# WILD ANIMALS

## ANTEATERS:

**Sloan & Philamina: Or, How to Make Friends with Your Lunch**
by Patti Stren  
[PZ 7 .S9163 SL 1979](#)

The anteaters pressure Sloan to give up his friend Philamina, an ant. He has no intention of doing so and must resort to drastic measures.

## ARMADILLOS:

**Armadillo by Marjorie Jackson**
[PZ 7 .J13654 AR 2000](#)

A little armadillo escapes her predators and fills her burrow with life.

## BADGERS:

**Best Friends for Frances by Russell Hoban**  
[PZ 7 .H637 B6 1969](#)

When Albert and his buddies have a "No Girls" baseball game, Frances and her sister organize a "No Friends Outing -- No Boys."

**Foundling Fox: How the Little Fox Got a Mother by Irina Korschunow**
[PZ 7 .K8376 FO 1984](#)

An orphan fox is fed and protected by a reluctant vixen, who finds in the end that she loves him as much as her own three kits.

**Hazel's Amazing Mother by Rosemary Wells**
[PZ 7 .W46843 HAZ 1985](#)

When Hazel and her beloved doll Eleanor are set upon by bullies, Hazel's mother comes to the rescue in a surprising way.

## CHIMPANZEEES:

**Willy and Hugh by Anthony Browne**
[Willy makes a new friend.](#)

**Willy the Dreamer by Anthony Browne**
[Willy dreams of being a movie star, a singer, a sumo wrestler, an artist, a giant, and other exciting figures.](#)

## COYOTES:

**Borreguita and the Coyote by Verna Aardema**
[PZ 8.1 .A213 Bo 1991](#)

What's a little lamb to do about a big, oafish coyote that wants to eat her? Why, trick him, of course!

**Coyote Plants a Peach Tree by Mary L. Brown**
[PZ 7 .B81655 CO 1996](#)

After eating a peach, a coyote buries the pit and another peach tree eventually grows and provides more peaches for other animals.

**Coyote's New Suit by Thomas King**

Coyote loves his soft, toasty-brown suit! At least until Raven hints that it might not be the finest in the forest. Suddenly, Coyote is noticing suits wherever he looks: Bear's is certainly impressive, Porcupine's is sporty, Raccoon's is positively chic, and Skunk's is perfect for formal occasions. No one would mind if he borrowed them for awhile, would they?

## DINGOS:

**Wombat Stew by Marcia K. Vaughan**
[PZ 7 .V4652 WO 1984](#)

A dingo intent on making wombat stew receives cooking suggestions from the other animals, unaware that they are protecting their fellow creatures.

## GIRAFFES:

**Story of Giraffe by Ronald Hermsen**
[PZ 7 .P6252 STO 2006](#)

After learning that he cannot board Noah's ark until he finds a girl giraffe to go with him, giraffe asks other creatures for help but, while they teach him valuable lessons, none can help with the main problem.
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**ELEPHANTS:**

**Babar and the Ghost** by Laurent de Brunhoff  
PZ 7 .B81843 BAAG 1981  
The ghost of the Black Castle follows Babar and his family and friends back to Celesteville.

**Crocodile’s Masterpiece** by Max Velthuijs  
PZ 7 .V5 CR 2001  
Crocodile is inspired to even greater creative heights by Elephant’s enthusiasm for his paintings.

**Elephant and the Bad Baby** by Elfrida Vipont  
PZ 7 .V566 ELE 1971  
Whenever the bad baby wants something the big elephant gets it for him.

**Five Minutes Peace** by Jill Murphy  
PZ 7 .M9534 FI 1986  
Mrs. Large tries to take a peaceful, relaxing bath but her family has other ideas.

**Little Elephant and Big Mouse** by Benita Cantieni  
PZ 7 .C17354 LI 1981  
The friendship between a little elephant and a big mouse helps them to understand the size relationship between the sun and the earth.

**Obvious Elephant** by Bruce Robinson  
PZ 7 .R5645 OB 2000  
When an elephant appears one day in the town square, no one, including the elephant itself, knows what it is.

**That’s What Friends Are For** by Florence Parry Heide and Sylvia Worth Van Clief  
PZ 7 .H36 TG 2003  
All the elephant’s friends give him advice, but none can solve his problem until the opossum announces friends are to help, not just to give advice.

**FOXES:**

**Cat and the Rooster** by Ivan Malkovych  
PZ 8.1 .M294 CAT 1995  
When he does not follow the warnings of his friend the cat, a rooster is captured by a wily fox.

**Foundling Fox** by Irina Korschunow  
PZ 7 .K8376 FO 1984  
An orphan fox is fed and protected by a reluctant vixen, who finds in the end that she loves him as much as her own three kits.

**Fox by Margaret Wild**  
PZ 7 .W64574 FO 2000  
An injured magpie and a one-eyed dog live happily together in the forest until a jealous fox arrives to teach them what it means to be alone.

**Gorillas:**

**Voices in the Park** by Anthony Browne  
PZ 7 .B81984 VO 1998  
Lives briefly intertwining when two youngsters meet in the park.

**GROUNDHOGS:**

**Paco’s Garden** by Lois Podoshen  
PZ 7 .P782 PA 1999  
Paco and his grandmother plant a little salad garden.

**Wandering Wenda and Widow Wallop’s Wunderground Washery** by Margaret Atwood  
PZ 7 .A895 W 2011  
When Wenda’s parents disappear, Wenda lives befriended the woodchuck Wesley, and before long they find themselves captives of the Widow Wallop at her Wunderground Washery. In the Washery, they meet three waifs also missing their parents. Together, they plot to escape the Widow Wallop and her endless washing.

**Hippopotamuses:**

**Twenty-Seventh Annual African Hippopotamus Race** by Morris Lurie  
PZ 10.3 .L973 TV 1989  
Edward, the hippopotamus, trained hard to win the Twenty-Seventh Annual African Hippopotamus Race.

**Leopards:**

**Horace** by Holly Keller  
Horace is adopted. He is also spotted, and he is loved and cared for by his new mother and father—who are striped. But...Horace feels the need to search out his roots...
**LIONS:**

**Just Like My Mum by David Melling**

PZ 7 .M455 JU 2004

This lion cub is keen to point out the similarities between him and his mum. But when it comes to certain things, there’s no one just like mum!

**Lion and the Gypsy by Geoffrey Patterson**

PZ 7 .P27647 LI 1991

Attracted by his beautiful lute playing, a group of animals follows a traveling gypsy with great affection, even saving his life at a critical time.

**Lion in the Long Grass by Ruth Brown**

PZ 7 .B81698 LI 2002

On the African Plain in the early morning a lion cub waits alone for his mother to return from hunting. Along comes an old lion and protects the young cub from jackals and other hungry predators until the young cub’s mother returns.

**Mrs. Mortifée’s Mouse by Linda Hendry**


Mrs. Mortifée’s problem is a pesky mouse who, despite her ingenious attempts at catching him, disrupts the daily routine of this active and self-reliant woman. Mrs. Mortifée finally solves the problem.

**MOLES:**

**Mole and the Baby Bird by Marjorie Newman**

PZ 7 .N484 MO 2003

When Mole finds an abandoned baby bird he decides to take it home and look after it, but wild birds are not meant to be pets.

**Mole Music by David McPhail**

PZ 7 .M2427 MN 1999

Feeling that something is missing in his simple life, Mole acquires a violin and learns to make beautiful, joyful music.

**Night Noises and Other Mole and Troll Stories by Tony Johnston**

PZ 7 .J6478 NJG 1977

Four episodes in which Mole makes four wishes, Troll visits Mole, Troll loses a tooth, and Night Noises scare the pair of friends.

**Simon Underground by Joanne Ryder**

PZ 7 .R9752 Sim 1976

Although Simon loves spending the winter deep underground digging long tunnels, even a mole eventually starts anticipating spring.

**MONKEYS:**

**Curious George Learns the Alphabet by H. A. Rey**

PZ 7 .R3 CUL 1963

From alligators to jaguars in the jungle to zesty zebras, George has one of his greatest adventures yet—learning the alphabet! George marvels at the man with the yellow hat showing him how letters can become pictures, and how they go together to make words. Have you ever seen a “d” become a dinosaur? George has!

**There Were Monkeys in My Kitchen! by Sheree Fitch**

PZ 7 .S58045 TH 1992

Our young heroine awakens one morning to total chaos when she discovers hordes of chimpanzees, gorillas, and orangutans have taken over her home. “Baboon Catastrophe” continues despite her valiant efforts to restore order, until official help arrives— and something else!

**OTTERS:**

**A Coat Full of Bubbles by Sherry Shahan**

PZ 7 .S582784 CO 1998

A playful sea otter instinctively knows that air is the best insulation.

**POLAR BEARS:**

**Angel and the Polar Bear by Marie-Louise Gay**

PZ 7 .G23 ANG 1993

Angel woke up one morning, there was water all over her apartment! “Well,” said Angel. “What should I do now? I can’t swim.” Then Angel got a good idea...

**PORCUPINES:**

**Hug Me by Patti Stren**

PZ 7 .S9163 Hu3 1977

A porcupine wants a friend to hug more than anything else in the world.
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Raccoons:
A DAY IN THE WOODS BY NOEL KEENAN
(The discoveries of a boy who spends the day exploring the woods near his home.)

Sea Lions:
CLICK! BY RHONDA COX
(A young photographer visits a zoo and finds the perfect subject for his camera.)

Squirrels:
SODY TALLERATUS BY AUBREY DAVIS
(A trip to the store for some sody talleratus (baking soda) turns into a disappearing act for a boy, a girl, an old man and an old woman. It's up to the squirrel (who lived on the mantelpiece) to discover their fate and rescue them.)

Tigers:
DANCING TIGERS BY RUSSELL HOBAN
(Tigers take matters into their own paws when the Rajah goes tiger hunting.)

TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA BY JUDITH KERR
(A tiger comes to tea at Sophie's house and eats and drinks everything in sight, so that there is nothing left for Daddy's supper.)

TIGER WHO LOST HIS STRIPES BY ANTHONY PAUL
-General Mactiger is the most magnificent animal in the jungle, until the python steals his stripes, and so he must use all his guile and ingenuity to play the jungle animals off against each other to regain them.

TIGER VOYAGE BY RICHARD ADAMS
(The adventures of two young inexperienced tigers who set out from Victorian England into the timeless unknown.)

TIGER WHO ATE THE BEAST? BY KEITH BAKER
(When a tiger suspects he is the beast the jungle animals are fleeing from, he returns to them and points out their similarities.)

Walruses:
FLIP FLOP BY R. HUGH RICE
(A very big walrus climbs on a very little ice floe and earns his name in an icy splash.)

Whales:
Peg and the whale by kenneth oppel
(Peg, a big strapping seven-year-old lass who has caught everything else in the sea, joins the crew of the whaling ship Viper and sets out to catch herself a whale.)

WHERE THE WHALES SING BY VICTOR KELLEHER
(When her father is thrown from their boat during a storm, Claire spends days and nights alone at sea, injured and feverish, with only the whales as companions and protectors.)

Wolves:
MARY OF MILE 18 BY ANN BLADES
(Mary's father tells her she cannot keep a wolf puppy since the only animals kept by families in the cold North are those that work or provide food.)

Wolves in the Walls by neil gaiman
(Lucy is sure there are wolves living in the walls of her house, although others in her family disagree. And when the wolves come out, the adventure begins.)

Wombats:
DIARY OF A WOMBAT BY JACKIE FRENCH
(Wombats are cuddly-looking, slow-moving Australian animals. Their favorite activities are eating, sleeping, and digging holes. Here, in the words of one unusually articulate wombat, is the tongue-in-cheek account of a busy week: eating, sleeping, digging holes... and training its new neighbors, a family of humans, to produce treats on demand.)