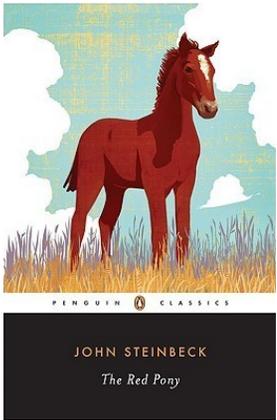


# Week 2: Creature Comforts

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## Books for Adults

### DB 34258 *The red pony* by John Steinbeck



Annotation: Jody Tiflin is only ten years old when he receives the red pony as a gift. But as Jody matures, his experiences

with horses, an old ranchhand, and the birth of a colt teach him about the interconnections between life and death. 1933.

### DB 53926 *All creatures great and small* by James Herriot

Annotation: An English veterinarian reminisces about his work in Yorkshire that began

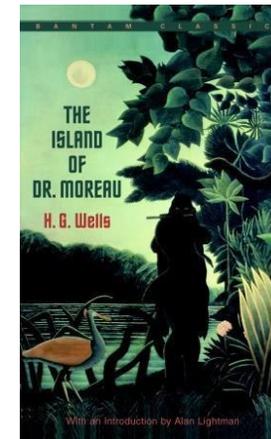
in 1937 when he was fresh out of school. He recalls tending to the farm and house animals and comforting people whose pets died. Followed by *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (DB 39611, BR 13838). Bestseller. 1972.

### DB 38959 *Animal farm* by George Orwell

Annotation: An allegorical political satire of communism in which the animals on a farm overthrow their master and live a utopian life until the intelligent pigs take over and one establishes himself as dictator.

### DB 50527 *The island of Dr. Moreau* by H.G. Wells

Annotation: Late Victorian fantasy classic in which scientific arrogance leads to

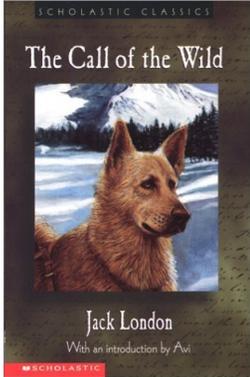


horrifying consequences. In 1887 Edward Prendick is shipwrecked, rescued, and later abandoned on a mysterious

island inhabited by grotesque creatures under the control of Dr. Moreau. 1996 foreword by Peter Straub. Some violence. 1896.

## Books for Kids and Teens

### DB 49486 The call of the wild by Jack London



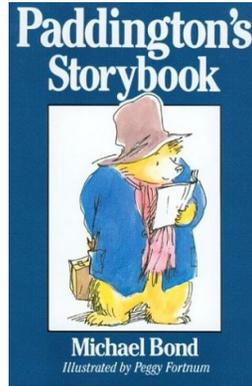
Annotation: Buck, a St. Bernard mix, is stolen and trained to be a sled dog in the Alaskan gold fields. Abused by both men and

dogs, Buck learns to fight ruthlessly until he finds a master, John Thornton, whom he loves and respects. For senior high and older readers. 1903.

### DB 41291 Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Annotation: Black Beauty, a fine stallion, tells of his suffering as he is sold from one cruel master to another. This book was written to dramatize the abuse of horses in nineteenth-century England. Some violence. For grades 4-7.

### DB 22800 Paddington's storybook by Michael Bond



Annotation: Ten popular chapters from earlier books about the little bear from darkest Peru who loves marmalade. Paddington's

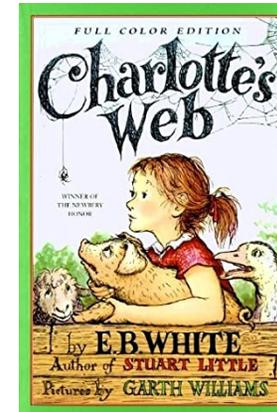
creator selected these stories to celebrate Paddington's twenty-fifth anniversary. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

### DB 47946 The complete adventures of Curious George by Margaret Rey

Annotation: A collection of seven books published between 1941 and 1966 featuring George, a mischievous monkey. George likes to investigate the new things he encounters, a habit that usually causes trouble. His friend,

the man with the large yellow hat, often rescues George--who goes on to more adventures. For grades K-3.

### DB 74950 Charlotte's web by E.B. White

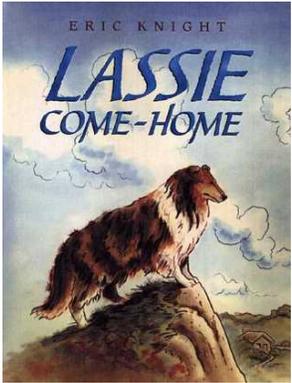


Annotation: Fern, a young girl with a unique understanding of animals, shares a special friendship with her uncle's pig

and Charlotte, a wise spider who weaves encouraging words in her web. Digital restoration of Alexander Scourby's original 1960 analog recording for the American Foundation for the Blind. For grades 3-6. 1952.

**DB 22763 Lassie come-home by Eric Knight**

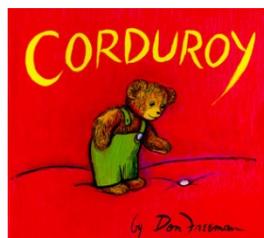
Annotation: The story of a prize collie belonging to a Yorkshire boy from a poor home. When the family is forced to go on welfare, Lassie is sold to a wealthy man and taken hundreds of miles north to Scotland. But nothing can shake Lassie's loyalty to the boy she loves, and she heads south to her home and her master. For grades 4-7 and older readers.



**DB 63091 The jungle book: the Mowgli stories by Rudyard Kipling**

Annotation: Eight stories about the adventures of Mowgli, a boy reared by a pack of wolves in a jungle in India. Presented in Kipling's preferred arrangement. Includes a ninth non-Mowgli tale "Rikki-tikki-tavi," about a valiant mongoose. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1894.

**DB 41225 Corduroy by Don Freeman**



Annotation: A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him, he finds what he has wanted most of all. For grades K-3.

**DB 34058 Horton hears a Who! By Dr. Seuss**

Annotation: Horton the elephant, taking a bath in a jungle pool, hears a call for help. It is coming from a speck of dust, from a town of tiny creatures named Whos. When Horton tells the other animals, they think that he is crazy and try in every way to discourage him. But Horton remains dauntless and tells himself, "I simply must help them, because, after all / A person's a person no matter how small." For preschool-grade 2.