

## **Libby & Dish**

### All Story Descriptions

Libby and Dish are best friends who live in a high-rise apartment in the big city. Libby is a shy, quiet girl with a big imagination, and Dish is a well-fed kitty with a keen mind for plans. Both of them are fond of adventures, fruit smoothies, and Mr. Bhachu, the grumpy old man at the end of the hall. With Libby's "Adventure Checklist" and Dish's sage advice, the two of them discover the many wonders of their home in the city.



### **New Friends (Book One):**

#### **Introduction Part One: Something's Going On**

Five-year-old Libby has just heard her least favorite word in all the world: errands. Her mother is planning for them to spend the morning together out-and-about in the city. Libby furrows her brow and retreats to her room. But Dish inspires her with an exciting plan, involving a little secret detective work...

#### **Introduction Part Two: Adventure Checklist**

Libby and Dish prepare for Libby's outing to the city with their Adventure Checklist. All four items — including a "Mask of On-and-Off Invisibility" and a "Shelter Cloak of Safekeeping" — serve to provide Libby with everything she needs for the trip. Ready for a little detective work, she ventures out and finds the first clue in the elevator, thanks to Mr. Bhachu, her neighbor.

#### **Introduction Part Three: What We Learned**

Libby learns that a new family is moving into her building — a family that (luckily) does not have a dog, but does have a young boy about her age named Juan Paco.

#### **About Dogs**

One morning when Libby and Dish are studying the dogs and their walkers moving back and forth in the park across the street, they both agree that the most upsetting quality of all dogs is that they will sniff anything — no matter how disgusting. Later in the day, however, it is this exact quality that brings them some very important information.

#### **Clues from Underneath**

Libby and Dish decide that the best way to solve the mystery of the new neighbor's potential pet is to wake very early and listen to the floor. But when they do this, the information they get is not from below ... but from the apartment next door.

### **A Quick Hello**

Libby is grumpy because she and Dish are getting close to solving the mystery but her mother seems to be too busy to help them. The two of them are forced to wait — but later that morning, they are all surprised to get answers to their questions when they are paid a visit by someone who knows.

### **A Remarkable Discovery**

Libby and Dish figure out the perfect gift for their new neighbor, Juan Paco, and then discover exactly what a cobayo is. And it is amazing.

### **On Clouds and Hard Places**

Libby immediately falls in love when she meets Juan Paco's pet cobayo, Velloso. She is on a cloud. And then, moments later, a neighbor enters and she is suddenly off the cloud and surrounded by hardness. Lucky for her, Juan Paco and his father can understand this and they welcome her and her mother into their very soft, very welcoming home.

### **Purple and Green**

When Libby reports to Dish about her visit to Juan Paco's apartment, she recalls a curious conversation with Mr. Bhachu on their way home. It seems he has a problem and needs their help: what color decorations should he use for his granddaughter's birthday?

### **On Decorating**

When Libby decides to help Mr. Bhachu, she is prepared to help him set limits and keep the decorations simple. But when she enters his apartment, she realizes just how much the two of them have in common.

### **Apologies & Cake**

When Libby returns from helping Mr. Bhachu down the hall, she learns that Dish's feelings are hurt. She hates to think that she disappointed her best friend and she offers an apology and a chance at reconnection: snuggling together and watching the birthday party guests arrive from their ninth floor living room window.

### **Chad's Story**

While chatting through the bedroom wall with the neighbor dog Chad, Libby and Dish learn some details into Chad's history and relationship with his owners, Lawrence and Kelly. They also learn how he got his name and this particular fact makes Chad far more endearing to Libby.

### **The Thing About Cats**

One day, Libby discovers that Dish is irritated and that their neighbor dog, Chad, has some hurt feelings. It takes a while, but Libby finally learns about the disagreement between the cat and dog — and then helps the two of them find common ground and forgiveness.

### **The Toothbrush Song**

When Libby learns that there are things called “crowns” that dentists put on sick teeth, she becomes motivated to better take care of her own teeth. The only challenge is that she hates brushing. Luckily, Dish has just the right idea that can help!

### **The Willow Mystery**

Besides her room and her grandparents’ backyard, Libby has one other place that she considers her very own: under the willow tree in the park. The tree’s long limbs hide a park bench and the little “nature houses” that Libby has built next to the truck. As far as she knows, this place is known only by herself and her mother — but one day she spots a little pug dog coming out from below the branches. Who could that dog be?



### **Neighbors (Book Two):**

#### **Myrtle the Magical Park Pug**

Libby finds out that the mysterious dog who visited her secret willow tree is named Myrtle and that she has special magical powers: she can answer any question you ask her. Libby and Dish talk about possible questions, but when Libby finally meets Myrtle, she realizes exactly what she wants to know.

### **Contraption Time**

After Libby gets some very helpful advice from Myrtle the Magical Park Pug, she then prepares for her very first playdate at someone else’s home: Juan Paco’s Contraption Building Playdate. Before she arrives, however, she learns that her mother actually loves to make contraptions too — only she calls it “crafting.”

### **One Too Many**

Libby had a successful playdate with Juan Paco. The two of them worked together and ate a snack together and Libby enjoyed every moment of it. When her mother suggests that Libby come home to the apartment with her, Libby hesitates because it is clear that Juan Paco wants her to stay. She has already taken a big risk with the playdate. Should she take one more risk and stay longer?

### **List of Meltdowns**

Libby has had only a few large scale meltdowns in her life — and the meltdown she experiences after returning from the playdate with Juan Paco is one of the big ones.

### **A Real Situation**

Libby is delighted with the sweet gift she received from her friend Juan Paco’s mother ... until it becomes a significant factor in a very sticky problem.

### **The Haircut**

When Roberta Boccuni, the teenager from across the hall who occasionally babysits Libby, arrives at their door, Libby immediately hides in a pillow fort and tucks her head and closes her eyes. It's not that she doesn't want to see Roberta, she likes Roberta. It's just that she knows Roberta has come to their apartment for one reason: to give Libby a haircut.

### **A Surprising Fact About Cats**

After Roberta Boccuni finishes cutting Libby's hair, Libby is amazed at how light and free she feels. This makes her start wondering — could her new lightness help her to ... fly? This leads her to a conversation with Dish in which she learns something new — and amazing — about cats.

### **Morning Flying Lessons**

Having learned about Dish's special talent, Libby is eager to take flying lessons from her best friend — but it takes everyone a little while to work out the kinks in Dish's teaching method.

### **Upside Down and Rightside Up**

When Libby's mother experiences a difficult day, Libby is determined to help set things right. But after things go awry, Dish offers a suggestion that might bring balance to the whole family.

### **The Mystery Box**

Inviting Juan Paco to join Libby and her mother for a walk in the park seems unconventional, but Libby determines it will be worth the risk. As soon as Juan Paco arrives at their door, Libby senses that he is exactly the right person to transform their ordinary walk into an exciting adventure.

### **A Visit to Chad's House**

A quest for rubber stamps takes a surprising turn when Libby's mother has a spontaneous conversation with Lawrence, the owner of Chad the drooly dog. What might they find amidst Lawrence's many collections?

### **What Ifs**

While Libby waits for her next outing with Juan Paco, she starts to worry about things that might derail their plans — but luckily, Dish interrupts this train of thought with some very wise advice.

### **A Proposal**

Libby's plans for an outing have been thwarted. As she describes the whole experience to Dish, she wonders what is next — and then hears an intriguing suggestion from Mr. Bhachu about how to proceed.

### **An Eye On Morgan**

As Libby ventures out with a new plan, Dish advises her to put aside failed playdates of the past and take a fresh look at her neighbor, Morgan. Might Libby be ready to make a new friend?

## **Not the Treasure We Thought**

After a successful outing, Libby and her friends find themselves with several treasures — one of which comes as a surprise to them all.

## **Adventures Out (Book Three):**



### **Orientation**

Libby needs to give Dish an explanation: why is there a tiny kitten in their home? Once Dish understands the situation, he lays out a few rules for their new — very adorable — guest.

### **Operation Homefinder**

As the search continues for Bear's true home, Libby and Dish take on the challenge of caring for their kitten friend. But where will she go next?

### **Bear and Mr. Bhachu**

While Libby prepares for a visit to Mr. Bhachu's apartment to see Bear's new home, the doorbell rings unexpectedly. Libby's friend Morgan steps in with a warm greeting — and an interesting new idea for their friendship.

### **Finder's Club**

As Libby and her friends make some decisions about their club, Morgan has an idea for a surprise. Libby is curious to know what the surprise could be, but she's also curious about the sad feelings she has about Morgan and Juan Paco working on the surprise together ... without her.

### **The Magician**

As the Finder's Club ventures out on their first mission, their focus is unclear — but what they see over near the fountain in the park brings fresh purpose to their mission.

### **The Duck Trick**

When Libby returns from her adventure, Dish can hardly wait to hear the report. What kinds of mysteries did Libby encounter?

### **The Top Floor**

Even after a full day, Libby takes on one more adventure: a visit to Miss Williams's apartment for some instruction in magic ... and an unexpected introduction to a new friend.

### **The Gifts of Age**

As the children learn a bit of magic from Miss Williams, Libby begins to develop a friendship with the wise old bird who lives in that top floor apartment.

### **An Invitation to a Party**

Libby and her mother discover a party invitation in their mailbox — but Libby doesn't want to go. Should Libby disappoint her friends by staying home? Luckily, Dish offers sound advice.

### **Our Costume Party**

Libby needs to do some important research: what will Morgan's costume party be like? Libby finally works up the courage to ask her friend about her party ... and the answer is a surprise for everyone.

### **Elephants**

As Libby struggles to sketch out her vision for a superhero sign, she receives unexpected help from Dish and her good friend Juan Paco.

### **The Letter M**

As Libby and Dish spend a slow morning looking out their apartment window, they notice something mysterious. Who is that older man and why is he on a strange scooter? Libby and Dish decide that this is a job for the Finder's Club.

### **Granny and Gramps**

Libby's mom is having an upside-down day as she prepares for a visit from her parents to celebrate Thanksgiving together. As Libby considers how to help, Dish offers some wise advice that helps their whole family to turn their day right-side-up again.

### **Family and Friends**

As Libby's mom wrestles with one Thanksgiving dinner mishap after another, Libby finds ways to help the situation by telling stories with her grandparents ... and watching a new story unfold before her very eyes.

### **This Year's Tradition**

Libby is excited about the rapidly approaching holiday season and delighted in her mother's enthusiasm. But when her mother suggests a new idea for December, Libby feels a little unsure — does she want to try new ways of celebrating this month?