



Realistic Animal Stories

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Staff Picks

The following books are located in the **Picture Book (E)** section, alphabetically by author's last name.

Anderson, C.W. ***Billy and Blaze***
A little boy who loves horses gets a special birthday present.

Arnosky, Jim ***Babies in the Bayou***
There are many babies in the bayou, and even though they might have sharp white teeth, hard shells, webbed feet, or quick claws, their mothers still need to protect them.

Baker, Keith ***Little Green***
A young boy paints the flight of a hummingbird as it zips, loops, and zigzags around his garden.

Brown, Ruth ***Gracie the Lighthouse Cat***
When Gracie discovers that her kitten is missing from their lighthouse home, she goes out into a terrible storm to rescue him.

Falwell, Cathryn ***Scoot!***
Six silent turtles sit still as stones on a log, as energetic movement by the other animals in the pond happens all around them.

George, Jean Craighead ***The Buffalo Are Back***
"In the mid-1800s seventy-five million buffalo roamed in North America. In little more than fifty years, there would be almost none." The death of the buffalo and the settlers' farming and ranching practices endangered the prairie, as drought made the farmland crumble to dust. To help repair the land, the buffalo had to be saved.

George, Jean Craighead ***Luck***
A young sandhill crane, Luck, finds his place in the ancient crane migration from northern Canada to the Platte River.

Graham, Bob ***Let's Get a Pup, Said Kate***
When Kate and her parents visit the animal shelter, an adorable puppy charms them, but it is very hard to leave an older dog behind.

Henkes, Kevin ***Birds***
Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common.

Lincoln, Hazel ***Little Elephant's Trunk***
By watching the other animals, a newborn elephant learns many uses for his wonderful trunk.

Lobel, Anita ***Nini Lost and Found***
Nini Cat enjoys her outdoor adventure until she ventures too far and cannot find her way home.



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London, Jonathan

Crocodile: Disappearing Dragon

Life in a southern mangrove swamp is not easy for a crocodile as she mates, lays her eggs, helps her hatched babies begin their precarious lives, and then escapes being shot by a hunter.

McCulley, Emily Arnold

Wonderhorse: the True Story of the World's Smartest Horse

A fictionalized account of Bill "Doc" Key, a former slave who became a veterinarian, trained his horse, Jim Key, to recognize letters and numbers and to perform in skits around the country, and moved the nation toward a belief in treating animals humanely.

Meyers, Susan

Kittens! Kittens! Kittens!

Illustrations and rhyming text portray kittens as they go from nestling newborns to proud, independent, and ready to have kittens of their own.

Minor, Wendell

My Farm Friends

Simple, rhyming text describes the characteristics of different farm animals. Includes "farm friends fun facts" and books and websites for further reading.

Myron, Vicki and Bret Witter

Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library!

"When librarian Vicki Myron finds a young kitten abandoned in the Spencer Library return box, she nurses him back to health, deciding then and there that he will be their library cat, and naming him, appropriately, Dewey Readmore Books."--Amazon.com.

Sayre, April Pulley

Turtle, Turtle, Watch Out!

From before the time she hatches until she returns to the same beach to lay eggs of her own, a sea turtle is helped to escape from danger many times by different human hands.

Voake, Charlotte

Ginger Finds a Home

A little girl feeds Ginger, a thin little cat who has been living in a patch of weeds, and takes him home to live with her.

Recommended Juvenile Nonfiction

Cowley, Joy

Red-Eyed Tree Frog

J 597.87 COWLEY

This frog found in the rain forest of Central America spends the night searching for food while also being careful not to become dinner for some other animal.

Chapman, Cindy

Baby Animals

J 591.39 CHAPMAN

Briefly introduces a variety of baby animals, in a text that incorporates phonics instruction and rebuses.

Kalman, Bobbie

Baby Horses

J 636.107 KALMAN

Extraordinary photographs and simple text describe the body parts of a foal, its first wobbly steps within an hour of being born, how its mother feeds and protects it, and how foals are groomed by people.

Schofield, Jennifer

Animal Babies in Grasslands

J 591.748 SCHOFIEL

A simple introduction to the baby and adult animals that live in grassland areas. *See also Animal Babies in Polar Lands (J 591.7586 SCHOFIEL), Animal Babies in Ponds and Rivers (J 591.763 SCHOFIEL), Animal Babies in Rain Forests (J 591.734 SCHOFIEL)*



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