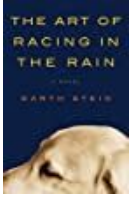


## ANIMAL FICTION



*The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul (and an obsession with opposable thumbs), he has educated himself by watching television and by listening closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, an up-and-coming race car driver. On the night before his death, Enzo takes stock of his life, recalling all that he and his family have been through, hoping, in his next life, to return as a human.



*The Bees* by Laline Paull. A member of the lowest caste in her orchard hive, Flora 717, due to her courage and strength, finds her way into the Queen's inner sanctum where she discovers secrets about the hive that cause her to challenge authority and perform unthinkable acts.



*The Dog I Loved* by Susan Wilson. A wounded war veteran and Rosie, a woman wrongly imprisoned for murdering her husband, bond over training a service dog and vow to get Rosie out of jail.



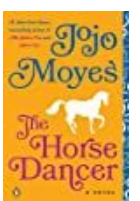
*Dog On It* by Spencer Quinn. Chet and Bernie investigate the disappearance of Madison, a teenage girl who may or may not have been kidnapped, but who has definitely gotten mixed up with some very unsavory characters.



*A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron. Searching for his purpose over the course of multiple canine lives, Bailey is reborn as a golden-haired puppy after a tragic death as a stray and shares a loving bond with young Ethan before he again dies and starts over.



*Hannah's Dream* by Diane Copland Hammond. Having devotedly cared for a lone elephant at a dilapidated zoo for more than forty years, Samson hopes to be able to retire when he hires promising assistant Neva, who forces Samson to acknowledge that the elephant also needs the company of her own kind.



*The Horse Dancer* by Jojo Moyes. When her grandfather is ill, her life takes an unexpected turn, forcing Sarah, and her horse Boo, to rely on Natasha, a lawyer whose job is to represent the best interests of children.



*Horse Heaven* by Jane Smiley. A novel set in the world of thoroughbred racing follows a group of trainers, jockeys, and "track brats" on a two-year journey through the racing cycle.



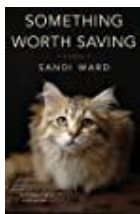
*In Dog We Trust* by Beth Kendrick. Unexpectedly named the legal guardian of a wealthy man's prized Labrador retrievers, Jocelyn Hilliard moves into a luxurious seaside mansion before tackling the dual challenge of caring for her charges and contending with her late benefactor's estranged son.



*Just After Midnight* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. While fleeing her abusive husband, Faith befriends Sarah, a fourteen-year-old on the run from her father, and is charged with spiriting the girl away on a journey that allows both women to come to terms with their trauma.



*The Sage of Waterloo* by Leona Francombe. A playful reimagining of the Battle of Waterloo is told from the viewpoint of William, a white rabbit living at Hougoumont, the historic farm on the battle site.



*Something Worth Saving* by Sandi Ward. A boy and his cat. It's an unconventional friendship, perhaps, but for Charlie and Lily, it works beautifully. It was Charlie who chose Lily from among all the cats in the shelter. He didn't frown, the way other humans did, when he saw her injured back leg, the legacy of a cruel previous owner. Instead, Charlie insisted on rescuing her. Now Lily wants to do the same for Charlie. She's the only one who's seen the bruises on Charlie's body. If she knew who was hurting him, she'd scratch their eyes out. But she can't fix this by herself. Lily needs to get the rest of the family to focus on Charlie--not easy when they're wrapped up in their own problems.



*Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. Ninety-something-year-old Jacob Jankowski remembers his time in the circus as a young man during the Great Depression, and his friendship with Marlena, the star of the equestrian act, and Rosie, the elephant, who gave them hope.



*Watership Down* by Richard Adams. In a constant struggle against oppression, a group of rabbits search for peaceful co-existence. Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.