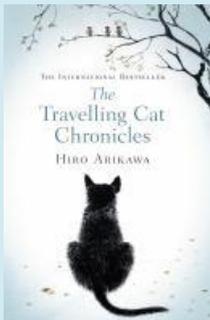


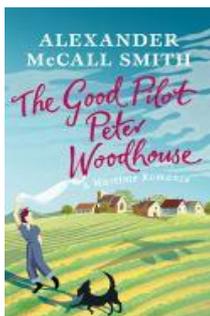
The friend / Sigrid Nunez

When a woman unexpectedly loses her lifelong best friend and mentor, she finds herself burdened with the unwanted dog he has left behind. Her own battle against grief is intensified by the mute suffering of the dog, a huge Great Dane traumatized by the inexplicable disappearance of its master. A moving story of love, friendship, grief, healing, and the magical bond between a woman and her dog.



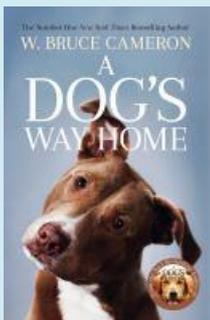
The travelling cat chronicles / Hiro Arikawa

Nana is on a road trip, but he is not sure where he is going. All that matters is that he can sit beside his beloved owner Satoru in the front seat of his silver van. Satoru is keen to visit three old friends from his youth, though Nana doesn't know why and Satoru won't say. Nana's story explores the wonder and thrill of life's unexpected detours.



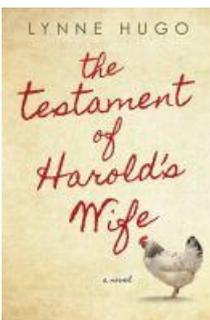
The good pilot Peter Woodhouse : a wartime romance / Alexander McCall Smith

Val was working as a land girl when the Americans arrived at the nearby airfield in 1944. Mike, a young American airman, came into her life soon after, and so too did Peter Woodhouse, a dog badly treated on a neighbouring farm. Mike takes Peter Woodhouse to the airbase and over time he becomes the mascot of the American squad, flying with them whenever their Mosquitoes took to the skies. When their plane is shot down over Holland both Mike and Peter are feared lost. But unknown to their loved ones at home, they survived the crash.



A dog's way home / W. Bruce Cameron

Lucas Ray is shocked when an adorable puppy jumps out of an abandoned building and into his arms. Though the apartment he shares with his mother, a disabled veteran, doesn't allow dogs, Lucas can't resist taking Bella home. After Bella is picked up by Animal Control, Lucas has no choice but to send her to a foster home until he can figure out what to do. But Bella doesn't plan to wait. With 400 miles of Colorado wilderness between her and her person, Bella sets off on a seemingly impossible and completely unforgettable adventure home.



The Testament of Harold's Wife / Lynne Hugo

After losing her husband, Harold, and her beloved grandson, Cody, within the past year, Louisa has two choices. She can fade away on her Indiana family farm, where her companionship comes courtesy of her aging chickens and an argumentative cat. A Louisa decides to try and get justice for her grandson who was killed by a drunk driver. But plans can go awry. A wounded buck, and a teenage boy on the land she treasures help Louisa see that the enduring beauty of the natural world and the mystery of human connection are larger than revenge ... and so is justice



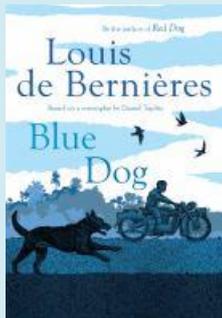
A wartime friend / Lizzie Lane

Leah escapes from a train bound for a death camp -- along with a surprising friend, a kind-natured German Shepherd dog. Discovered in France by an RAF pilot, the traumatised Leah wakes to find she's lost her memory. Fostered by the pilot and Meg, his wife, Leah becomes Lily.



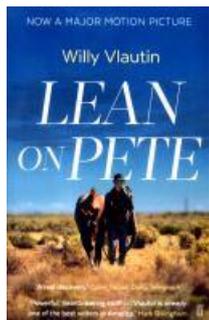
The elusive language of ducks / Judith White

"As if it will make up for her loss, they bring Hannah a duckling to care for. They were well meaning, and it could have done the trick." This seemingly simple opening leads into a raw exploration of dependency, obsession, addiction, and love. These themes unravel as the relationship between Hannah and the muscovy duck develops. Beautifully written, the story is funny and insightful with a penetrating and compassionate view of marriage and the transient nature of life, and its secrets, within a chaotic world.



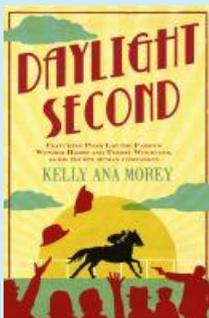
Blue dog / Louis de Bernières

When a family tragedy means Mick is sent to the outback to live with his Granpa, it looks as if he has a lonely life ahead of him. However, after a cyclone hits, things change for Mick. Exploring the flood waters, he finds a lost puppy covered in mud and half-drowned. Mick and his dog immediately become inseparable as they take on the adventures offered by their unusual home, and the business of growing up, together.



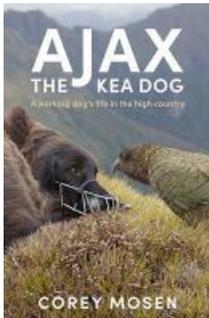
Lean on Pete : a novel / Willy Vlautin

Fifteen-year-old Charley Thompson wants a home. Food on the table and in the cupboard; a high school he can attend for more than part of a year; and some structure to his life. Charley and his father arrive in Portland, Oregon and Charley takes a stables job at the local race track. Its there that Charley meets Pete, an old horse who becomes his companion as he's forced to try and make his own way in the world. A portrait of a journey - populated by a vivid cast of characters against a harsh landscape.



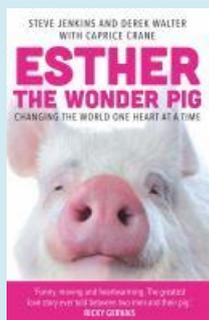
Daylight second / Kelly Ana Morey

From Timaru in New Zealand where he was born, to Australia where he rewrote track and race records and finally Mexico where he would run his last race, Daylight Second chronicles the death threats and attempts on Phar Lap's life that were made before the running of two of the three Melbourne Cups he contested, his many triumphs including winning the Melbourne Cup in 1930 and the Agua Caliente Handicap in 1932, and finally his death in America in mysterious circumstances.



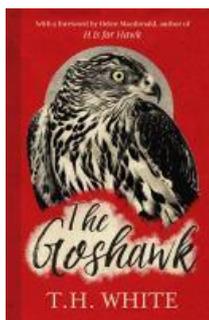
Ajax the kea dog : a working dog's life in the high country / Corey Mason with Nicola McCloy. (Non-fiction)

This heart-warming story describes how Ajax was trained to be one of the very few kea detection dogs in the world and tells of his various escapades in the unpredictable wilds of the steep back-country, including flying in helicopters, working in blizzards, heavy rain and dense fog, escaping from angry wasps and sleeping out in the bitter cold.



Esther the wonder pig : changing the world one heart at a time / Steve Jenkins and Derek Walter with Caprice Crane (Non-fiction)

A funny, heartwarming and inspiring true story about how one little pig changed her owners lives forever. Inspired by their adventures with their not so little pig, Steve and Derek have become two of the worlds best known and most successful animal rights activists, alongside the magnificent Esther.



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All the Queen's corgis : the story of Elizabeth II and her most faithful companions / [Penny Junor

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