

The Perfect Puppy for Me!

by Jane O'Connor, and Jessie Hartland, ill. by Jessie Hartland

(Viking, \$15.99) 0-670-03614-5

Depicts and describes various breeds to aid in the search for the "perfect dog." (5-8)

The Secret of the First One Up

by Iris Hiskey Arno, ill. by Renée Graef

(NorthWord, \$15.95) 1-55971-867-6

With the help of her grandfather, Lila, the groundhog, discovers the answer to the secret of what happens after winter's hibernation. (5-8)

Tippy Lemmey

by Patricia C. McKissack, ill. by Susan Keeter

(Aladdin, P\$3.99) 0-689-85019-0

Three children work to get rid of a dog that chases them constantly, but one day they are pleased with his company. (6-8)

Beginning Readers

Amanda Pig and the Awful, Scary Monster

by Jean Van Leeuwen, ill. by Ann Schweninger

(Fogelman, \$13.99) 0-8037-2766-6

Her loving pig family helps little Amanda overcome her fear of the dark with humor and affection. (6-8)

Elvis the Rooster Almost Goes to Heaven

written and ill. by Denys Cazet

(HarperCollins, \$15.99) 0-06-000500-9

Devastated when the sun comes up without his usual signal, Elvis is helped by caring barnyard friends. (5-7)

Emma's Strange Pet

by Jean Little, ill. by Jennifer Plecas

(HarperCollins, \$15.99) 0-06-028350-5

Max can't have a pet because his sister is allergic to everything—everything but a strange pet. Colorful illustrations. (5-7)

• FITCH & CHIP

New Pig in Town

When Pigs Fly

by Lisa Wheeler, ill. by Frank Ansley

(Atheneum, \$14.95each) 0-689-84950-8, 0-689-84951-6

The adventures of Chip, a new pig in town, and Fitch, a lone wolf, who become unlikely friends (6-8)

May Belle and the Ogre

by Bethany Roberts, ill. by Marsha Winborn

(Dutton, \$14.99) 0-525-46855-2

May Belle befriends a hairy, unpleasant visitor and transforms him into a delightful companion. (6-8)

Mildred and Sam

written and ill. by Sharleen Collicott

(HarperCollins, \$15.99) 0-06-026681-3

Home-making, mouse-style. Charming illustrations. (5-7)

Minnie and Moo Will You Be My Valentine?

by Denys Cazet

(HarperCollins, \$15.99) 0-06-623754-8

Love is in the air and two cows are determined to spread it around the farm. (5-7)

Mr. Putter & Tabby Stir the Soup

by Cynthia Rylant, ill. by Arthur Howard

(Harcourt, \$14.00) 0-15-202637-1

When his stove breaks down, Mr. Potter's neighbor comes to the rescue. Another in the popular series. (5-7)

Oliver Cat on Planet B

written and ill. by Christine Kettner

(Dutton, \$15.99) 0-525-47094-8

Oliver Cat always has a good time, regardless of any difficulties he encounters. (5-7)

One Hundred Days (Plus One)

by Margaret McNamara, ill. by Mike Gordon

(Aladdin, P\$3.99) 0-689-85535-4

Hannah misses the special school celebration but her teacher understands. (4-6)

Pigeon Hero!: Based on the True Story

by Shirley Raye Redmond, ill. by Doris Ettlenger

(Aladdin, P\$3.99) 0-689-85486-2

A carrier pigeon whose message saved an Italian town from being bombed. (6-8)

Fantasy

Alligator Sue

by Sharon Arms Doucet, ill. by Anne Wilsdorf

(FSG, \$17.00) 0-374-30218-9

Living on a houseboat in Louisiana, Sue learns about being an alligator and then finds out who she really is. Illustrated with humor. (5-8)