A dog's purpose, by W. Bruce Cameron

This is the remarkable story of one endearing dog's search for his purpose over the course of several lives. More than just another charming dog story, this touches on the universal quest for an answer to life's most basic question: Why are we here? Surprised to find himself reborn as a stray mutt, Bailey's search for his new life's meaning leads him into the loving arms of 8 year old Ethan. During their countless adventures Bailey joyously discovers how to be a good dog. But this life as a beloved family pet is not the end of Bailey's journey. Reborn as a puppy yet again, Bailey wonders, will he ever find his purpose?

Shadow, by Michael Morpurgo

When Shadow, a bomb-sniffing spaniel, goes missing in the middle of war-torn Afghanistan, his soldier-owner is devastated. Meanwhile, Shadow makes friends with a local Afghan boy, and sees a whole other side of the war. As Christmas draws ever closer, the question is - will Shadow and his trainer ever be reunited...

Dog on it, by Spencer Quinn

Meet Chet, the wise and lovable canine narrator of Dog on It, who works alongside Bernie, a down-on-his-luck private investigator. Chet might have flunked out of police school, but he's a detective through and through. Chet and Bernie investigate the disappearance of Madison, a teenage girl who may or may not have been kidnapped, and learns something about a cash flow problem that Chet's not all that clear about -- and he's relieved, if vaguely suspicious, when Madison turns up unharmed with a story that doesn't add up.

Prince of Afghanistan, by Louis Nowra

Black parachutes fall from the sky; young soldiers - and a dog - on a rescue mission in a remote part of Afghanistan. But the mission ends in chaos, and Mark and Prince embark on a perilous journey through enemy territory. They depend on each other to survive. A dramatic and powerful story of war and the bond between a young soldier and a dog, from the acclaimed author of Into That Forest.

Just a dog, by Michael Gerard Bauer

Mr Mosely isn't a pedigreed dog, but he is just the dog Corey and his family want: he is loyal, protective and loving. And he is much more than that. He might well be the one thing that holds them all together.

The call of the wild, by Jack London

A classic story of the frozen North. The story of Buck, a dog who escaped the pampered life of a pet. At first it was for work, pulling the heavy sledges of the wild white northland; but when Buck's association with the one man he really loved was over, the call of the wild filled his heart. Buck's education in the toughness and cunning needed to survive is an important and fascinating part of the story. When the time came to leave man's world, Buck was ready for it.

When friendship followed me home, by Paul Griffin

Ben Coffin has never felt like he fits in. A former foster kid, he keeps his head down at school to avoid bullies and spends his afternoons reading sci-fi books at the library. But all that changes when he finds a scruffy abandoned dog named Flip and befriends the librarian's daughter, Halley. For the first time, Ben starts to feel like he belongs in his own life. Then everything changes, and suddenly Ben is more alone than ever. But with a little help from Halley's magician father, Ben discovers his place in the world and learns to see his own magic through others' eyes.

The art of racing in the rain, by Garth Stein

Enzo know he is different: he thinks and feels in nearly human ways. He has educated himself by watching extensive television, and by listening very closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, an up- and-coming race car driver. Enzo relates the story of his human family, sharing tragedies and triumphs of Denny and his wife and child.

Red dog, by Louis de Bernieres

Red Dog is a West Australian, a lovable friendly red kelpie who found widespread fame as a result of his habit of travelling all over Western Australia, hitching rides over thousands of miles, settling in places for months at a time and adopting new families before heading off again to the next destination and another family - sometimes returning to say hello years later. While visiting Australia, Louis de Bernieres heard the legend of Red Dog and decided to do some research on this extraordinary story. The result is an utterly charming tale of an amazing dog with places to go and people to see.

Dog boy, by Eva Hornung

Abandoned in a big city at the onset of winter, a hungry four-year-old boy follows a stray dog to her lair, there in the rich, smelly darkness, in the rub of hair, claws and teeth, he joins four puppies sucking at their mother's teats. And so begins Romochoika's life as a dog. Weak and hairless, with his useless nose and blunt teeth, Romochoika is ashamed of what a poor dog he makes. But learning how to be something else...that's a skill a human can master. Fortunately - because one day Romochoika will have to learn how to be a boy.