

PET FICTION GRADES 3-6  
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VARIOUS PETS

**Bunnacula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery** by Deborah and James Howe. **J HOWE** 112 p. **Grades 3-6.** Chester the cat and Harold the dog suspect that the bunny rabbit brought home from a Dracula movie is really a vampire. This is the first in a very funny series, written as if by Harold the dog that includes: *Celery Stalks at Midnight, Howliday Inn, Bunnacula Strikes Again!, Nighty-Nightmare* and *Return to Howliday Inn*.

**The Cricket in Times Square** by George Selden. **J SELD** 144 p. **Grades 3-5.** This classic story is about the escapades of Chester the cricket, Tucker the mouse, Harry the cat and Mario, a little boy whose parents run a newsstand in New York City. Sequels are: *Tucker's Countryside, Harry Cat's Pet Puppy, Chester Cricket's Pigeon Ride, Chester Cricket's New Home, Harry Kitten and Tucker Mouse* and *The Old Meadow*.

**Ferret in the Bedroom, Lizards in the Fridge** by Bill Wallace. **J WALL** 144 p. **Grades 4-6.** Liz tells her zoologist father he must get rid of all the homeless animals he keeps at their home or she will never win the sixth-grade presidency. When the animals are gone, she misses them and realizes that there are more important things than winning.

**Wild at Heart Series** by Laurie Halse Anderson. **J ANDE** This series includes stories about a variety of animals and the children (in the twelve year-old range) who care for them.

BIRDS

**Captain Tweakerbeak's Revenge: A Calliope Day Adventure** by Charles Haddad. **J HADD** 192 p. **Grades 3-5.** When mischievous nine-year-old Calliope Day talks her rich new friend into bringing Captain Tweakerbeak the parrot to school for a prank, the results are so hilarious Calliope decides to keep the bird for herself.

**Harry's Mad** by Dick King-Smith. **J KING**. 123 p. **Grades 4-6.** Harry's legacy from his great-uncle, a talking parrot, proves to be a much more exciting gift than he imagined.

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**CATS- see also the St. Tammany Parish Library 's Cat Lovers Booklist for Kids**

**The Boy Who Drew Cats** by Lafcadio Hearn. **E HOD** 32 p. **Grades 1-4.** This Japanese folktale tells how a young boy's obsession with drawing cats changes his life.

**The Broccoli Tapes** by Jan Slepian. **J SLE** 160 p. **Grades 5-7.** During a stay of several months in Hawaii with her family, 12-year-old Sara reports her experiences by tape back to her sixth-grade class in Boston, detailing her "adoption" of a wild cat, a friendship with a troubled Hawaiian boy, and the death of a beloved grandmother.

**The Cat Who Went to Heaven** by Elizabeth Coatsworth. **J COAT** 72 p. **Grades 4-6.** When a poor Japanese artist paints his little white cat into a picture of the dying Buddha, he lets his pet into heaven. Newbery Medal 1931.

**Cats in Krasinski Square** by Karen Hesse. **E HES.** 32 p. **Grades 2-5.** Two Jewish sisters, escapees of the infamous Warsaw ghetto, devise a plan with cats to thwart an attempt by the Gestapo to intercept food bound for starving people behind the Dark Wall. This picture book for older children is based on a true story.

**Catwings** by Ursula Le Guin. **J LE GU** 48 p. **Grades 3-6.** Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two young children with kind hands. *Catwings Series* includes *Catwings Return*, *Wonderful Alexander and the Catwing* and *Jane on Her Own*.

**The Four Ugly Cats in Apartment 3D** by Marilyn Sachs. **J SACH.** **Grades 3-5.** After a neighbor in her apartment building dies, ten-year-old Lily tries to find homes for his four ugly, noisy cats.

**It's Like This, Cat** by Emily Cheney Neville **J NEVI** 192 p. **Grades 5-7.** Fourteen-year-old Dave, who lives in New York City, befriends a stray tomcat and talks to him about his friends and family. Newbery Medal 1964.

**Pinky Pye** by Eleanor Estes. **J PYE** 272 p. **Grades 4-6.** While spending a bird-watching summer on Fire Island, the Pye family acquires a small black kitten that could use a typewriter.

**Socks** by Beverly Cleary. **J CLEA.** 156 p. **Grades 3-6.** The happy home life of Socks the cat is disrupted by the addition of a new baby to the household.

**Three Swords for Granada** by Walter Dean Myers. **J MYER** 112 p. **Grades 4-6.** In 1420 Spain, three young cat friends join the warrior cats as they struggle to save their beloved Granada from the vicious dogs of the Fidorean Guard.

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**DOGS- see also the St. Tammany Parish Library 's Dog Lovers Booklist for Kids**

**Anastasia, Absolutely** by Lois Lowry. J LOWR. 128 p. **Grades 4-6.** When Anastasia absentmindedly throws a bag filled with her dog's poop into a mailbox, the police investigate.

**Because of Winn-Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick Press, 2000. 0763607762. 184 p. **Grades 4-6.** Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

**Big Red** by Jim A. Kjelgaard. J KJE. 254 p. **Grades 4-6.** Danny, a French Canadian orphan, and his Irish Setter, Big Red, face many dangers in the wilderness, including a savage killer bear. Other exciting adventure stories by Kjelgaard include: *Irish Red, Outlaw Red* and *Snow Dog*.

**Call of the Wild** by Jack London. J LOND **Grades 5 and up.** In this classic story, Buck, a stolen dog, becomes the fierce leader of an Alaskan sled-dog team during the Gold Rush days.

**Dodi's Prince** by Vaughn Michaels. J MICH 2003. 0525470344. 122 p. **Grades 3-5.** Eight-year-old Dodi hopes to overcome the objections of her family and her Texas trailer park neighbors, so she can keep the stray dog she calls Prince.

**Dog Friday** by Hilary McKay. J MACKA. 135 p. **Grades 4-6.** Ten-year-old Robin is determined to keep the dog he finds abandoned on the beach from being impounded by the police.

**A Dog on Barkham Street** by Mary Stolz. J STOL. 184 p. **Grades 4-6.** Fifth-grader Edward longs for a dog, so he is happy when his uncle shows up with a beautiful young collie.

**Faith and the Electric Dogs** by Patrick Jennings. J JENN **Grades 3-6.** This unusual book written in a style called "magical realism" is narrated by Edison, a multi-lingual mutt (slang for mutt is "electric") who lives on the streets of Mexico. He is befriended by Faith, an American girl who is unhappy about being forced to live in Mexico.

**Fire, Bed and Bone** by Henrietta Branford. J BRAN 0763603384. 128 p. **Grades 6-9.** In 1381 England, a hunting dog recounts what happens to his beloved master Rufus and his family when they are arrested on suspicion of being part of the peasant's rebellion led by Wat Tyler and the preacher John Ball.

**Ginger Pye** by Eleanor Estes. J ESTE. 320 p. **Grades 4-6.** The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger and the appearance of a mysterious man in a mustard yellow hat brings excitement into the lives of the Pye children. Newbery Medal 1952.

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**The Good Dog** by Avi. **J AVI**. 256 p. **Grades 4-6**. McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.

**Hank the Cowdog (Series)** by John R. Erickson. **J ERIC** Grades 3-5. This popular series is about a dog who has many funny and exciting adventures on a western ranch.

**Hachiko Waits** by Leslea Newman. **J NEWM** 96 p. **Grades 3-5**. In this short novel inspired by a true story, a Japanese professor's loyal Akita dog waited for him at the train station everyday. After the man had a fatal heart attack, the dog still waited for over 10 years until he died. The dog's faithfulness was so inspiring to the Japanese people that a statue was built in his honor.

**Henry Huggins** by Beverly Cleary. **J CLEA** 160 p. **Grades 3-5**. When Henry adopts Ribsy, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow. This series that includes *Ribsy* and other stories about Henry, who is Ramona's older brother, have been around for many years but still retain their warm, realistic humor.

**Hurry Home Candy** by Meindert De Jong. HarperCollins. **J DE JO** 256 p. **Grades 4-6**. A lost dog is alone in the countryside but is determined to find her way home.

**I Was a Third Grade Science Project** by Mary Jane Auch. **J AUCH** 112 p. **Grades 3-5**. Brian tries to hypnotize his dog into believing he's a cat, but the spell works on one of Brian's classmates instead.

**I Was a Third Grade Spy** by Mary Jane Auch. **J AUCH** 96 p. **Grades 3-5**. When Brian's dog, Arful, begins to talk, Brian and his friends send him to find out what their classmates are planning for the talent show.

**Incredible Journey** by Sheila Burnford. **J BURN**. **Grades 4-7**. A young Labrador retriever, a bull terrier and a Siamese Cat make their way through the Canadian wilderness to get home.

**Kaya and Lone Dog (American Girl Collection: Kaya Stories Book 4)** by Janet Beeler Shaw. **J AMER** 96 p. **Grades 3-6**. Still grieving over the death of her hero and missing her stolen horse and kidnapped younger sister, Kaya tries to earn the trust of a lone and starving dog that is about to have puppies.

**Lassie Come-Home** by Eric Knight. **J KNI** 256 p. **Grades 4-8**. This is a reissue of the classic book first published in 1940. It has an old-fashioned cover and retains the original black-and-white drawings. The story of the faithful dog who makes her way through the rugged countryside of Scotland to be reunited with her owner was first published as a short story in 1938 and expanded into a full-length novel in 1940. The story, which is much more than a dog story addresses issues of love, loyalty, poverty, black lung disease and cruelty to animals.

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**Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog's Tale** by Laurie Myers. **J MYER** 80 p. **Grades 3-5.** Seaman, Meriwether Lewis' Newfoundland dog, describes Lewis and Clark's expedition, which he accompanied from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.

**Love That Dog** by Sharon Creech. **J CREE**. 112 p. Grades 4-7. In simple, free verse, Jack writes about his feelings. Inspired by Walter Dean Myers' poem "Love That Boy," Jack finds his own voice and writes a moving poem about what happened to his beloved dog.

**Molly's Puppy Tale** (American Girl Collection) by Valerie Tripp. **J AMER** 56 p. Grades 3-5. In 1945 ten-year-old Molly does not want to share her puppy Bennett with her brother but finds she might need to change her mind.

**My Dog, My Hero** by Betsy Byers **J BYER**. 64 p. **Grades 3-5.** A panel of three judges has to decide which dog out of eight finalists deserves to win the title of "My Hero." The book includes the story of each dog's heroism. Young Readers' Choice Award 2003.

**Notes From a Liar and her Dog** by Gennifer Choldenko. **J CHOL** **Grades 5-7.** Eleven-year-old Ant, stuck in a family that she doesn't like, copes by pretending that her "real" parents are coming to rescue her by loving her dog Pistachio, by volunteering at the zoo, and by bending the truth and telling lies.

**Old Yeller** by Fred Gipson. **J GIP** **Grades 5-8.** This classic story set in the Texas frontier is about an old ugly stray who proves that he can protect the Travis family from danger.

**Ribsy** by Beverly Cleary. **J CLEA** 192 p. **Grades 3-5.** When Ribsy, a city dog, strays from Henry Huggins, he sets off a chain of hilarious events as he tries to make the best of his separation from home. One of a series about Henry and Ribsy.

**Shiloh** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. **J NAYL** **Grades 4-6.** Eleven-year-old Marty, who lives in the West Virginia hills, finds an abused beagle near his home, but his father says that Marty must return him to his cruel owner. Newbery Medal 1992.  
Sequels: *Saving Shiloh* and *Shiloh Season*.

**Souder** by William H. Armstrong. **J ARMS**. 128 p.  
Grades 4-7. **This is the story of a poor African-American sharecropper's family and their dog. When the father is jailed for stealing a ham, the family must survive without him. Newbery Medal.**

**Stay! Keeper's Story** by Lois Lowry. **J LOWR**. 128 p. **Grades 3-5.** Keeper tells about being separated from his mother and siblings, his search for his sister and his adventures with various human masters.

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**Strider** by Beverly Cleary. **J CLEA.** 192 p. **Grades 4-7.**

In a series of diary entries, Leigh tells how he comes to terms with his parents' divorce, acquires joint custody of an abandoned dog, and joins the track team at school.

**Summer of Riley** by Eve Bunting. **J BUNT.** 176 p. **Grades 4-6.** Shortly after he gets the perfect dog, eleven-year-old William must fight for his dog's life after Riley is taken away because he chases and injures an elderly neighbor's old horse.

**Trouble with Tuck** by Theodore Taylor. **J TAYL.** **Grades 5-8.**

A girl trains her blind dog to follow and trust a guide dog of his own.

**Where the Red Fern Grows** by Wilson Rawls. **J RAWL** 212 p. **Grades 4-8.**

The narrator looks back 50 years to his childhood in the Ozarks and remembers his two beloved dogs that won the championship coon hunt before Old Dan was killed by a mountain lion and Little Ann died of grief.

**White Fang** by Jack London. **J LOND** **Grades 5 up.** White Fang, a cross-breed dog, is sold to a cruel owner who tortures him to make him ferocious. A new owner takes him to California and treats him kindly.

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**HORSES see also the St. Tammany Parish Library 's Horse Lovers Booklist**

**Black Beauty** by Anna Sewell. **J SEWE. Grades 5 and up.**

This classic is the story of a horse's experiences at the hands of many owners ranging from the worthy Squire Gordon to a cruel cab-driver.

**The Black Stallion Series** by Walter Farley. **J FARL Grades 5-7.** The first book in this series was published in 1941. Young Alec is shipwrecked on a desert island with a horse destined to play an important part in his life.

**Justin Morgan Had a Horse** by Marguerite Henry. **J HENR. 169 p. Grades 4-6.** This is the moving story of the brave little Vermont work horse who was the beginning of the famous Morgan work horse breed.

**King of the Wind** by Marguerite Henry. **J HENR 172 p. Grades 4-6.** A famous thoroughbred crosses the ocean to France and England accompanied by a mute Arabian stable boy. Newbery Medal.

**Misty of Chincoteague** by Marguerite Henry. **J HENR 175 p. Grades 4-6.** Paul and his sister Maureen's determination to own a pony from the herd on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among the ponies rounded up for the yearly auction. Others in the series are *Sea Star*, *Orphan of Chincoteague* and *Stormy, Misty's Foal*.

**My Friend Flicka** by Mary O'Hara. **J OHAR 272 p. Grades 5-7.** Through his intense devotion to the colt Flicka, a young boy, living on a Wyoming ranch, begins to learn about responsibility and gain a better understanding of his brusque father.

**National Velvet** by Enid Bagnold. **J BAG Grades 6 up.** An English girl wins a magnificent piebald horse in a lottery and determines to enter and win the Grand National Steeplechase.

**Poor Badger** by K.M. Peyton **J PEYT 101 p. Grades 3-5.** Having become passionately devoted to a pony who is being mistreated by his owner, nine-year-old Ros decides to steal him in the night and hide him in a place of safety.

**HORSE AUTHORS AND SERIES**

**SERIES**

**Author Jesse Haas J HAAS**

**Hoofbeats** (Katie and the Mustang) by Kathleen Duey **J DUEY**

**Horseshoe Trilogies** by Lucy Daniels **J DANI**

**Saddle Club** by Bonnie Bryant **J BRYA**

**Sandy Lane Stables** **J SAND**

**Sheltie** **J CLOV**

**Thoroughbred** **J THOR**

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**LIZARDS**

**The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko (Chet Gecko Mystery Series)** by Bruce Hale. **J HALE** 112 p. **Grades 3-5.** When hired by a fellow fourth-grader to find her missing brother, Chet Gecko uncovers a plot involving a Gila monster's revenge upon the school's football team.

**Day of the Iguana (Hank Zipzer Series)** by Lin Oliver and Henry Winkler. **J WINK** 160 p. **Grades 3-5.** Hank has never been fond of his sister's pet iguana, and their relationship worsens when she lays her eggs inside his science project.

**SNAKES**

**Robert and the Great Escape** by Barbara Seuling. **J SEUL**. 120 p. **Grades 3-5.** Robert and his best friend Paul have lots of fun on a weekend skiing vacation. When they return, they have to try to find their missing third-grade class pet, Sally the snake.

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MICE

**Abel's Island** by William Steig. J STEI 117 p. **Grades 3-5.** Abel the mouse is used to living in splendor. When he is stranded on an island, he must learn to cope with solitude and find food and shelter.

**Ben and Me: A New and Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin as Written by His Good Mouse Amos** by Robert Lawson. J LAWS. 113 p. **Grades 3-5.** This clever story about a mouse who helps Ben Franklin is a delight.

**Mouse and the Motorcycle** by Beverly Cleary. J CLEA 158 p. **Grades 3-5.** This is a fun and amusing book about Ralph, a mouse who learns to ride a toy motorcycle and goes on wild rides through the corridors of the hotel where he lives. Sequels are *Runaway Ralph* and *Ralph S. Mouse*.

**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH** by Robert O'Brien. J O'BRI 280 p. Grades 4-7. Mrs. Frisby, a field mouse, is befriended by a group of super-intelligent laboratory rats and manages to save their lives. Newbery Medal, 1972.

**Poppy** by Avi. J AVI 160 p. **Grades 3-6.** This exciting tale is about a mouse named Poppy is full of action, suspense and humor. Poppy urges her family to move next to a field of corn, but Mr. Ocax, the terrifying owl, won't let them. Ragweed, Poppy's boyfriend, defies the owl and gets eaten, so Poppy must find a solution on her own. Other titles in series: *Poppy and Rye*, *Poppy's Return*, and *Ragweed*.

**Racso and the Rats of NIMH** by Jane Leslie Conly. J CONL 288 p. **Grades 4-7.** Timothy Frisby mouse and the braggart Racso rat meet on their way to Thorn Valley to learn from the rats of NIMH. Sequels to *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* are written by Robert O'Brien's daughter. Other titles in the series are: *The Secret of NIMH* and *R-T, Margaret and the Rats of NIMH*.

**Redwall** by Brian Jacques. YA JACQ. 351 p. **Grades 5-8.** A young mouse named Mathias is determined to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior, which he believes will help destroy the enemy. Many other titles in series.

**Stuart Little** by E. B. White. J WHIT Grades 3-6. Stuart is a mouse/child born to a New York couple and then sets out on a quest.

**The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread** by Kate DiCamillo. J DICA. **Grades 4-7.** This is the story of a mouse in love with music, stories and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in darkness, and of Miggery Sow, a serving girl with an impossible wish. Newbery Medal.

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**Time Stops for No Mouse: A Hermux Tantamoq Adventure** by Michael Hoeye. **J HOEY** 250 p. Grades 5 and up. When Linda Perflinger, a jaunty mouse, brings a watch into his shop to be repaired Hermux is caught up in a dangerous search for eternal youth. Sequel is *The Sands of Time*.

**HAMSTERS, GERBILS, GUINEA PIGS AND OTHERS**

**Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing about Me** by Katy Kelly. **J KELL** 144 p. Grades. Eight-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., her home since her parent's separation, where she spends time with her grandparents, makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet during a holiday.

**The Many Troubles of Andy Russell** by David Adler. **J ADLE**.144 p. **Grades 3-5**. When some of his gerbils escape and he gets in trouble for not paying attention in class, fourth-grader Andy Russell worries about asking if a friend can move in with his family – especially when he learns that his mother is going to have another baby.

**Peewee's Tale** by Johanna Hurwitz. **J HURW** Illustrated by Patience Brewster. 104 p. **Grades 3-5**. When his owner's parents let him go in central park, a young guinea pig learns to survive in the natural world with the help of a "park-wise" squirrel while trying to find his way back home.

**Tales of Olga da Polga** by Michael Bond. **J BON** Illustrated by Hans Helweg. 128 p. **Grades 3-5**. Recounts the adventures of an unusual guinea pig that specializes in tall tales.

**Wanted...Mud Blossom** by Betsy Byars. **J BYA** Illustrated by Jacqueline Rogers. 160p. **Grades 3-5**. Convinced that Mud is responsible for the disappearance of the school hamster that was his responsibility for the weekend, Junior Blossom is determined that the dog should be tried for his "crime."

**RABBITS**

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**Rabbit Hill** by Robert Lawson. **J LAW** 127 p. **Grades 3-6**. The rabbits are excited when a new family comes to live in the big house. They are "planting folks," so the rabbits think there will be plenty of food for all. Newbery Medal.

**PIGS**

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**Babe: The Gallant Pig** by Dick King-Smith. **J KING** 144 p. **Grades 3-6.** A piglet comes to Farmer Hogget's farm, where he is adopted by an old sheepdog and accomplishes amazing things.

**Charlotte's Web** by E. B. White. **J WHIT** 184 p. **Grades 3-6.** Wilbur the pig is friends with Charlotte the spider and a little girl who could talk to animals.

**Freddy, the Detective (Series)** by Walter R. Brooks. **J BRO** **Grades 3-5.** These stories about the pig detective were written in 1930-1950s.

**Lady Lollipop** by Dick King-Smith. **J KING** Illustrated by Jill Barton. 128 p. **Grades 3-5.** A quick-witted swineherd and a pig named Lollipop are royally rewarded after they reform a spoiled princess.

**UNUSUAL PETS**

**Gentle Ben** by Walter Morey. **J MORE** 192 p. **Grades 5-7.** Thirteen-year-old Mark befriends a huge brown bear which has been chained in a shed since it was a cub. This story set in the rugged Alaskan Territory is a memorable reading experience.

**Harriet and the Crocodiles** by Martin Waddell. Illustrated by Mark Burgess. **J WAD** **Grades 4-6.** Harriet loses her pet crocodile and sets out to find him.

**Henry** by Nina Bawden. **J BAWD.** Grades 3-5. Evacuated to the English countryside during World War II, a fatherless family tries to raise a baby squirrel that also lost its home.

**Junie B. Jones Smells Something Fishy** by Barbara Park. **J PARK.** 80 p. **Grades 3-5.** Frustrated because the rules of her class's Pet Day will not let her take her dog to school, Junie B. Jones considers taking a raccoon, a worm, a dead fish, and other unusual replacements.

**Mr. Popper's Penguins** by Richard and Florence Atwater. **J ATWA** **Grades 3-5.** This story about the man who receives a delivery of penguins and must deal with them living in his house remains hilariously funny.

**Owls in the Family** by Farley Mowat. 91 p. **Grades 3-5.** A young boy's pet menagerie, which includes magpies, gophers and a dog, grows out of control with the addition of two cantankerous owls named Wol and Weeps. The owls turn the town upside down in this warm, funny story.

**Rascal** by Sterling North. Illustrated by John Schoenherr. **J 599.74 NOR** 189 p. **Grades 5 up.** This is a **non-fiction** title, but it reads like fiction. The author recalls his carefree life in a small Midwestern town at the close of WWI and his adventures with his pet raccoon, Rascal.