

EARLY CHAPTERS

Barrows, Annie. *Ivy + Bean* (series)

Bean plays a trick on her sister and finds unexpected support from her new neighbor.

Bauer, Marion Dane.

The Green Ghost (series)

When Kaye and her parents drive through a bad snowstorm, they take refuge in a house where Kaye meets a ghost in a green cloak.

Byars, Betsy. *The SOS File*

The students in Mr. Magro's class submit stories about their biggest emergencies for the SOS file.

Cameron, Ann. *Julian's Glorious Summer*

When his best friend receives a new bike, Julian spends the summer avoiding her because of his fear of bikes.

Cowley, Joy. *Snake and Lizard*

A collection of funny stories about the friendship between Snake and Lizard.

Cox, Judy. *Puppy Power*

Boisterous third-grader Fran has trouble controlling herself, but learning how to train her gigantic Newfoundland puppy helps her.

English, Karen. *Nikki and Deja* (series)

When an arrogant new girl starts school, best friends Nikki and Deja decide to form a club to exclude her but get unexpected results.

Gannett, Ruth. *My Father's Dragon*

A young boy is determined to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals as a ferry.

Gauthier, Gail.

A Girl, A Boy and Three Robbers (series)

Brandon reluctantly spends time with his imaginative classmate and her oversized cat.

Jenkins, Emily. *Toys Go Out*

Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.

Jones, Elizabeth Orton. *Twig*

After she is made tiny by magic, Twig finds friendship and adventure with Elf, the Fairy Queen, and the Sparrow family.

Kimmel, Haven.

Kaline Klattermaster's Tree House

His imaginary tree house and his strange neighbor help Kaline cope with his father's absence and bullies at school.

Kimmel, Marc. *A Picture for Marc*

An imaginative Russian boy discovers his talent for drawing and decides to become an artist. Based loosely on the childhood of Marc Chagall.

Layton, Neal. *Mammoth Academy*

Two woolly mammoth siblings follow some mysterious tracks to find the thief of some oranges—and discover humans.

Look, Lenore. *Ruby Lu* (series)

After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds it challenging to adjust to her new family.

Lowry, Lois. *Gooney Bird Greene* (series)

An unusual new student entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself.

Moses, Shelia.

Sallie Gal and the Wall-a-kee Man

More than anything, Sallie Gal wants pretty ribbons to wear in her hair but knows her family cannot afford them.

Nolan, Lucy. *Down Girl and Sit* (series)

A rambunctious dog thinks her name is Down Girl. She and her neighbor, Sit, try to keep the world safe from dangerous squirrels.

Orr, Wendy. *Nim's Island*

Nim loves her island home. But when her father is gone and trouble comes up, a new e-mail friend is the only one who can help.

Pennypacker, Sara. *Clementine* (series)

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor, Clementine experiences several unique hairstyles.

Sachar, Louis. *Marvin Redpost* (series)

Afraid of his new mountain bike, Marvin finds himself in a desperate situation when he accepts a challenge to ride down Suicide Hill.

Trine, Greg.

Melvin Beederman, Superhero (series)

After graduating from superhero academy, Melvin heads for Los Angeles, where he unexpectedly teams up with an actress.

Warner, Sally. *Not-So-Weird Emma* (series)

Emma is just beginning to like her new school when her friend Cynthia starts telling other kids that Emma is, well, a little *strange*.

Weeks, Sarah. *Oggie Cooder*

Oggie has a special talent for chewing cheese into any shape he wants it to be.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Holm, Jennifer. *Babymouse* (series)

An imaginative mouse is scared to face her dodgeball enemy.

Lechner, John. *Sticky Burr*

Sticky Burr is not prickly enough to suit some of the other burrs, but when his village is attacked by wild dogs, Sticky and his friends come to the rescue.

Rogers, Gregory.

The Boy, the Bear, the Baron & the Bard

A boy playing among the warehouses of London kicks a soccer ball into an abandoned theater where he finds an enchanted cape!

Soo, Kean. *Jellaby*

Not long after Portia Bennett and her mother move to a new town to start their lives over, Portia discovers a huge purple monster.

NONFICTION

Harper, Charise. *Flush!*

The Scoop on Poop throughout the Ages

In this strange but true book you will find amazing facts about life before toilet paper, the first toilets in 8000 BC, the chamber pot, the first mechanical flushing toilet and much more. (J 392.36)

Jenkins, Steve. *Sisters and Brothers: Sibling Relationships in the Animal World* (J 591.56)

Bishop, Nic. *Frogs*

Nic Bishop's photographs show many different kinds of frogs, big ones, very tiny ones, frogs with beautiful colors of skin, and one frog you can see inside of. (J 597.89)

Lansky, Bruce. *Oh My Darling, Porcupine and Other Silly Sing-Along Songs*

A collection of goofy new lyrics to kids' favorite sing-along songs. (J 782.42)

McCarthy, Meghan. *Aliens are Coming!*

The story of Orson Welles' radio broadcast which reported aliens landing in New Jersey and how this broadcast panicked the entire country and made Welles famous. (J 791.447)

Ashman, Linda. *The Essential Worldwide Monster Guide*

Humorous verses inform travelers about the dangers posed by monsters and other exotic creatures from many lands. (J 811)

Lucke, Deb. *The Book of Time Outs: A Mostly True History of the World's Biggest Troublemakers*

Showcases fourteen troublemakers including Queen Cleopatra and Babe Ruth—and proves that lessons can be learned from all of them. (J 920)

Stone, Tanya Lee. *Sandy's Circus: A Story About Alexander Calder.*

As a boy, Sandy was always fiddling with odds and ends, making objects for friends. When he got older he started creating wire sculptures. Sandy made a lion. Next came a lion cage. Before he knew it, he had an entire circus and was traveling between Paris and New York performing a brand-new kind of art for amazed audiences. (JB CALDER)

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Going Into Third Grade

Recommended Reading List



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Reading ability and interests vary broadly.
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