

Suggestions for Students entering Third Grade

Doggone Good Books for Third Grade



Recommended Internet Website for Reading Suggestions:

[Ultimate Summer Reading \(100+ Best Recent Children's Books to Read Over and Over\)/The Welcome-Back-to-School Booklist for Younger Readers](http://www.readkiddoread.com/home)
<http://www.readkiddoread.com/home>

We also recommend exploring other books by these authors:

Sorted by Author / Title

- Adler, David A. Cam Jansen and the chocolate fudge mystery. New York : Viking, 1993.
When Cam Jansen and her friend Eric uncover a mystery while selling fudge door-to-door to raise money for the local library, Cam uses her photographic memory to foil a crime. Enjoy other Cam Jansen mysteries.
- Adler, David A. Lou Gehrig : the luckiest man. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1997.
Traces the life of the Yankees' star ballplayer, focusing on his character and his struggle with the terminal disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Look for other great biographies by this author.
- Adler, Susan S, 1946-. Meet Samantha, an American girl. 1st ed. Madison, Wis : Pleasant Co, c1986.
In 1904, nine-year-old Samantha, an orphan living with her wealthy grandmother, and her servant friend Nellie have a midnight adventure when they try to find out what has happened to the seamstress who suddenly left her job. Enjoy other titles in the *American Girl* series.
- Aliki. A play's the thing. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, c2005.
Miss Brilliant's class puts on a performance of "Mary had a little lamb."
- Aliki. William Shakespeare & the Globe. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins Publishers, c1999.
Tells the story of the well-known playwright, William Shakespeare, and of the famous Globe Theatre in which many of his works were performed.
- Anderson, M. T. Whales on stilts. 1st ed. Orlando, Fla. : Harcourt, c2005.
Racing against the clock, shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss to conquer the world using an army of whales.
- Anholt, Laurence. Billy Beast. Minneapolis : Compass Point Books, c2004.
In this humorous version of "Beauty and the Beast," Billy Beast wonders if the clean and proper Beauty will ever be the beast of his dreams. Enjoy other fractured fairy tales titles in this series of *Seriously Silly Stories*.
- Auch, Mary Jane. I was a third grade science project. 1st ed. New York : Holiday House, c1998.
While trying to hypnotize his dog for the third grade science fair, Brian accidentally makes his best friend Josh think he's a cat.
- Auch, Mary Jane. The princess and the pizza. 1st ed. New York : Holiday House, 2002.
An out-of-work princess applies to become the bride of Prince Drupert, but first she must pass several tests, including a cooking contest.
- Benton, Jim. Lunch walks among us. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2003.
Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan. Look for other titles in this *Franny K. Stein, mad scientist* series.
- Bertrand, Lynne. Granite baby. 1st ed. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005.
Five talented New Hampshire sisters try to care for a baby that one of them has carved out of granite.

- Birney, Betty G. The world according to Humphrey. New York : G. P. Putnam's Sons, c2004.
Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher. Enjoy other titles about Humphrey in this series.
- Bishop, Nic, 1955-. Nic Bishop spiders. New York : Scholastic Nonfiction, c2007.
Photographs and text provide basic information about various kinds of spiders. Look for other outstanding photographic explorations by Nic Bishop.
- Blume, Judy. Freckle juice. New York : Four Winds Press :, [1985], c1971.
Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.
- Blume, Judy. The pain and the great one. Scarsdale, N.Y. : Bradbury Press, 1984, c1974.
A six-year-old (The Pain) and his eight-year-old sister (The Great One) see each other as troublemakers and the best-loved in the family.
- Brown, Don, 1949-. Odd boy out : young Albert Einstein. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Co., 2004.
An introduction to the work and early life of the twentieth-century physicist whose theory of relativity revolutionized scientific thinking.
- Byars, Betsy Cromer. Beans on the roof. New York, N.Y. : Delacorte Press, 1988.
As each of the five members of the Bean family tries to write a "roof" poem, they come to realize just how nice it is to be a Bean.
- Byng, Georgia. Molly Moon's incredible book of hypnotism. 1st American ed. New York : HarperCollinsPublishers, c2002.
Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City. Enjoy other books about Molly Moon.
- Catling, Patrick Skene. The Chocolate touch. Newly illustrated ed. New York : Morrow, 1979, c1952.
A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.
- Christopher, Matt. Center court sting. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1998.
Daren's tendency to blame everyone but himself when anything goes wrong causes problems with his best friend, with a young neighbor who idolizes him, and with one of his basketball teammates.
- Christopher, Matt. Centerfield ballhawk. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1992.
Baseball player José Mendez worries about his poor performance with the bat and fears disappointing his father, a former ballplayer with an outstanding batting average.
- Christopher, Matt. The dog that stole football plays. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1980.
A boy and his psychic dog are able to steal plays from the opposing football team.
- Christopher, Matt. Hat trick. 1st ed. Boston : Little Brown, 2000.
When his older brother gets his picture in the paper for scoring three goals in a soccer game, Stookie tries to emulate his feat.
- Christopher, Matt. The hockey machine. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1986.
Abducted by a "fan" and forced to become a member of a professional junior hockey team, thirteen-year-old star center Steve Crandall quickly realizes that he must play not only to win but to survive.
- Christopher, Matt. Little Lefty. Boston : Little Brown, c1993.
Bill is the smallest member of the team but he can throw harder than anyone else. Determined to play, he is about to get his big break when he is sidelined by a freak accident. Will Bill ever get a chance to prove himself on the mound?.
- Christopher, Matt. Soccer halfback. Boston : Little, Brown, c1978.
A young boy is pressured by his family to abandon his promising soccer career for football.
- Christopher, Matt. Wingman on ice. [1st ed.]. Boston : Little, Brown, [1964].
A young boy determines to polish his hockey game before using his Christmas present--a new stick.
- Cleary, Beverly. The mouse and the motorcycle. New York : W. Morrow, 1965.
A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.
- Cleary, Beverly. Ramona the pest. New York, : W. Morrow, [1968].
Ramona's entry into kindergarten becomes a big event for all concerned when she makes her presence known. Enjoy many other titles about Ramona, her sister Beazus and friend Henry.
- Clements, Andrew, 1949-. Jake Drake, class clown. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2002.
After noticing that Miss Bruce, the new student teacher, never smiles, Jake launches a campaign to make her

laugh, but soon things get out of hand and the second-grader learns that not everybody loves a clown.

Clements, Andrew, 1949-. Jake Drake know-it-all. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2001.

Jake is determined to win the third grade science fair not only for the grand prize, but to beat the annoying class know-it-alls, as well. Enjoy other books about Jake Drake.

Clements, Andrew, 1949-. The report card. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2004.

Fifth-grader Nora Rowley has always hidden the fact that she is a genius from everyone because all she wants is to be normal, but when she comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control.

Cooper, Floyd. Coming home : from the life of Langston Hughes. New York : Philomel Books, 1994.

Cooper, Floyd. Jump! : from the life of Michael Jordan. New York : Philomel Books, c2004.

Dahl, Roald. The BFG. 1st American ed. New York : Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1982.

Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

Dahl, Roald. Charlie and the chocolate factory. New York : Knopf : , 2004.

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Dahl, Roald. Charlie and the great glass elevator : the further adventures of Charlie Bucket and Willy Wonka : chocolate-maker extra-ordinary. Bantam, c1972.

Dahl, Roald. Fantastic Mr. Fox. [1st ed.]. New York : Knopf, c1970.

Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out warfare to get rid of the fox and his family.

Dahl, Roald. George's marvelous medicine. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2002.

George decides that his grumpy, selfish old grandmother must be a witch and concocts some marvelous medicine to take care of her.

Dahl, Roald. James and the giant peach : a children's story. New York : Knopf : , c1996.

A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

Dahl, Roald. The Minpins. 1st American ed. New York, N.Y., U.S.A. : Viking, 1991.

Little Billy enters the Forest of Sin and meets the Minpins, matchstick-sized people who live in tree cities besieged by the Smoke-Belching Gruncher whom Billy vows to destroy.

Davis, Eleanor. Stinky : a toon book. New York : Little Lit Library, c2008.

Stinky, a monster who lives in a swamp, comes up with all kinds of strange ways to get rid of a kid who has wandered into his territory. Graphic novel.

Danziger, Paula, 1944-. Amber Brown is not a crayon. New York : Putnam's, c1994.

Her third grade year is a sad time for Amber, because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state. Enjoy other books in the Amber Brown series.

De Angeli, Marguerite, 1889-. The lion in the box. 1st ed. Garden City, N.Y. : Doubleday, [1975].

Retells the events of a special Christmas for a poor family in New York City at the turn of the century.

De Angeli, Marguerite, 1889-. Yonie Wondernose. [Garden City, N.Y.] : Doubleday, 1944.

A young Pennsylvania Dutch boy shows his sense of responsibility when he takes care of the family farm during his father's absence.

DiTerlizzi, Tony. The field guide. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2003.

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences. Enjoy all 5 titles in this *Spiderwick* series.

Donaldson, Julia. The giants and the Joneses. 1st American ed. New York : Henry Holt, 2005.

When Jumbeelia, an eight-year-old giant, climbs down a beanstalk and collects some "iggly plops," the little people of children's stories, she treats them like toys, unaware that she is endangering their lives.

Erickson, John R., 1943-. The further adventures of Hank the Cowdog. Houston, TX : Gulf, c1989,1986.

Hank the Cowdog almost loses his job as Head of Ranch Security when he develops a case of Eye-Crosserosis. Enjoy the other titles in the *Hank the Cowdog* series.

Facklam, Margery. The big bug book. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1994.

Describes thirteen of the world's largest insects, including the birdwing butterfly and the Goliath beetle.

- Faller, Régis. The adventures of Polo. 1st American ed. New Milford, Conn. : Roaring Brook Press, 2006.
Polo the dog sets out from his home and enjoys many adventures, including sailing his boat on top of a whale, roasting hot dogs over a volcano, and taking a ride in a spaceship built from a mushroom. Graphic novel.
- Faller, Régis. Polo : the runaway book. 1st American ed. New Milford, Conn. : Roaring Brook Press, 2007.
While trying to retrieve his new book from a thieving alien, Polo has a series of adventures and eventually helps the alien and his people. Graphic novel.
- A family of poems : my favorite poetry for children. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion/Hyperion Books for Children, c2005.
In this follow-up to "The Best-Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis," the author collects more than one hundred of her family's best-loved poems from all over the world.
- Fleming, Candace. Sunny Boy! : the life and times of a tortoise. 1st ed. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005.
In this fictionalized account, Sunny Boy, a 100-year-old tortoise, describes various events in his long life including the dangerous barrel ride over Niagara Falls that he takes with his daredevil owner on July 5, 1930.
- Floca, Brian. Lightship. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2007.
Illustrations and simple text tell the story of lightships that were used in place of lighthouses in order to safely guide ships into port.
- Friedman, Laurie B., 1964-. Back to school, Mallory. Minneapolis, Minn. : Carolrhoda Books, c2004.
After moving, eight-year-old Mallory struggles with being new at school, especially because her mother is now the music teacher and director of the third grade play. Enjoy the other titles about Mallory.
- Fritz, Jean. What's the big idea, Ben Franklin? New York : Putnam, 1996.
A brief biography of the eighteenth-century printer, inventor, and statesman who played an influential role in the early history of the United States.
- Funke, Cornelia Caroline. Ghosthunters and the incredibly revolting ghost. 1st Am. ed. Frome, England : Chicken House ;, 2007.
Timid nine-year-old Tom Tomsy reluctantly agrees to help professional ghostbuster Hetty Hyssop dispel an IRG (Incredibly Revolting Ghost) from an old house.
- Gannett, Ruth Stiles. My father's dragon. New York, : Random House, [1948].
A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island. Look for the sequels to this title.
- George, Kristine O'Connell. Fold me a poem. 1st ed. Orlando : Harcourt, c2005.
A collection of poems about origami animals.
- Gibbons, Gail. Nature's green umbrella : tropical rain forests. New York : Morrow Junior Books, c1994.
Describes the climatic conditions of the rain forest as well as the different layers of plants and animals that comprise the ecosystem.
- Gibbons, Gail. The puffins are back! 1st ed. [New York?] : HarperCollins, c1991.
A simple introduction to the physical characteristics, life cycle, and natural environment of the puffins living off the coast of Maine.
- Gibbons, Gail. Sunken treasure. [New York] : HarperCollins, c1988.
Describes the many-years-long search for the treasure that went down with the Atocha, a Spanish galleon sunk off Florida in a hurricane in 1622.
- Golenbock, Peter, 1946-. Teammates. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1990.
Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first African-American player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.
- Greenburg, Dan. The boy who cried Bigfoot. New York : Grosset & Dunlap, c2000.
After hearing stories that a Bigfoot-like monster is haunting Camp Weno-wanna-getta-wedgee, ten-year-old Zack begins to find evidence that the legend may be true.
- Greenburg, Dan. Hang a left at Venus. New York : Grosset & Dunlap, c1999.
In Central Park, Zack and his dad encounter an alien who has lost his spaceship, which has been towed because it was illegally parked. Enjoy other titles in the *Zack Files* series.
- Greenburg, Dan. Secrets of Dripping Fang. 1st ed. Orlando : Harcourt, c2005.
Ten-year-old orphan twins Wally and Cheyenne Shluffmuffin have a had it bad at Cincinnati's Jolly Days Orphanage, but things get much worse when the Mandible sisters offer to share their home in the Dripping Fang Forest.
- Grimes, Nikki. Meet Danitra Brown. New York : Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1994.
A little girl introduces her best friend through a collection of thirteen poems.
- Grimes, Nikki. Talkin' about Bessie : the story of aviator Elizabeth Coleman. 1st ed. New York : Orchard Books, 2002.

A biography of Elizabeth Coleman, who battled segregation, poverty, and gender discrimination in order to become the first licensed African-American female pilot.

Guthrie, Woody, 1912-1967. This land is your land. 1st ed. Boston, MA : Little, Brown, c1998.

This well-known folk song is accompanied by a tribute from folksinger Pete Seeger, the musical notation, and a biographical scrapbook with photographs.

Gutman, Dan. The Get Rich Quick Club. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c2004.

Summer vacation in their small Maine town does not look too promising until twelve-year-old Gina and four of her friends make a pact to become millionaires before school starts in September.

Gutman, Dan. The million dollar kick. 2nd Hyperion Paperbacks ed. New York : Hyperion Paperbacks For Children, 2006, c2001.

Thirteen-year-old Whisper, who hates sports, is torn when she gets a chance to win a million dollars by kicking a goal against a local soccer hero. Enjoy other titles in this "million dollar..." series.

Gutman, Dan. Miss Daisy is crazy! 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c2004.

Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J. Enjoy the other titles in the *Weird School* series.

Gutman, Dan. Miss Lazar is bizarre! New York : HarperCollinsPublishers, c2005.

A.J. and his friends find out what amazing things Miss Lazar, the Super Custodian at their school, can do.

Hale, Bruce. Farewell, my lunchbag : from the tattered casebook of Chet Gecko, private eye. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt, 2001.

When fourth-grade private eye Chet Gecko is called to catch someone who is stealing food from the school cafeteria, he finds himself framed for the crime. Enjoy all the titles in the Chet Gecko series.

Haspiel, Dean. Mo and Jo : fighting together forever : a toon book. New York : Little Lit Library, c2008.

Brother and sister Joey and Mona are always fighting, and when their latest disagreement leads to the destruction of their favorite superhero's costume, their mother sews two costumes out of the old one and the duo each gains one superpower, they must learn how to work together to fight crimes. Graphic novel.

Hatkoff, Isabella. Owen & Mzee : the language of friendship. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2007.

Provides the true story of the strong relationship between Mzee, the 130-year-old tortoise, and Owen, the orphaned baby hippo rescued from the tsunami floods, that has developed between this unlikely pair through their special form of communication of soft sounds and gestures.

Hatkoff, Isabella. Owen & Mzee : the true story of a remarkable friendship. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2006.

Details through text and photographs the special bond shared by Owen, an orphaned hippo, and Mzee, a 130-year-old giant tortoise.

Harper, Charise Mericle. Just Grace. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2007.

DMisnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire. Look for other titles about "Just Grace" by this author.

Henry, Marguerite, 1902-. Misty of Chincoteague. Chicago : Rand McNally, [1947].

Two youngsters' determination to own a Chincoteague pony is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among those rounded up for the yearly auction.

Holm, Jennifer L. Babymouse : our hero. 1st ed. New York : Random House, c2005.

An imaginative young mouse is terrified to face her enemy in dodgeball, but with the help of her best friend and support from her mother, she not only plays the game, she proves herself a hero. Enjoy other titles in the Babymouse graphic novel series.

Hopkinson, Deborah. Bluebird summer. 1st ed. [New York] : Greenwillow Books, c2001.

Gramps's farm isn't the same after Grandma's death, but slowly Mags and Cody work to recreate her spirit by bringing back some of the things she loved.

Hopkinson, Deborah. Fannie in the kitchen. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2001.

Fannie Farmer is a mother's helper in the Shaw house, where the daughter gives her the idea of writing down precise instructions for measuring and cooking, which eventually became one of the first modern cookbooks.

Hopkinson, Deborah. Sky boys : how they built the Empire State Building. 1st ed. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, c2006.

In 1931, a boy and his father watch as the world's tallest building, the Empire State Building, is constructed, step-by-step, near their Manhattan home.

Hopkinson, Deborah. Sweet Clara and the freedom quilt. New York : Knopf : , c1993.

A young slave stitches a quilt with a map pattern which guides her to freedom in the North.

Howe, Deborah. Bunnacula : a rabbit tale of mystery. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum, 1979.

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire. Look for other titles about Bunnacula.

- Howe, James, 1946-. Bud Barkin, private eye. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2003.
Howie, the wirehaired dachshund, tries his paw at writing a new kind of novel, a mystery in which he imagines himself as a private investigator and Delilah as the "mysterious dame."
- Howe, James, 1946-. It came from beneath the bed! : tales from the House of Bunnacula. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2002.
With help from his Uncle Harold, who wrote books about Bunnacula, Howie the wire-haired dachshund writes a story in which he saves the world from a science experiment gone awry. Look for other titles in this Tales from the House of Bunnacula series.
- Hurst, Carol Otis. Rocks in his head. 1st ed. [New York] : Greenwillow Books, c2001.
A young man has a lifelong love of rock collecting that eventually leads him to work at a science museum.
- Hurwitz, Johanna. The adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein. New York, N.Y. : Avon Books, 1995, c1985.
Eight-year-old David is convinced that his life will be more adventurous when he changes his name to Ali Baba.
- Hurwitz, Johanna. Aldo Applesauce. New York : Morrow, 1979.
When he and his family move to the suburbs, Aldo has difficulty finding new friends.
- Jenkins, Steve, 1952-. Actual size. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c2004.
Discusses and gives examples of the size and weight of various animals and parts of animals. Enjoy other beautiful nonfiction books by Steve Jenkins.
- Jenkins, Steve, 1952-. I see a kookaburra! : discovering animal habitats around the world. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Co., 2005.
- Jenkins, Steve, 1952-. Prehistoric actual size. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2005.
Profiles primary characteristics of primitive creatures, such as the giant millipede and terror bird, including dinosaurs such as the velociraptor.
- Jurmain, Suzanne. George did it. 1st ed. New York : Dutton Children's Books, c2006.
- Kennedy, Richard, 1932-. Amy's eyes. 1st ed. New York : Harper & Row, c1985.
A girl who has changed into a doll and a doll who has changed into a sea captain sail the pirate-ridden high seas with a crew of Mother Goose animals, in search of gold treasure.
- Keller, Laurie. The scrambled states of America. New York : Henry Holt, c1998.
The states become bored with their positions on the map and decide to change places for a while. Includes facts about the states. Enjoy the sequel as well.
- Kerrin, Jessica Scott. Martin Bridge : ready for takeoff! Toronto ; : Kids Can Press, c2005.
In three short stories, Martin develops a crush on his new bus driver, takes care of his friend's hamster with tragic results, and participates in a rocket exhibition that threatens a friendship. Look for other books in this Martin Bridge series.
- Kline, Suzy. Horrible Harry moves up to third grade. New York : Puffin, 2000, c1998.
Horrible Harry and friends start off third grade with a new room and a field trip to an old copper mine to study rocks. Look for other Horrible Harry titles.
- Krull, Kathleen. Wilma unlimited : how Wilma Rudolph became the world's fastest woman. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1996.
A biography of the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympic.
- Lasky, Kathryn. The librarian who measured the earth. 1st ed. Boston : Joy Street Books, c1994.
Describes the life and work of Eratosthenes, the Greek geographer and astronomer who accurately measured the circumference of the Earth.
- Lasky, Kathryn. The man who made time travel. 1st ed. New York : Melanie Kroups Books, c2003.
Describes the need for sailors to be able to determine their position at sea and the efforts of John Harrison, an eighteenth century man who spent his life refining instruments to enable them to do this.
- Le Guin, Ursula K. 1929-. Catwings. New York : Orchard Books, c1988.
Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands.
- Leedy, Loreen. Look at my book : how kids can write & illustrate terrific books. New York : Holiday House, 2004.

Provides ideas and simple directions for writing, illustrating, designing, and binding books.

Lester, Julius. John Henry. New York : Dial Books, c1994.

Retells the life of the legendary African-American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.

Lindgren, Astrid, 1907-2002. Pippi Longstocking. New York : Scholastic, 1950.

Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village.

Lowry, Lois. Gooney Bird Greene. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2002.

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name. Enjoy the sequels also.

Lowry, Lois. See you around, Sam! Boston : Houghton, 1996.

Sam Krupnik, mad at his mother because she won't let him wear his new plastic fangs in the house, decides to run away to Alaska.

MacDonald, Betty. Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle. [New ed.]. Lippincott, [c1957].

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle loves children, both good and bad. She never scolds, but has positive cures for children with special problems such as answering back or never wanting to go to bed. Look for other Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle titles.

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. Snowflake Bentley. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1998.

A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations.

Mayes, Walter M. Walter the giant storyteller's giant book of giant stories. New York : Walker & Co. : , 2005.

Walter is shipwrecked on an island of tiny people and must tell them stories of good giants in order to win his freedom. Includes retellings of Jack and the Beanstalk, Paul Bunyan, Atlas, Finn M'Cool, and Stormalong.

McDonald, Megan. Changes for Julie. Middleton, Wis : American Girl Pub, c2007.

When Julie runs for student body president, the other students are put off by her choice for vice president, a deaf student named Joy. Look for other titles in this new American Girl series.

McDonald, Megan. Judy Moody. 1st ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, c2000.

Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage. Enjoy several titles in this growing series.

McDonald, Megan. Meet Julie : an American girl. Middleton, WI : American Girl, c2007.

In 1974, after Julie's parents divorce, she moves to a new San Francisco neighborhood where the school does not have a girls' basketball team, so she fights for the right to play on the boys' team.

McNulty, Faith. If you decide to go to the moon. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2005.

Presents a children's book for early readers that describes what a trip to the moon would be like for a would-be astronaut.

Mochizuki, Ken, 1954-. Baseball saved us. 1st ed. New York : Lee & Low, c1993.

A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II, and his ability to play helps him after the war is over.

Montgomery, Sy. The snake scientist. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1999.

Discusses the work of Bob Mason and his efforts to study and protect snakes, particularly red-sided garter snakes.

Montgomery, Sy. The tarantula scientist. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Co, 2004.

Describes the research that Samuel Marshall and his students are doing on tarantulas, including the largest spider on earth, the Goliath birdeating tarantula.

Moss, Marissa. Amelia hits the road. Berkeley, Calif : Tricycle Press, 1997.

Ten-year-old Amelia keeps a journal of the summer car trip she takes with her mother and sister to Grand Canyon, Death Valley, and their California home town to visit Amelia's best friend. Enjoy other Amelia stories.

Muth, Jon J. The three questions. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2002.

Nikolai asks his animal friends to help him answer three important questions: "When is the best time to do things?" "Who is the most important?" and "What is the right thing to do?"

Muth, Jon J. Zen shorts. New York : Scholastic Press, 2005.

When Stillwater the bear moves into the neighborhood, the stories he tells to three siblings teach them to look at the world in new ways.

Norton, Mary. The Borrowers:. [1st American ed.]. New York, : Harcourt, Brace, [1953].

A family of miniature people who live in an old country house cleverly "borrow" the things which they need. Enjoy the other titles about the Borrowers.

- Pennypacker, Sara, 1951-. Clementine. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2006.
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