grants eight wonderfully fantastic wishes, with one wish left over for someone else to find.***

***Kylie Jean needs money, so she decides to start selling cupcakes. But her doggie cupcakes can fund a really important cause--helping orphan dogs at the shelter!***

***"Charles Dickens' dog Timber tells the story of his life with the great writer."--***

***Dog Diaries #4: Togo***

***Sparky Helps Mary Make Friends***

***Buddy***

***Barry***

***Fido***

***Fans of dog stories and the RMS Titanic, take note! This new entry in the Dog Diaries series—based on a true story—is narrated by a pampered Peke that survived the fateful voyage! Sun Yat-Sen—aka Sunny—enjoys the finer things in life. Noble canine companion to globe-trotters Henry and Myra Harper, Sunny doesn't even like to walk, preferring instead to be carried! Sunny and the Harpers are traveling on the maiden voyage of the RMS Titanic—the biggest, finest ship in the world. So imagine Sunny's horror when he learns he must stay in the Titanic's kennel with eleven other dogs, not in the Harpers' luxurious stateroom! It's . . . unthinkable! But only four days into the voyage, Sunny learns the true meaning of tragedy when, hidden inside Myra's fur coat, he escapes the sinking ship in a lifeboat. Based on a true story, with realistic black-and-white illustrations throughout and a fact-filled appendix that includes information about the RMS Titanic, Pekingese dogs, and more, this is historical fiction for middle graders who don't realize they like historical fiction!***

***Sara loves her grandmother's bakery. It's a special place—not only because of its delicious Japanese buns and pastries. She enjoys spending time with her obaachan, her grandmother. But things aren't going well for the bakery. When the bakery's lucky cat statue goes missing, Sara wonders if the bakery's luck is gone for good. But then a mysterious cat appears in the backyard one night and inspires a plan. With the help of her friend, Jake, Sara just might find the statue and restore the bakery's lost luck. Accompanying her master, George Washington, to the first Continental Congress in Philadelphia, foxhound Sweetlips witnesses the events of the Revolutionary War and her master's eventual rise to becoming the first American president. Simultaneous and eBook.***

***"Sled dog Togo--the true hero of the 1925 Serum Run--narrates the story of his life working with musher Leonard Seppala"--***

***Birds of America***

***Ginger***

***In the Time of the Butterflies***

***Dog Diaries #12: Susan***

***Horse Diaries #13: Cinders (Horse Diaries Special Edition)***

***President Franklin Delano Roosevelt 's Scottie dog Fala helps run a nation! As President Franklin Delano Roosevelt 's nearly constant companion, Fala the Scottish terrier was in the unique position to witness the workings of the U.S. presidency. And now for the first time, the sassy Scottie shares his story with readers—from his idyllic puppyhood spent chasing squirrels through his adulthood spent chasing dignitaries around the world with FDR! This entertaining tail (that is, tale) gives middle-graders a dog 's-eye view of the events leading up to the United***

States entering World War II, as well as a look at the private side of FDR ' s life in a wheelchair. Based on primary source material, with realistic black-and-white illustrations and an appendix including information about President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, World War II, Scottish terriers, and more, this is the kind of historical fiction that begs to be read by reluctant readers. It ' s a perfect choice for supporting Common Core State Standards.

Barry der Menschenretter, a Saint Bernard dog, reflects back on his life in the early 1800s at the Hospice of the Great Saint Bernard in the Swiss Alps, where he rescued some forty people from avalanches. Includes facts about the breed and the hospice.

In Newbery Medalist Cynthia Rylant's classic bestseller, the author comforts readers young and old who have lost a dog. Recommended highly by pet lovers around the world, *Dog Heaven* not only comforts but also brings a tear to anyone who is devoted to a pet. From expansive fields where dogs can run and run to delicious biscuits no dog can resist, Rylant paints a warm and affectionate picture of the ideal place God would, of course, create for man's best friend. The first picture book illustrated by the author, *Dog Heaven* is enhanced by Rylant's bright, bold paintings that perfectly capture an afterlife sure to bring solace to anyone who is grieving.

*Cheetah* is the small spotted frog Amelia brings home in a macaroni container. Amelia longs to keep Cheetah forever, but over the course of a week, she comes to understand that his place is back in the wild. *Cheetah* is based on a true story, and all the characters are real.

Togo

Stubby

Elsie is about to have puppies, and Elizabeth is going to help. Her grandmother shows her exactly how to make the den for the dog and how to be ready when the puppies come out. After they are born, Elizabeth helps Elsie care for them. Most important of all, though, she helps her grandmother find just the right home for each, especially the very last one.

In this early chapter book, Nathan learns to care for seven orphaned baby squirrels with help from a stray neighborhood cat.

Queen Elizabeth II's corgi Susan spills secrets of life in the Royal Family! Gifted to Princess Elizabeth on her 18th birthday, Susan was the cherished companion of the future monarch—even joining the princess on her honeymoon in 1947! Eight years later, she was in attendance when Elizabeth was crowned Queen. How does a Royal Corgi spend her days? What goes on in the Corgi Room in Buckingham Palace? Susan reveals all, along with details about Elizabeth's work as a lorry driver during World War II—where she learned to take apart an engine and put it back together! With realistic black and white illustrations throughout and a fact-filled appendix, this is the kind of historical fiction that reluctant middle-grade readers will bow down to with respect!

In this *Dog Diaries-meets-Horse Diaries* Special Crossover Edition, a no-nonsense fire dog meets her match in the biggest, hottest flames Chicago has ever seen—and a rescue horse with an attitude! In the 1800s, firefighters used horses to pull fire trucks. But horses spook easily and run away from fire—so they needed fire dogs. And there's no better fire dog than Sparky. Sparky is so good at her job, she knows when the alarm is going to ring before it even rings! But today is no ordinary day. There's no choice but to put Cinders—a rescue horse with an attitude—to work at her very first fire, one destined to become one of the greatest disasters of the nineteenth century! With realistic black-and-white illustrations and an appendix including information about dalmatians, the Great Chicago Fire, and more, this is historical fiction for kids who don't like historical fiction, and a perfect choice for supporting Common Core State Standards. Get the horse's side of the story! Read *Horse Diaries* Special Edition: *Cinders*.