

## Gentle Ben Walt Morey

Pull on your boots! It's winter in Peabody, Wisconsin, and there is plenty of excitement afoot at the Derwood household. Wise-cracking siblings Jack and Penny become entangled in an international smuggling operation and the nonstop adventure of cracking a dangerous case. At times, however, it is hard to decide which is a greater threat: seasoned criminals or neighborhood bullies.

American author and respected dog breeder Albert Payson Terhune was so enamored of his handsome, loyal collie Lad that he was inspired to feature the furry fellow in a series of short stories. Originally published in magazines, the Lad stories became so popular that they took on a life of their own. *Lad: A Dog*, the first collection of Terhune's Lad tales, is sure to please dog lovers of all ages.

A collection of fairy tales, folklore, and famous stories from around the world arranged for reading aloud.

A teenage boy is paroled to a family farm after being convicted of a robbery.

After a runt sled dog is raised by a young boy, the dog's cruel owner demands his return.

The Alaskan wilderness is a lonely place for Mark Andersen, especially after the death of his older brother, Jamie. But in time Mark finds someone else to love--Ben, an Alaskan brown bear so huge that no one else dares come near him. *Gentle Ben* has been a favorite of readers of all ages for 25 years, and is a timeless story of a rare friendship. An ALA Notable Book. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

The Fellows family has joined numerous others striving to make a go of homesteading in the Oregon high desert. But the venture has been disastrous from the start. Mr. Fellows, who is not a farmer, resents any advice from his wife, who grew up on a farm. Ma is not only troubled about the farming, but 7-year-old Ellie's chronic illness has become a source of constant worry and expense. 12-year-old Chris, who cannot seem to please his father no matter what he does, eases his own misery by stealing time away from work to watch a neighbor's scarcely broken black pony, only to get into more trouble. When it seems circumstances could not get worse for the struggling family, Fellows gets drunk and dies. Not willing to give up, Ma stubbornly—and creatively—seeks a way for the family to stay in Oregon. Frank Chase, an unintentional element in the death of Chris's father, is added to the mix and challenged by Ma to keep his word to help the family. The resultant dramatic and sometimes humorous contest of wills comes to a satisfying culmination when, after Frank's purchase of the wild black pony for Chris, Ma is reluctantly forced to once again use her "backbone of steel" for the good of all. Walt Morey's careful research and vivid storytelling talent warmly bring to life the struggles and triumphs of homesteading in the Oregon high desert country in the early 1900's.

A portrait of the land and people of wilderness Alaska presented through the experiences of an orphan whose year of decisions, responsibilities, and growth help him to accept the future.

Because of an agreement his alcoholic father makes with a circus, 15-year-old Eric begins a long journey south from Alaska with the huge Kodiak bear he raised from a cub.

The Peterkin family goes thru life in a very muddle headed way, but the "lady from Philadelphia" is always there to straighten them out.

When a private plane crashes in the mountains, teenager Peter is the sole survivor and learns to rely on himself.

A giant Alaskan brown bear chained in a shed from cubhood, is rescued from captivity by a 13-year-old boy.

A wolf-dog instinctively travels 2,000 miles from Washington to Alaska to return to the boy who once saved his life.

Harkening to classics such as Roald Dahl's *The BFG*, this heartwarming story highlights the power of friendship and the importance of finding your voice. Carl Chesterfield wishes he could speak up—whether that means being honest with his father about the family's new (and failing) food truck, reaching out to a potential friend, or alerting others to the fact that monsters might be secretly overrunning his hometown of Pittsburgh. There's plenty to fret over. And plenty to question. When a flyer about a mysterious monster-seeking group called the Midnight Brigade catches his eye, Carl sees an opportunity to find answers. Little does he know, his curiosity will lead him to find an incredible discovery under one of his city's magnificent bridges and to be bolder than he ever imagined. Chock-full of humor and heart, this is the quirky tale of three unexpected friends and the crankiest troll with a heart of gold.

Eleven-year-old Walter Tell awaits the skillful demonstration of his father William, a Swiss freedom fighter, who will shoot an apple from his head.

Joel Goss knows that Little Bub is a special colt, even though he's a runt. And when schoolteacher Justin Morgan asks Joel to break the colt in, Joel is thrilled! Soon word about Little Bub has spread throughout the entire Northeast—this spirited colt can pull heavier loads than a pair of oxen. And run faster than thoroughbreds! This is the story of the little runt who became the father of the world-famous breed of American horses—the Morgan.

In this interactive coloring and activity book, Marion Deuchars takes the broad canvas of art and fills it with drawings and activities that engage with what art can be, how it can be made, what it can mean for you and what it has meant for people through the ages. Aimed at children aged eight and older, the emphasis is on fun and making the creation of art an integral part of the way you express yourself.

A classic Canadian story of the bravery and ingenuity of three animals who find their way home. First published in 1961, *The Incredible Journey* tells the story of three pets: a young Labrador retriever, an old bull terrier, and a Siamese cat. While their owners are away in England, they are being cared for by a family friend at his home in the country. But a miscommunication occurs between the friend and his housekeeper when he goes on a hunting trip, and the animals are left alone for a several hours, with a gnawing instinct that something has gone wrong. They soon set off on a journey to find home, which instinct tells them is to the west. They travel 400 kilometres across the Northern Ontario wilderness, facing many obstacles along the way: swift-flowing rivers and the rugged landscape; wild animals and unsympathetic humans; starvation, injuries and sheer exhaustion. Separately they would not have survived, but together this disparate group prevails, and they find their way home to the family they love.

*Lassie Come Home* is a timeless classic. This famous novel tells the story of a faithful collie who is determined to be reunited with her owner. Lassie encounters many dangers and obstacles, but she never gives up on her quest to find her family. Eric Knight's novel has been widely popular since it was published in 1940. The movie *Lassie Come Home* was based on this book, which has also inspired several follow-up films and tv series. *Lassie Come Home* is required reading for all who love animals and appreciate the special bond between people and dogs. The intelligence and devotion of Lassie continues to inspire new generations all over the world.

The Newbery Honor-winning author of *Rascal* presents a classic story about a boy's best friend--who's half dog, half wolf, and all heart. With ingenuity and hard work, Robbie Trent manages to convince his parents and his wolf-hating neighbors that Wolf is as hard-working as any dog. Illustrator John Schoenherr won a Caldecott Medal for his artwork on *Owl Moon*.

Jeff Hunter solves personal problems through rescuing a race horse, in this reissued novel.

Born in Hiroshima in 1943, Sadako was the star of her school's running team, until the dizzy spells started and she was forced to face the hardest race of her life—the race against time.

Portia and her cousin Julian discover adventure in a hidden colony of forgotten summer houses on the shores of a swampy lake. Recently orphaned, sixteen-year-old Nick flees from the welfare authorities and hops a freight to California.

Running away from his overly protective parents and restricted life, a teenage singing star finds himself on a remote island where he befriends a tame but frightened cougar that he determines to protect from a vicious hunter.

James John, the founder of St. Johns, settled on his land claim in the 1840s and was soon followed by others. Schools, churches, and stores were established, and industrial development followed. St. Johns was originally annexed to the city of Portland in 1891. Shipyards were developed in North Portland during World War I and World War II. Among the landmarks of the community are St. Johns Bridge and the nearby city hall building. Longtime businesses include Slim's Restaurant and Lounge, Peninsula Iron Works, the Man's Shop, and the Wishing Well Restaurant. Moonstruck Chocolate Company has been located in St. Johns since 2002. Well-known individuals, such as members of the Jower and Leveton families; Howard Galbraith, a founder of the St. Johns Heritage Society; and Walt Morey, author of *Gentle Ben*, have called St. Johns home. Today, St. Johns comes alive every year with events such as the St. Johns Parade, St. Johns Bizarre, and the Cathedral Park Jazz Festival. The recent influx of people of coming to Portland has influenced redevelopment within the community.

Six-year-old Ben is very small for his age, and gets along better with animals than people. One June day in 1870, Ben wanders away from his home on Hawk's Hill and disappears into the waving prairie grass. This is the story of how a shy, lonely boy survives for months in the wilds and forges a bond with a female badger. ALA Notable Book. Newbery Honor Book.

Ten-year-old Jonathan practically lives at the Anchorage Zoo, where his father is a keeper. He loves animals, and even imagines himself inside their bodies, seeing what they see, feeling what they feel. Meanwhile, a young brown bear is wandering through the woods near Anchorage, alone and hungry. One night, while searching for food, the bear crosses paths with Jonathan, who eagerly follows him onto the zoo grounds. But when the bear accidentally kills Mama Goose, Jonathan's favorite zoo creature, the boy loses the empathy he had felt earlier. He wishes that the bear—now nicknamed Trouble—would meet the same fate as his beloved goose, and he impulsively takes steps to make sure that happens. Based on an actual incident, and told in alternating chapters from the bear's and Jonathan's points of view, this is both an involving animal story and a thought-provoking investigation into the consequences of one's actions.

A Smithsonian Notable Book for Children A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year "Genius." —The New York Times Book Review A beautiful repackaging marking the twentieth anniversary of the beloved, award-winning novel that celebrates teachers and learning. Ten-year-old Frederika (Fred for short) doesn't have much faith that the new teacher in town will last very long. After all, they never do. Most teachers who come to their one-room schoolhouse in remote Alaska leave at the first smell of fish, claiming that life there is just too hard. But Miss Agnes is different: she doesn't get frustrated with her students, and finds new ways to teach them to read and write. She even takes a special interest in Fred's sister, Bokko, who has never come to school before because she is deaf. For the first time, Fred, Bokko, and their classmates begin to enjoy their lessons—but will Miss Agnes be like all the rest and leave as quickly as she came? Traces the friendship between a boy and a bear in the rugged Alaskan Territory.

On trial for treason, Andrew Jackson Fielder looks back on his brief career as a major league pitcher, and his experiences as a Japanese prisoner of war

Before Secretariat and Seabiscuit, Man o' War set the standard for horse racing. Walter Farley, the creator of the Black Stallion, chronicles the mightiest racer ever seen on an American racetrack from his surging power and blistering speed to his overwhelming desire to run! Here is the unofficial biography of the "red giant," from the moment he was foaled through all of his racing triumphs. Winning an astonishing 20 of his 21 starts, Man o' War became a legend, and captured the heart of a nation before he retired in 1920 to sire Hard Tack, the father of Seabiscuit, and Triple Crown winner War Admiral. With his seamless storytelling, Farley tells the life story of the horse most horse lovers continue to regard as America's greatest thoroughbred. Told through the eyes of a fictional stableboy, Danny Ryan, Farley makes the intricate world of the "Sport of Kings" accessible and exciting to horse lovers and racing fans of all ages.

Benjamin Franklin's companion, Amos the mouse, recounts how he was responsible for Franklin's inventions and discoveries.

In an interesting turnabout, the Revolutionary War is seen through the eyes of a British family to whom an American prisoner of war has been entrusted. Technically the young prisoner is in Uncle Lawrence's custody, but the children soon forge a forbidden friendship with him after he nearly dies in an attempted escape. He becomes the Reb and they, his Redcoats. But when they learn of some events leading to his coming to Europe, even Uncle Lawrence, embittered by the unjust death of a friend in America, thaws toward him—but this doesn't stop the Reb from scheming to escape. Constance Savery deftly weaves themes of trust and forgiveness into an interesting plot with likeable characters.

On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

Rescued by trapper Mike Donovan following a sled crash in the Alaskan arctic, Joel Rogers develops a deep bond with Mike, but disaster strikes in the form of two fugitives on a murderous rampage.

Relates the incredible adventures of Professor William Waterman Sherman who in 1883 sets off in a balloon across the Pacific, survives the volcanic eruption of Krakatoa, and is eventually picked up in the Atlantic.

Boston, 1919. It's been a terrible year for thirteen-year-old Joshua Harper. The influenza pandemic that's sweeping the world has claimed his father's life; his voice has changed, so he can't sing in the Boston Boys' Choir anymore; and now money is tight, so he must quit school to get a job. It's not fair! Joshua begins working as a newspaper boy, hawking papers on the street, but he soon finds himself competing with Charlestown Charlie, a tough, streetwise boy who does not make things easier for Joshua. It seems that fitting in is not as easy as it once was. Then disaster strikes the city of Boston. Joshua must do what he can to help, and in doing so he finds the place—and the voice—that he thought he'd lost. This remarkable novel is fast-paced, suspenseful, and based on true incidents in Boston history.

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