



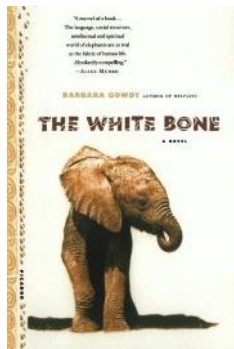
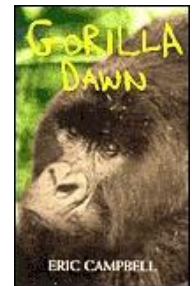
# ANIMAL RIGHTS

## POACHING, ABUSE, PROTECTION, & SMUGGLING

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### **Gorilla Dawn** by Eric Campbell

Locked together in a bloody civil war, the Hutu and the Tutsi tribes of Rwanda in Africa struggle to survive. The son of the murdered Rwandan president and two teenage children of a white family must flee for their lives as they have missed the last plane out. Where can they go but to the mountains, the home of the gorillas? Holed up in a remote mountain cabin, James and Anna plan a desperate escape but they are not alone. Watching them from the rainforest is a great silverback gorilla, patriarch and protector of its endangered family.



### **The White Bone** by Barbara Gowdy

A thrilling journey into the minds of African elephants as they struggle to survive.

For years, young Mud, blessed with visionary powers, and her family have roamed the high grasses, swamps, and deserts of the sub-Saharan. Now the earth is scorched by drought, and the mutilated bodies of family and friends lie scattered on the ground, shot down by ivory hunters. Nothing, not the once familiar terrain or the age-old rhythms of life, or even memory itself seems reliable anymore. Yet a slim hope is passed on from water hole to water hole: the sacred white bone of legend will point the elephants toward

the Safe Place.....and so begins a quest through Africa's vast and perilous plains.

Plunged into an 'alien' landscape, readers must orient themselves in elephant time, elephant space, elephant consciousness' and feel 'what it would be like to be so big and gentle, to be so imperilled, and to have such prodigious memory.'

### **Wild Things Series** by Elizabeth Laird

This series contains **ten exciting novels**, all set in Africa, and featuring the same characters, Afra, a passionate animal lover, Joseph, an ambitious thirteen-year old Kamba boy who is her foster-brother and their neighbour Tom. In the pages of these novels, you will meet endangered elephants, chimpanzees, rhinos, lions, leopards, baboons, wolves, zebras, parrots, turtles and many more thrilling creatures, but you will also meet people: Maasai Warriors, smugglers, poachers, fishermen and big game experts.

Titles include: **Red Wolf, Baboon Rock, Zebra Storm, Leopard Trail, Elephant Thunder, Rhino Fire, Parrot rescue, Turtle Reef, Lion Pride and Chimp Escape.**

### **A River Ran Out of Eden** by James Vance Marshall

Eric seeks shelter from a terrible storm which sweeps across the island and, whilst sheltering, he discovers a rare and beautiful gold-furred seal. A warm friendship grows between the boy and the animal, but their friendship is threatened by two men who want to kill the golden seal for its valuable fur.

### Stories from the *Wild Series* by Geoffrey Malone

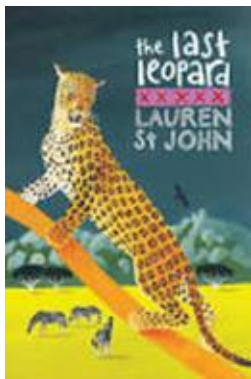
A **series** of **eight exciting novels** dealing with animal survival and poaching in the harsh wilderness areas of the world.

**Brunner** – beaver; **Cadoc** – badger; **Crocodile River** – crocodile; **Elephant Ben** – elephant; **Kimba** – lion cub; **Tiger** – tiger cub; **Torn Ear** – fox; **Wild and Free** – horses; **Wolf** – wolf.



### **Gorilla Mountain** by Anthony Masters

The Green Watch team flies out to Africa to meet Alison Best and her husband John, who are studying a family of gorillas. The Bests are trying to protect the gorillas from poachers. The Green Watch team is ambushed, and Alison is kidnapped. Left to fend for themselves in the bush, the team have to find Alison and save the gorillas. Can anyone help them? How can the poachers be stopped?



### **Legend of the Animal Healer Series** by Lauren St. John

Titles include **The White Giraffe**, **Dolphin Song**, **The Last Leopard**, **Elephant's Tale** and **Operation Rhino**.

After Martine's parents are killed in a fire, the 11-year-old is forced to move to Africa to live in a wildlife reserve with a grandmother she never even knew she had. Once she arrives, however, she makes friends — human and animal ones — and she's exposed to issues like poaching, animal abuse and conservation. An engrossing series of mystery books for younger readers.



### **Escape to Kalimantan** by Steve Tolbert

The story of fifteen-year-old Jack, who has been taught by his father, Arnold, to respect life, to feel a strong compassion for it in all its rich and varied forms. But the horror of 28 April 1996 changes all that. Jack's sister is killed in the Port Arthur Massacre, and days later Jack's mother leaves for good. When his father's mental state begins to deteriorate, Jack realises he must do something to help his father get on with life again. Wild places and wildlife are Arnold's passionate interests, so close contact with these, Jack believes, will provide his father with his best hope of recovery. He finds out about a place that has the richest animal and plant life in the world. It's called Kalimantan, the perfect wild place to escape to. So, Jack and his dad travel to the wilds of Kalimantan, but this is no holiday. There is the dank ghost house on the seething river, a leper colony in the neighbourhood and someone is poaching the orang-utans. Jack finds out it's not just his own survival he has to worry about.

## ANIMAL ABUSE

### **The One and Only Ivan** by Katharine Applegate

Ivan is an easy-going gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line.

Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better. The author blends humour and poignancy to create Ivan's unforgettable first-person narration in a story of animal abuse, friendship, art, and hope.

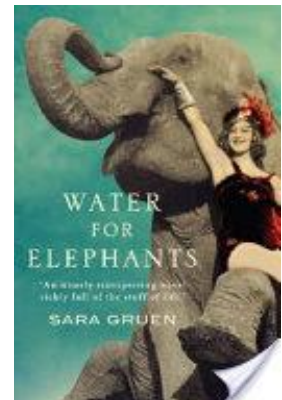
### **The Great Bear** by Libby Gleeson **Picture Book**

Once there was a dancing bear imprisoned in a medieval circus who spent her days in a cold, hard cage. Each night she was led to the town square, where acrobats, trapeze artists, and clowns performed for a boisterous crowd. The bear performed, too, year in and year out, lifting her feet and swaying to the music of trumpets, drums, and cymbals. As she danced, some people clapped, but many poked her with sticks or threw stones. One night, however, the bear did not dance. She stood very still. And then she let out a mighty roar. . . This deeply affecting tale of a bear who escapes cruelty to find a mythical release will resonate with all who love animals, while offering a universal message about freedom and dignity.

### **Water for Elephants** by Sara Gruen

An atmospheric, gritty, and compelling novel of star-crossed lovers, set in the circus world circa 1932.

When Jacob Jankowski, recently orphaned and suddenly adrift, jumps onto a passing train, he enters a world of freaks, drifters, and misfits, a second-rate circus struggling to survive during the Great Depression. A veterinary student who almost earned his degree, Jacob is put in charge of caring for the circus menagerie. It is there that he meets Marlena, the beautiful young star of the equestrian act, who is married to August, the charismatic but cruel and twisted animal trainer. He also meets Rosie, an elephant who seems untrainable until he discovers a way to reach her.

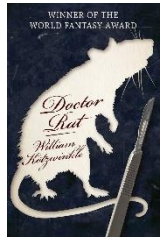
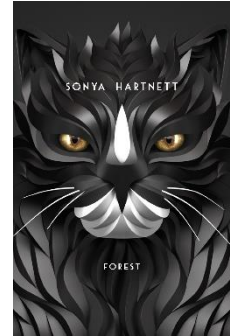


### **Spud/ Chips/ Pup** by John Heffernan

Spud and its sequels poignantly show the story of life on the land through the eyes of a blue heeler, and the cruelty that some dogs can experience. Spud, a blue heeler pup, begins her life in the city, at a time when blue heelers are fashionable. These dogs are bred to work on the land and when Spud is no longer a cute puppy, she is abandoned. Luckily, she is adopted by a new master. She goes to a new home in the country and receives love and respect from the caring man. Spud's fortunes change again when she comes under the control of a new owner. He is cruel and violent and treats her terribly and Spud must rely on her instincts to ensure her survival. Chips and Pup are Spud's offspring and have stories of their own to tell.

### **Forest** by Sonya Hartnett

Kian, a five-year-old cat, is dumped in the forest along with two kitten siblings, Jem and Cally. Kian wants nothing more than to find his home, but first they have to run the gamut of the wild. The forest is earth and leaves, sun and shade, feather and blood and bone. It is the old way, the true way, the wild way to live but for Kian, wilderness is not home.



### **Doctor Rat** by William Kotzwinkle

What happens to lab rats once they've been experimented on for medical research? In *Doctor Rat*, one of them goes mad and tells the tale of his life to readers in the most compelling and shocking way possible: through anecdotes. The sarcastic and funny tone of the book makes it entertaining while in between the lines, the novel begs readers to reconsider their stance on animal experimentation.

### **Animal Farm** by George Orwell

As ferociously fresh as it was more than a half century ago, this remarkable allegory of a downtrodden society of overworked, mistreated animals, and their quest to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality is one of the most scathing satires ever published. As we witness the rise and bloody fall of the revolutionary animals, we begin to recognize the seeds of totalitarianism in the most idealistic organization; and in our most charismatic leaders, the souls of our cruellest oppressors.



### **Ishmael** and its sequel **My Ishmael** by Daniel Quinn

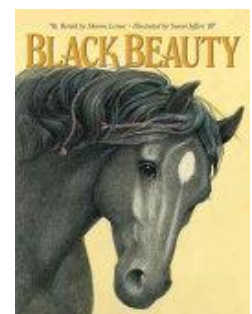
Daniel Quinn's 'Ishmael' is an award-winning classic where the main character, a gorilla named Ishmael, attempts to teach humans how to change the world into a better place. In the sequel readers get to learn about Ishmael's past, with Quinn directly addressing the issues of animal abuse, animals used in entertainment and even animal trafficking.

### **Harry Potter series** by J.K. Rowling

Potterheads cannot deny the points made about animal rights in the Potter books, even if those critters are magical. Between dragons used for cruel sports during the Triwizard Cup, Hagrid's love for magical creatures, the hippogriff being sentenced to death when Malfoy mishandles him, and the snake Harry accidentally frees at the zoo thanking him for his newfound freedom, it's clear J.K. Rowling is on the animals' side.

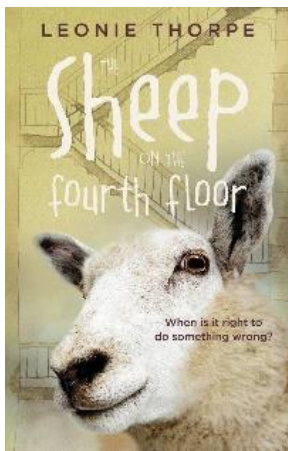
### **Black Beauty** by Anna Sewall

Black Beauty spends his youth in a loving home, surrounded by friends and cared for by his owners. But when circumstances change, he learns that not all humans are so kind. Passed from hand to hand, Black Beauty witnesses love and cruelty, wealth and poverty, friendship and hardship . . . Will the handsome horse ever find a happy and lasting home?



### **Charlotte's Web** by E. B. White and Garth Williams

This children's classic has a lot to offer in the animal rights department when being read by adults. In the words of E B White himself: "A farm is a peculiar problem for a man who likes animals, because the fate of most livestock is that they are murdered by their benefactors. The creatures may live serenely but they end violently, and the odour of doom hangs about them always." Wilbur, the pig, doesn't want to die, and his friend Charlotte, the spider, doesn't want him to die either but despite their self-awareness and will to live, their fate is completely in the hands of human farmers.



### **Sheep on the Fourth Floor** by Leonie Thorpe

Anna is the well behaved and obedient child of professional parents. Her mother Penelope is a leading research scientist and her father a doctor - and she's been raised in a politically correct, non-smoking, vegetarian home, with a solid foundation of firmly held beliefs she has inherited from her parents. However, Anna is shaken to the core when she organizes a school trip to her mother's work and discovers that her mother experiments on live animals. A sheep is being held on the fourth floor away from all the things that make life good for a sheep - and he will be killed and dissected when the experiment is finished. Horrified with what she now knows, she is further rocked to discover that her father is also straying from his moral beliefs. What follows is her way of dealing with her own moral dilemma.

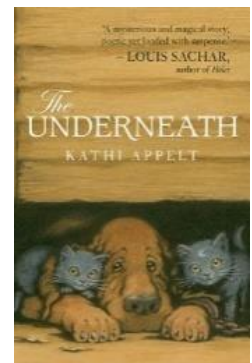
## ANIMAL PROTECTION

### **Watership Down** by Richard Adams

The story follows a warren of Berkshire rabbits fleeing the destruction of their home by a land developer. As they search for a haven, skirting danger at every turn, we become acquainted with the band and its compelling culture and mythos.

### **The Underneath** by Kathi Appelt

There is nothing lonelier than a cat who has been loved, at least for a while, and then abandoned on the side of a road. A calico cat, about to have kittens, hears the lonely howl of a chained-up hound deep in the backwaters of the bayou. They are an unlikely pair, about to become an unlikely family. Ranger urges the cat to hide underneath the porch, to raise her kittens there because Gar-Face, the man living inside the house, will surely use them as alligator bait should he find them.



### **Purinina: A Devil's Tale** by Christina Booth **Picture Book**

Can Purinina survive after her mother dies? Will the Tasmanian Devil survive humanity? Follow the journey of one of Australia's most misunderstood creatures from birth to motherhood

### **Kite** by Melvin Burgess

Taylor is hand-rearing a red kite in secret. The bird is endangered, but not everyone wants to protect it. Taylor's father is a gamekeeper, and his employer wants the kite dead. Taylor's family will lose everything if his dad doesn't obey orders and destroy the bird.

### **A Boy and His Bear** by Harriet Graham

Dickon lives in a time when wild bears are made to fight for men's sport. Medieval London comes alive in this novel through the experiences of Dickon, a boy who is apprenticed to a tanner after his father's death. Sent on an errand to the master of the London Bear Garden, Dickon sees a recently captured bear cub being mistreated by the Garden workers. Determined to free the cub, Dickon faces many terrible dangers along the way.



### **Yardil** by Rosanne Hawke **Picture Book**

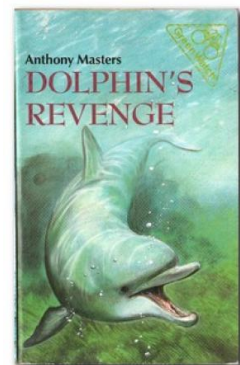
This beautiful story is inspired by the Kalasha people of Pakistan. It tells the story of a young girl called Shazia, who is consumed by the desire to make a snow leopard cub her own. The issue of endangered species is sensitively handled, as is the issue of children accepting responsibility for their actions, and everyone in her mountain village discovers the special gift of the snow leopard.

### **Battle for the Badgers** by Anthony Masters

Tim's world has been turned upside down. His dad's in prison. His mum has had a breakdown. He's been sent to stay with his weird Uncle Seb and his two kids, Flower and Brian, who run Green Watch - a pressure group that supports green issues. At first Tim thinks they're a bunch of cranks - but soon he finds himself entangled in a fervent battle to save badgers from needless extermination.

### **Dolphin's Revenge** by Anthony Masters

The members of Green Watch are convinced that Sam Jefferson is mistreating the dolphins in his dolphinarium - but they need proof. Frustrated by their failure to uncover any incriminating evidence, Tim decides to act, and finds himself on the wrong side of the law!

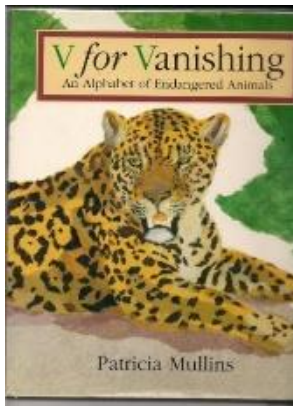


### **Sad Song of the Whale** by Anthony Masters

Tim leaps at the chance to join Green Watch on an anti-whaling expedition in the Falklands; however, events don't turn out quite as he expected. Soon, he and the other members of Green Watch, find themselves shipwrecked and fighting for their lives.

### **Man vs Beast** by Robert Muchamore

Every day thousands of animals die in laboratory experiments. Some say these experiments provide essential scientific knowledge, while others commit acts of extreme violence in order to stop them. James and Lauren Adams are stuck in the middle.



**V For Vanishing: An Alphabet of Endangered Animals** by Patricia Mullins **Picture Book**

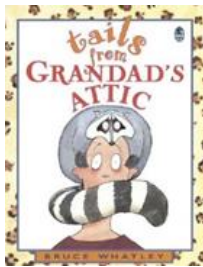
This book highlights many endangered animals and some that are already extinct.

**Tyger! Tyger!** by Elizabeth Stanley **Picture Book**

Tyger! Tyger! is a moving fable that expresses hope for harmony between the human and animal worlds. It draws its inspiration from real life - a Buddhist monastery in Thailand that has for years provided sanctuary for one of the world's most endangered animals, the beautiful Indo-Chinese tiger.

**Always Sebastian** by Jean Ure

Maggie's life is still very much influenced by tall, dark, intense Sebastian who drops in and out of her family life at will - usually with a stray cat or a dog that he rescued. Sebastian has always had strong feelings for animals and the environment, and Maggie and the girls have, on the whole, supported and agreed with his beliefs. When a bomb goes off outside a laboratory, all fingers suddenly seem to be pointing in his direction.



**Tails from Grandad's Attic** by Bruce Whatley

Most wild animals live in the zoo but upstairs in my grandad's attic, there are bears and foxes, even bulls. Unbelievable? Grandad says you'd better believe it! My grandad has an attic filled with crazy old stuff, including clothes made from animals. My grandad has a weird hat he lets me wear sometimes. It is a racoon hat and I can't believe that once people used to wear lots of clothes made from animals. Snakeskin handbags, crocodile shoes, pigskin wallets and fox fur coats. Imagine if animals wore humans as clothes!

## ANIMAL SMUGGLING

**Fragile Cargo** by Bill O'Brien

When two young yachtsmen on their way to a regatta decide to shelter overnight at a tropical island they stumble across a smuggling ring trading in endangered birds and animals. Although Ricky and Duncan now find their very lives are in peril, they are determined not to let the smugglers get away.