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## *Dogs in Books*

*Centuries of Illustrations and Stories Celebrate Man's Best Friend*

As the saying goes, dogs are man's best friend. It's no wonder, then, that the written evidence of the relationship between dogs and humans is almost as old as literature itself. Since the Stone Age, our canine companions have been illustrated, described, dramatized, and eulogized in one form or another. *Dogs in Books* celebrates the role of dogs in literature throughout the centuries, from Pliny's description of domestic dogs in the sixth century BC to Toto, Lassie, and Snoopy.

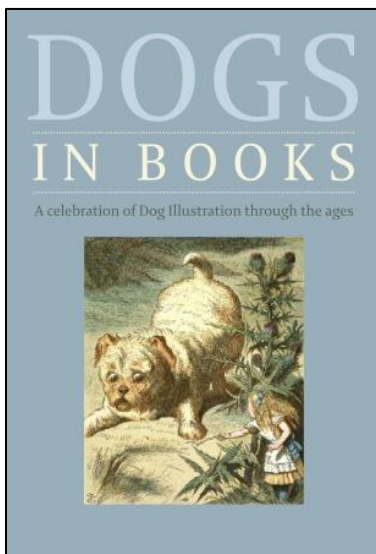
Culled from the British Library's incomparable archives, *Dogs in Books* features illustrations from rare editions of classic literature and contemporary renderings from popular books. Dogs appear in works by Shakespeare, Jack London, Rudyard Kipling, Charles Dickens, and many more well-known authors. From narrating an entire story to rescuing the hero, dogs are key characters: Odysseus had his faithful dog Argos and King Lear's pack of dogs barked away at him to warn him.

With everything from illuminated manuscripts to comics, *Dogs in Books* demonstrate the timelessness of our undying love and respect for dogs and proving that they have always been more than just a pet. Illustrated in color throughout, this is an ideal gift for every dog lover.

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