

**Bronxville Elementary School  
Summer Reading Suggestions  
2019**

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**Please note: The listed books are only suggestions. No titles are required for reading and no child will be expected to read from the list. Books listed are chosen from a variety of sources. They include a wide variety of interests and a range of reading levels. Enjoy your summer!**

## IDEAS FOR MAKING YOUR CHILD A LIFE-LONG LOVER OF BOOKS

Picking up a book and reading for pleasure makes our minds grow. But some kids struggle with reading and for parents this can be very frustrating. Here are some things to keep in mind on ways to turn a young reader's reluctance into enthusiasm:

- **Encourage your child to read for fun, let them read books they enjoy.** Forcing a child to read books that are either not interesting or too difficult will only discourage them from reading. Use their interests and hobbies as starting points.
- **Don't rule out magazines!** The short, content-based articles are often written at an easy reading level and will spark their interest in a variety of topics. Most bookstore chains have a huge selection of magazines to appeal to almost every interest.
- **Read aloud to children of all ages.** There is no age cutoff for reading aloud. The pleasure of listening to you read, rather than struggling alone, may restore your child's initial enthusiasm for books and reading. Pick a story that the whole family can enjoy together!
- **Remember books on tape!** Long car trips are a great time for the family to listen to a book together. Pick the first book in a series to spark the children's interest in reading the rest of the books themselves.
- **Set aside a regular time for reading in your family.** This should be independent of schoolwork—the 20 minutes before lights out, just after dinner, or whatever fits into your household schedule. As little as 10 minutes of free reading a day can help improve your child's skills and habits.
- **Notice what attracts your children's attention, even if they only look at the pictures.** Then build on that interest; read a short selection aloud, or simply bring home more information on the same subject.
- **Take your children to the library regularly.** Explore the children's section together. Ask a librarian to suggest books and magazines your children might enjoy.
- **Treat your children to an evening of laughter and entertainment featuring books!** Many children (parents, too) regard reading as a serious activity. **A joke book, a story told in riddles, or a funny passage read aloud can reveal another side of reading.**
- **Read Yourself.** Be a good role model and let your child see you reading. **Share your excitement with the whole family.**
- **Limit your children's television/technology viewing** in an effort to make time for other activities, such as reading. But never use technology as a reward for reading,

or a punishment for not reading.

**Source:** RIF Parent Guide Brochure.-<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/children-who-can-read-but-dont.htm>

## **WHERE TO FIND GREAT BOOKS FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

Here are some online resources to help you locate great books for children of all ages.

### **Association for Library Service to Children**

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb/index.cfm>

Each year a committee of the Association for Library Service to Children identifies the best of the best in children's books. Notable should be thought to include books of especially commendable quality, books that exhibit venturesome creativity, and books of fiction, information, poetry and pictures for all age levels (birth through age 14) that reflect and encourage children's interests in exemplary ways.

### **The Bronxville Public Library**

[www.bronxvillelibrary.org](http://www.bronxvillelibrary.org)

The children's section of the Library's website lists links to numerous "Best Books of the Year" lists including those from professional journals such as Horn Book, School Library Journal and Kirkus.

### **The Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College**

<http://www.bnkst.edu/bookcom/>

The Children's Book Committee was founded over 90 years ago to help parents, librarians and educators find the books that children will find transforming. Their publications, Best Books of the Year and Best Books to Read Aloud are available on their website and at the Bronxville Public Library.

### **Children's Book Council**

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/readinglists/>

The Children's Book Council produces a number of reading lists for young people such as Outstanding International Books, Outstanding Science Books and Notable Social Studies Books.

### **Westchester Library System**

[www.westchesterlibraries.org](http://www.westchesterlibraries.org)

The librarians of Westchester County compile a list of what they consider to be the best books of the year going back to 1998.

## KINDERGARTEN INTO FIRST GRADE

### Picture Books Title - Author

**It's Only Stanley** - Jon Agee. Stanley the dog makes mysterious noises in the night. What is he up to?

**Miss Nelson Is Missing** - Harry Allard. The children in Miss Nelson's class go beyond misbehaving; they are downright terrible! Near her wits' end, Miss Nelson thinks up a brilliant plan. The next day the kids have a substitute--the nasty Viola Swamp--who loads the boys and girls with homework and never gives them a story hour. By the time Miss Nelson finally returns, the children are so grateful they behave well. But now Viola Swamp is missing....

**A Day at the Market** - Sara Anderson. Set in the halls of Seattle's fabled Pike Place Market - rhyming picture book about farmers' market scenes from morning to night.

**Tap Tap Boom Boom** - Elizabeth Bluemle. When a thunderstorm hits a city street, children and grown-ups dash to the subway for shelter — and an impromptu friendly gathering.

**Children Make Terrible Pets (Starring Lucille Beatrice Bear)** - Peter Brown. Lucy, a bear, finds a young boy impossible to train as a pet.

**Mr. Tiger Goes Wild** - Peter Brown. Bored with city life, Mr. Tiger gets a wild idea.

**Franklin Goes to School** - Paulette Bourgeois. With his new pencil case packed with a ruler, eraser and 12 colored pencils, Franklin is ready for his first day of school -- until it's time to board the bus.

**The Mitten** - Jan Brett. Nicki drops his white mitten and animals crawl into it without him noticing.

**Sunflower House** - Eve Bunting. Inventive children plant summer fun.

**The Little House** - Virginia Lee Burton. A house in the country becomes surrounded by a growing city.

**Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel** - Virginia Lee Burton. Together they dig deep canals for boats to travel through, cut mountain passes for trains, and hollow out cellars for city skyscrapers. When newer machines come, they must work harder to prove they are not meant for the scrap heap.

**Miss Rumphius** - Barbara Cooney. A desire to travel and make the world a more beautiful place.

**Big Cat, Little Cat** - Elisha Cooper. Simple and joyful domestic routines underscore the deeply entwined lives of two feline companions and the impact of loss on one.

**Thunder-Boomer!** - Shutta Crum. Summer storm brings an unexpected gift.

**Big Words for Little People** - Jamie Lee Curtis. Big sister teaches important words.

**The Day the Crayons Quit** - Drew Daywalt. Duncan wants to color but instead finds letters from the crayons all saying they quit!

**The Day the Crayons Came Home** - Drew Daywalt. Duncan now finds a whole new group of crayons asking to be rescued.

**Strega Nona** - Tomie dePaola. When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

**Strega Nona's Harvest** - Tomie dePaola. Strega Nona attempts to teach Big Anthony about gardening and the importance of order. But when Big Anthony does not follow her directions and tries to use her growing spell, his small vegetable patch turns into an unruly jungle!

**Gaston** - Kelly DiPucchio. What does it take for a bulldog to fit in with his proper poodle family?

**The Jelly Donut Difference: Sharing Kindness with the World** - Maria Dismody. The ooey goey jelly donuts in this story are a testament to the power of kindness, caring, and generosity.

**A Hat for Mrs. Goldman: A story About Knitting and Love** - Michelle Edwards. A celebration of winter mitzvahs, or kind deeds.

**Let's Do Nothing!** - Tony Fucile. Two boys run out of things to do with hilarious results.

**Night Lights** - Susan Gal. Biking at night, a child sees different types of illumination.

**The Night Gardener** - Terry Fan. William and an elderly gardener help transform their town by creating anonymous topiary artwork.

**Lights Out** - Aurthur Geisert. Little piglet overcomes fear of the dark.

**Wemberly Worried** - Kevin Henkes. Wemberly worries about everything. Big things, little things, and when school was about to start, Wemberly worried even more.

**Chrysanthemum** - Kevin Henkes. A book to talk about feelings.

**Goldilocks and Just One Bear** - Leigh Hodgkinson. Little Bear finds himself lost in the Big City.

**Little Red Writing** - Joan Holub. A brave little red pencil sets out to write an exciting story.

**Flora and the Flamingo** - Molly Idle. Flora and her graceful flamingo friend explore the trials and joys of friendship.

**Peter's Chair** - Ezra Jack Keats. Peter has a new baby sister. First his parents paint his old cradle. Now they want to paint his chair!

**The Snowy Day** - Ezra Jack Keats. Small Boy experiences the joy of snow.

**Lucy Goes to the Country** - Joseph Kennedy. Madcap adventures ensue when a gay couple and their cat spend the weekend in the country.

**This Is Not My Hat** - Jon Klassen. A tiny fish knows it's wrong to steal a hat.

**A Very Special House** - Ruth Krauss , Maurice Sendak. Free spirited story about a boys imaginary house.

**The Carrot Seed** - Ruth Krauss. A simple story of a boy's unwavering faith that the seed he plants and cares for will grow into a carrot.

**Matthew's Dream**- Leo Lionni. Matthew the Mouse has a moment of self discovery.

**Swimmy**- Leo Lionni . Swimmy shows his friends how—with ingenuity and team work—they can overcome any danger.

**Pezzettino**- Leo Lionni. Pezzettino learns he belongs to himself.

**The Story Of Ferdinand** - Munro Leaf. All the other bulls would run and jump and butt their heads together. But Ferdinand would rather sit and smell the flowers.

**Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons** - Eric Litwin. A mellow-eyed feline looks for the bright side of every situation.

**The Book of Mistakes** - Corinna Luyken. Stunning illustrations illuminate the creative process about how mistakes are not always negative and can open the door to a bigger picture.

**Otis and the Scarecrow**- Loren Long. Otis lets the scarecrow know he is part of the family.

**Elmer**- David McKee. Elmer the elephant, a colorful character because of his patchwork hide and sense of humor, tries to blend in with the herd but soon realizes he's happiest just being himself.

**Freckleface Strawberry** - Julianne Moore. Young girl doesn't like her freckles until she learns to live with them and accept herself.

**The Monsters' Monster** - Patrick McDonnell. A very big monster shows three very bad little monsters the power of gratitude.

**I STINK!** - Kate & Jim McMullan. With ten wide tires, one really big appetite, and an even bigger smell, this truck's got it all.

**I Got the Rhythm** - Connie Schofield-Morrison. A neighborhood walk becomes so much more as a little girl explores the music and sound of everyday urban life.

**Blueberries for Sal** - Robert McCloskey. What happens when Sal and her mother meet a mother bear and her cub.

**Make Way for Ducklings** - Robert McCloskey. Tale of mallard ducks in Boston.

**Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons** - Jon J. Muth. Koo the panda is back and discovering each season through poetry.

**Enemy Pie** - Derek Munson. This character learns how to get rid of an enemy and figures out a lot about friendship in the process.

**Ducks Don't Wear Socks** - John D. Nedwidek. Duck helps serious girl have fun.

**Miss Moore Thought Otherwise: the Story of the Lady Who Made Libraries for Children** -Jan Pinborough. The true story of how Miss Moore created the first children's room at the New York Public Library.

**The Grasshopper & the Ants** - Jerry Pinkney. The third in his retellings of Aesop's Fables, Pinkney shows the grasshopper why the ants have worked so hard, and the ants learn the value of sharing.

**Not a Stick** - Natalie Portis. A pig explains how a stick can be different things.

**Say Something** - Peter Reynolds. Perfect of kid activists everywhere, this timely story reminds readers of the undeniable importance and power of their voice.

**Duck! Rabbit!** - Amy Rosenthal. Is a creature a rabbit or a duck?

**I Wish You More** - Amy Rosenthal. Wishes for curiosity and wonder, for friendship and strength, laughter and peace.

**This Plus That: Life's Little Equations** -Amy Rosenthal. Simple math in life.

**Pig Kahuna** - Jennifer Sattler. Fergus is afraid to go in the water.

**Jangles: A Big Fish Story** - David Shannon. A boy comes face-to-face with a gigantic trout.

**A Sick Day for Amos McGee** - Philip C. Stead. Animals take care of their friend.

**Lenny & Lucy** - Philip C. Stead. Peter uses his imagination and pillows to create Lenny, the Guardian of the Bridge, and realizes that something is missing—a friend for Lenny.

**Interrupting Chicken** - David Ezra Stein. Story about a chicken who can't help interrupting during bedtime stories.

**The Dark** - Lemony Snicket. Mostly, the dark lives in the basement, but one night, when his night-light fails, it arrives in Laszlo's room.

**Charlie & Mouse** - Laurel Snyder. Charlie and Mouse, two hilarious brothers, talk to bed lumps, plan a spontaneous neighborhood party, sell rocks, and invent new bedtime traditions.

**You're Here for a Reason** - Nancy Tillman. Author shows how each of us fits into life's big picture and the world would be incomplete without you in it.

**Poindexter Makes a Friend** - Mike Twohy. Shy pig and shy turtle learn to make friends.

**What Do You Do With a Chance** - Kobi Yamada. A story about a child who isn't sure what to make of a chance encounter and then discovers that when you have courage, take chances, and say yes to new experiences, amazing things can happen.

**Before John was a Jazz Giant - A Song of John Coltrane** - Carole Boston Weatherford.

**Art and Max** -David Wiesner. Two friends on a whirlwind trip through various art media.

**Mr. Wuffles** - David Wiesner. Mr. Wuffles ignores all his cat toys but one, which turns out to be a spaceship piloted by small green aliens.

**That is Not a Good Idea!** - Mo Willems. A surprising lesson about the importance of listening to one's inner gosling.

**My New Friend Is So Fun!** - Mo Willems. Will a new friend break apart Piggie and Gerald's friendship?

**Hooray for Amanda and her Alligator!** - Mo Willems. Amanda and her stuffed toy alligator are best friends, but one day Amanda brings a special but unwelcome surprise.

**A Chair for My Mother** - Vera B. Williams. After their home is destroyed by a fire, Rosa, her mother, and grandmother save their coins to buy a really comfortable chair for all to enjoy.

**The Plant Sitter** - Gene Zion, Margaret Bloy Graham. Tommy takes care of his neighbor's plants while they are on vacation. The plants get out of control until he goes to the library to learn about plant care and makes baby plants for the children from the trimmings.

### Young Reader Series and Chapter Books

**Young Cam Jansen** - David Adler

**Fly Guy** - Tedd Arnold. The adventures of a pet fly.

**The Berenstain Bears** - Jan and Stan Berenstain.

**Rabbit & Robot: The Sleepover** - Cece Bell. Rabbit and Robot disagree on everything.

**Clifford** - Norman Bridwell. A big red dog that is not just big in size.

**The Magic Schoolbus Series**- Joanna Cole

**Twig** - Elizabeth Orton Jones. Empty tomato can is perfect fairy house.

**Fluffy And Friends** - Kate McMullan. Story about a classroom guinea pig.

**Amanda Pig** - Jean Van Leeuwen. Calm stories about how Amanda solves everyday problems

**Up, Tall and High!** - Ethan Long. A bevy of birds perform a play in three acts.

**Adventures of Little Bear**- Else Holmelund Minarik. Stories of Little Bear and His Childlike Charm

**Amelia Bedelia** - Peggy Parish. Amelia Bedelia does exactly what Mr. and Mrs. Rogers tell her to do. Things get mixed up, but everything always turns out perfectly.

**Henry and Mudge** - Cynthia Rylant. Henry finds companionship in a big dog named Mudge.

**Elephant & Piggie** - Mo Willems. Two friends learn valuable life lessons.

**Morris and Boris** - Bernard Wiseman.

## FIRST INTO SECOND GRADE

### Picture Books

**Life on Mars** - Jon Agee. A young astronaut is sure there is life on Mars. When he goes on a mission there he finds someone has eaten his cupcakes.

**The Lonely Phonebooth** - Peter Ackerman. This is the story of one of the last remaining phone booths in New York City, on the corner of West End Avenue and 100th Street.

**The Curious Garden** - Peter Brown. One boy's quest for a greener world... one garden at a time.

**Iggy Peck, Architect** - Andrea Beaty. Iggy loves building. However his creative expression is challenged when his 2d grade teacher declares her dislike of architecture.

**Rosie Revere Engineer** - Andrea Beaty. Rosie wants to build a contraption that flies but when it doesn't succeed her aunt insists it is a success and she should not quit.

**Ada Twist, Scientist** - Andrea Beaty. Scientist Ada is imaginative, curious, and unafraid of failure. She conducts scientific experiments to make discoveries but this time they lead to more stink and get her into trouble.

**Wolf in the Snow** - Matthew Cordell. A girl and a wolf cub each get lost in the snow and rescue each other.

**The Black Book of Colors** - Menena Cottin. Imagine not having sight and using Braille.

**Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale** - Carmen Agra Deedy. Bug picks mate.

**Last Stop on Market Street** - Matt de la Pena. Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town where she helps him see the fun of their routine and the beauty of the world around them.

**Front Porch Tales and North Country Whoppers** - Tomie dePaola. Laugh-out-loud stories from New Hampshire and Vermont are set during the four seasons of the year.

**The Night Gardener** - Terry Fan. Mysterious night gardener brings color to a boy and his town.

**A Taste of Colored Water** - Matt Faulkner. Girls learn what "colored" water means.

**Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella** - Paul Fleischman.

**Clever Jack Takes the Cake** - Candace Fleming. Boy tries to find a present fit for princess.

**My Two Dads (My Family)** - Claudia Harrington. With large exaggerated features, the characters in Harrington's book focuses on a family consisting of a second grade daughter, Jasmine or Jazz for short, and her two fathers who she calls Dad and Papi. Lenny, the class reporter and classmate, is visiting Jazz's home to interview and take photos to spotlight Jazz as the Student of the Week. Lenny soon discovers Jazz's family is not so different from his own.

**My Two Moms** - Claudia Harrington. My Two Moms is the story of a normal day in Elsie's life. When classmate Lenny visits her home, he discovers Elsie has two moms. Who gets her splinters out? Mommy! Who gets her cat out of the tree? Mom! Who reads to her? Mommy and Mom! Lenny realizes love makes a family.

**Year of Billy Miller** - Kevin Henkes. A funny story about friendship, sibling rivalry, and elementary school.

**Shaking Things Up** - Susan Hood. Introduction to 14 revolutionary women each paired with a noteworthy female artist.

**Lost and Found**- Oliver Jeffers . A poignant, funny, and child-friendly story about a boy and a penguin whose friendship is lost . . . and then found again.

**Lotus and Feather** - Ji-li Jiang. Inspired by the true story of a crane that rescued a Chinese village, a young girl and a crane help each other, become friends and save a village from a flood.

**Big Red Lollipop** - Rukhsana Khan. Tag-a-long little sister spoils girl's fun at a birthday party.

**Mama Went to Jail for the Vote** - Kathleen Karr. Girl learns about fight for right to vote.

**A Letter to Amy** - Ezra Jack Keats. Peter is inviting only one girl to his birthday party: his friend, Amy. He decides to send her a special invitation, but something happens on his way to mail it.

**Regards to the Man on the Moon** - Ezra Jack Keats. When the other kids make fun of Louie and call his father "the junkman," his dad explains that the so-called junk he loves "can take you right out of this world" with a little imagination.

**Do Unto Otters: A Book about Manners** - Laurie Keller. A delightfully illustrated tale demonstrated by the Otter family, of the importance of following the Golden Rule.

**Same, Same But Different** - Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw. Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that they both love to climb trees, have pets, and go to school. Their worlds might look different, but they are actually similar. Same, same. But different! Through an inviting point-of-view and colorful, vivid illustrations, this story shows how two boys living oceans apart can be the best of friends.

**The Elephant Quilt** - Susan Lowell. Story of 1859 journey from Missouri to California.

**The Invisible Boy** - Trudy Ludwig This story shows how small acts of kindness can make someone feel included.

**The Crane Girl** - Curtis Manley. Lyrical storytelling deftly interwoven with original haiku and an adaptation of popular Japanese folktales. A story of friendship and the power of kindness to transform lives.

**The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin** - Julia Finley Moca. When young Temple was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science.

**Zen Ties** - Jon Muth. What happens after helping a grouchy neighbor.

**If You Plant a Seed** - Kadir Nelson. A rabbit and his mouse pal are excited to harvest a few crops, but when the birds come to share in the spoils, rabbit and mouse have to make a decision. Will they plant seeds of selfishness or seeds of kindness?

**Red Butterfly: How Princess Smuggled the Secret of Silk out of China** - Deborah Noyes.

**A Different Pond** - Bao Phi, A story about a long ago fishing trip and the relationship between a father and son and old and new cultures.

**The Pea Blossom** - Amy Poole. Hans Christian Anderson tale from pea's perspective.

**Wabi Sabi** - Mark Reibstein. Cat living in Kyoto learns about the concept of beauty.

**The Dot** - Peter H. Reynolds. Here we find a young child who "can't draw" anything. Supposedly. But when the teacher gets our protagonist to draw a dot and then "sign it" - well, one thing leads to another and the dots become more and more elaborate.

**Ish** - Peter H. Reynolds. A creative spirit learns that thinking "ish-ly" is far more wonderful than "getting it right".

**The Sneetches and Other Stories**- Dr. Seuss. Four funny, easy to read stories with themes of tolerance, diversity and compromise.

**Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin** - Chieri Uegaki. A young girl has signed up to play the violin for the school's talent show but she has only had three lessons.

**Suki's Kimono** - Chieri Uegaki. A little girl whose spirit leads her to march and dance to her own drumbeat.

**The True Story of the Three Little Pigs** - Jon Scieszka, Young readers will finally hear the other side of the story of "The Three Little Pigs."

**How I Learned Geography** - Uri Shulevitz. Based on author's refugee childhood.

**Baker Cat** - Posy Simmonds. Overworked cat teams up with mice.

**Grandpa Green** - Lane Smith. Grandpa Green shows grandson a world of memories passed down in topiary shapes.

**Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** - William Steig. Sylvester finds a magic pebble that can make wishes come true. But when a lion jumps out at him on his way home, Sylvester is shocked into making a wish that has unexpected consequences. After overcoming a series of obstacles, Sylvester is eventually reunited with his loving family.

**Sugar Cane: A Caribbean Rapunzel** - Patricia Storace. New twist on classic tale.

**8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel ÷ 1 Dog = Chaos** - Vivian Vande Velde. A group of small animals turn an elementary school into a real zoo.

**Mr. President Goes to School** - Rick Walton. Important lessons from kindergarten.

**Nanette's Baguette** - Mo Willems. A funny story about a little girl frog whose mom sends her to buy a baguette - but she ruins the errand by eating the irresistible baguette.

**What Do You Do With An Idea** - Kobi Yamada. Story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself.

**Owl Moon** - Jane Yolen. Late one winter night a little girl and her father go owling. The trees stand still as statues and the world is silent as a dream. Whoo-who-who, the father calls to the mysterious nighttime bird. But there is no answer.

**Our Tree Named Steve** - Alan Zweibel. Father shares memories of tree in family yard.

### **Young Reader Series and Chapter Books**

**Cam Jansen** - David Adler. Girl detective uses photographic memory to solve mysteries.

**Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs-** Katherine Applegate. Hilarious story of boy's antics.

**Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit -** Cece Bell. What happens when two friends suddenly become three?

**The Pain and The Great One** - Judy Blume. Stories about a third grade girl and her first grade brother and how they relate to each other.

**Flat Stanley** - Jeff Brown. Boy wakes up flat and must adjust to life.

**The Littles** - Roberta Clark. Little people with tails who live in the walls of the Big family.

**Bink & Gollie** - Kate DiCamillo. Two best friends share three comical adventures.

**Mercy Watson to the Rescue-** (Series ) Kate DiCamillo. Story about Mercy, a pig, and the people who love her.

**My Father's Dragon** - Ruth Stiles Gannett. Adventures of boy and baby flying dragon.

**Goose and Duck** - Jean Craighead George. Boy becomes the "mother" to a goose.

**Houndsley and Catina and the Quiet Time** - James Howe. Enjoy a snowy day.

**Pinky and Rex** - James Howe. Two friends tackle everyday problems.

**Pinkerton, Behave** - Steven Kellog. Pinkerton the dog is sent to obedience school but learns his commands wrong.

**Horrible Harry** - Suzy Kline. Antics of friends as they move up from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Song Lee** - Suzy Kline. Girl brings insights from her native Korea to her class.

**The Children of Noisy Village** - Astrid Lindgren. A year in the lives and customs of six Swedish children living on a group of three farms in the countryside.

**Mr. Putter and Tabby** - Cynthia Rylant. Comical adventures of a man and his cat.

**Poppleton** - Cynthia Rylant. Poppleton the pig makes a friend, reads a library book about adventure, and helps a sick friend get better.

**Japanese Children's Favorite Stories.** Florence Sakade Twenty of Japan's most loved children's stories about playful goblins, a magic teakettle, and many more.

**Nate the Great** - Marjorie Weinman Sharmat. Mysteries and clues for young readers.

**Every Thing On It** - Shel Silverstein. Poetry collection by the cherished American artist.

**Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook** - Shel Silverstein. Book of poems that switches around the first letters of two words.

**Silver** - Gloria Whelan. Girl sets out to prove her puppy will be a racing champion.

**The Box Car Children** - Gertrude Chandler Warner. A good first chapter book about four orphaned children and their survival adventures.

### Non-fiction

**The House that Jane Built: A story about Jane Addams** - Tanya Lee Stone. Story of Jane Addams, the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, who transformed a poor neighborhood in Chicago by opening up her house as a community center.

**Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille** - Jen Bryant. Braille's inspiring story.

**A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin** - Jen Bryant. The life and art of Horace Pippin who learned to draw and paint despite injury and hardship.

**The Secret Subway** - Shana Corey. The fascinating, little known and true story of New York City's first subway.

**Here Come the Girl Scouts!: The Amazing All-True Story of Juliette 'Daisy' Gordon Low and Her Great Adventure** - Shana Corey. The amazing, all-true story of the first Girl Scouts and their visionary founder.

**Giant Squid** - Candace Fleming. Explores the mysterious life of the elusive giant squid.

**Locomotive** - Brian Floca. A rich and detailed sensory exploration of America's early railroads.

**Brave Girl Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909** - Michelle Markel. The true story of Clara Lemlich, an immigrant who led the largest strike of women workers in U.S. history.

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind** - William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. How a young boy builds a windmill for his village.

**Eight Days Gone** - Linda McReynolds. Vibrant poetry and dramatic artwork describe the 1969 Apollo 11 voyage.

**Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs** - Michaela Muntean. An irresistible family of dogs and the man who believed in them.

**The House That George Built** - Suzanne Slade. How George Washington built the White House.

## SECOND INTO THIRD GRADE

### Fiction

**Jack Plank Tells Tales** - Natalie Babbitt. Unemployed pirate shares funny job search tale.

**Becca at Sea** - Deirdre Baker. Girl faces challenges and learns about herself and family.

**The World According to Humphrey** - Betty Birney. Hamster helps classmates and teacher.

**Ron's Big Mission** - Rose Blue & Corinne Naden. Nine-year-old Ron loves going to the Lake City Public Library to look through all the books on airplanes and flight. Today, Ron is ready to take out books by *himself*. But in the segregated world of South Carolina in the 1950s, Ron's obtaining his own library card is not just a small rite of passage—it is a young man's first courageous mission. Here is an inspiring story, based on Ron McNair's life, of how a little boy, future scientist, and *Challenger* astronaut desegregated his library through peaceful resistance.

**Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos** - Monica Brown. A fictional account of the life of young artist Frida Kahlo that celebrates her connection to the animals she loved and painted.

**Marisol MacDonald Doesn't Match** - Monica Brown. Marisol McDonald has flaming red hair and nut-brown skin. Polka dots and stripes are her favorite combination. She prefers peanut butter and jelly burritos in her lunch box. And don't even think of asking her to choose one or the other activity at recess—she'll just be a soccer playing pirate princess, thank you very much. To Marisol McDonald, these seemingly mismatched things make perfect sense together. Unfortunately, they don't always make sense to everyone else. Other people wrinkle their nose in confusion at Marisol—can't she just be one or the other? Try as she might, in a world where everyone tries to put this biracial, Peruvian-Scottish-American girl into a box, Marisol McDonald doesn't match. And that's just fine with her.

**Adrian Simcox Does Not Have a Horse** - Marcy Campbell. Adrian Simcox tells anyone who will listen that he has a horse--the best and most beautiful horse anywhere. But Chloe does NOT believe him. Adrian Simcox lives in a tiny house. Where would he keep a horse? He has holes in his shoes. How would he pay for a horse? The more Adrian talks about his horse, the angrier Chloe gets. But when she calls him out at school and even

complains about him to her mom, Chloe doesn't get the vindication she craves. She gets something far more important. Written with tenderness and poignancy and gorgeously illustrated, this book will show readers that kindness is always rewarding, understanding is sweeter than judgment, and friendship is the best gift one can give.

**The Mouse and the Motorcycle** - Beverly Cleary. Adventurous mouse named Ralph.

**Bears on Hemlock Mountain** - Alice Dalgliesh. Boy deals with bears as he crosses mountain.

**Amber Brown** - Paula Danzinger. Follow girl through adventures at school and home.

**Du Iz Tak?** - Carson Ellis. As a tiny plant springs from the ground, curious bugs watch it grow and marvel in their own buggy language.

**Half Magic** - Edward Eager. First book in series of children's magical adventures.

**Drum Dream Girl, How One Girl's Courage Changed Music** - Margarita Engel. *Girls cannot be drummers.* Long ago on an island filled with music, no one questioned that rule—until the drum dream girl. In her city of drumbeats, she dreamed of pounding tall congas and tapping small bongós. She had to keep quiet. She had to practice in secret. But when at last her dream-bright music was heard, everyone sang and danced and decided that *both* girls and boys should be free to drum and dream.

**Dream Wolf** - Paul Goble. Two young children seek shelter in a wolf's cave. There they meet a kindly wolf who leads them home.

**My Weird School and My Weirder School** - Dan Gutman. Meet a teacher who eats bonbons, a principal who kisses pigs, a librarian who thinks she's George Washington, and an art teacher who dresses up in pot holders!

**Adventures of Beanboy** - Lisa Harkrader. With comic book illustrations, this laugh-out-loud novel will have readers rooting for a superhero with true heart.

**Sadie and Ratz** - Sonya Hartnett. Hannah and her hands, named Sadie and Ratz, regularly get into trouble, especially when younger brother Baby Boy is around.

**Squish: Super Amoeba** -Jennifer Holm. Adventures of a microscopic, single-celled amoeba.

**Ada's Violin: The story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay** - Susan Hood. An orchestra made up of children playing instruments built from recycled trash.

**Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Tough Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic** - Emily Jenkins. Adventures of friends, who are toys

**Melonhead** - Katy Kelly. Ten year old's plans go awry in funny ways.

**Harvesting Hope** - Kathleen Krull. Cesar Chavez is known as one of America's greatest civil rights leaders. When he led a 340-mile peaceful protest march through California, he ignited a cause and improved the lives of thousands of migrant farmworkers. But Cesar wasn't always a leader. As a boy, he was shy and teased at school. His family slaved in the fields for barely enough money to survive. Cesar knew things had to change, and he thought that--maybe--he could help change them. So he took charge. He spoke up. And an entire country listened.

**These Hands** - Margaret Mason. Joseph's grandpa could do almost anything with his hands. He could play the piano, throw a curveball, and tie a triple bowline knot in three seconds flat. But in the 1950s and 60s, he could not bake bread at the Wonder Bread factory. Factory bosses said white people would not want to eat bread touched by the hands of the African Americans who worked there. In this powerful intergenerational story, Joseph learns that people joined their hands together to fight discrimination so that one day, their hands—Joseph's hands—could do *anything at all in this whole wide world*.

**Homer Price** - Robert McCloskey. Boy's hysterical adventures.

**Mrs. Piggle Wiggle** - Betty McDonald. Unusual cures for misbehaving children.

**Judy Moody** - Megan McDonald. Funniest, moodiest third grader is always up to something.

**Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid** - Megan McDonald. Antics of shortest kid in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**Adventures at the Harvey N. Trouble Elementary School** - Kate McMullen. Nutty school.

**The Girl Who Thought In Pictures (Temple Grandin)** - Julia Finley Mosca. When young Temple was diagnosed with autism, no one expected her to talk, let alone become one of the most powerful voices in modern science. Yet, the determined visual thinker did just that. Her unique mind allowed her to connect with animals in a special way, helping her invent groundbreaking improvements for farms around the globe! *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin* is the first book in a brand new educational series about the inspirational lives of amazing scientists. In addition to the illustrated rhyming tale, you'll find a complete biography, fun facts, a colorful timeline of events, and even a note from Temple herself!

**The Borrowers** - Mary Norton. Fantasy about little people who live in houses of big people.

**We're All Wonders**- R.J. Palacio. The importance of choosing kindness.

**Skinny Bones** - Barbara Park. Comic story of an awkward boy's attempts to fit in.

**Mudshark**. - Gary Paulsen. Principal needs help locating 65 missing erasers.

**The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail** - Richard Peck. For every human on Earth, there is a mouse with the same job, doing it better.

**All Are Welcome** - Alexandra Penfold. Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where kids in patkas, hijabs, and yarmulkes play side-by-side with friends in baseball caps. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions and the whole community gathers to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

*All Are Welcome* lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, they are welcome in their school.

**Clementine** - Sarah Pennypacker. Funny antics of an interesting third grade girl.

**Mrs. Noodlekugel** - Daniel Pinkwater. Part Mary Poppins, part Mrs. Piggle Wiggles, the new babysitter is all fun.

**The Junkyard Wonders** - Patricia Polacco. Special-needs students prove worth to school.

**Holes in the Sky** - Patricia Polacco. There will never be anyone like her grandmother, Patricia Polacco thinks, when her grandmother passes away. But when she and her family move to California—in the middle of a drought—she meets a new friend, the irrepressible Stewart, and his amazing grandmother, Miss Eula, who not only takes Trisha under her wing, but, with Trisha and Stewart, steps up to lead their entire extraordinarily diverse neighborhood to help a hurting neighbor—and her once lush garden—survive the drought. Trisha's grandmother's old saying about the stars being Holes in the Sky turns out to be Miss Eula's, too, convincing Trisha that she has miraculously discovered another unforgettable grandmother.

**Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag** - Rob Sanders. In this deeply moving and empowering true story, young readers will trace the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings in 1978 with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world. Award-winning author Rob Sanders's stirring text, and acclaimed illustrator Steven Salerno's evocative images, combine to tell this remarkable - and undertold - story. A story of love, hope, equality, and pride.

**Stella Brings the Family** - Miriam Baker Schiffer. Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone who helps her with her homework, or tucks her in at night. Stella has her Papa and Daddy who take care of her, and a whole gaggle of other loved ones who make her feel special and supported every day. She just doesn't have a mom to invite to the party. Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.

**Battle Bunny** - Jon Scieszka. Alex hijacks a story about Birthday Bunny and turns it into a battle between a supervillain and his enemies in the forest.

**The Sneetches** - Dr. Seuss. Four easy to read stories with themes of tolerance, diversity, and compromise.

**Too Many Tamales** - Gary Soto. Christmas Eve started out so perfectly for Maria. Snow had fallen and the streets glittered. Maria's favorite cousins were coming over and she got to help make the tamales for Christmas dinner. It was almost too good to be true when her mother left the kitchen for a moment and Maria got to try on her beautiful diamond ring . . . This is the story of a treasure thought to be lost in a batch of tamales; of a desperate and funny attempt by Maria and her cousins to eat their way out of trouble; and the warm way a family pulls together to make it a perfect Christmas after all.

**Abel's Island** - William Steig. A gentleman mouse spends a year stranded on an island.

**Amos and Boris** - William Steig. Amos the mouse and Boris the whale: a devoted pair of friends with nothing at all in common, except good hearts and a willingness to help their fellow animal.

**Brave Irene**- William Steig. Little volunteers to get a gown to the palace on time, in spite of the fierce snowstorm that's brewing.

**The Gardener** - Sarah Stewart. Lydia Grace Finch hopes to make her uncle smile by creating a beautiful rooftop garden.

**Emmanuel's Dream: The Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah** - Laurie Ann Thompson. Born in Ghana, West Africa, with one deformed leg, he was dismissed by most people—but not by his mother, who taught him to reach for his dreams. As a boy, Emmanuel hopped to school more than two miles each way, learned to play soccer, left home at age thirteen to provide for his family, and, eventually, became a cyclist. He rode an astonishing four hundred miles across Ghana in 2001, spreading his powerful message: disability is not inability. Today, Emmanuel continues to work on behalf of the disabled.

**Hooey Higgins and the Shark** - Steve Voake. Hooey Higgins plans to capture a shark and ends up finding something amazing.

**Charlotte's Web** - E.B. White. Spider has plan to save pig from farmer's dinner table.

**Stuart Little** - E.B White. Mouse embarks on journey to find bird friend.

**The Story of Diva and Flea** - Mo Willems. Pampered lapdog, Diva, and streetwise alley cat, Flea, strike up an unlikely friendship, finding adventure while exploring the stunning landmarks of Paris, France.

**Each Kindness** - Jacqueline Woodson. Anti-bullying lessons teach the importance of kindness.

### Non-fiction

**Paleo Sharks: Survival of the Strangest** - Timothy J. Bradley.

**Hey Batta Batta Swing!** - Sally Cook and James Charlton. Early days of baseball.

**She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World** - Chelsea Clinton. American women who helped shape our country through their tenacity.

**Lift Your Light a Little Higher: The Story of Stephen Bishop: Slave-Explorer** - Heather Henson. Shares the life of the explorer and slave who mapped the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky.

**The Tree Lady** - H. Joseph Hopkins. The true story of Kate Sessions who helped San Diego grow from a dry desert town into a lush, leafy city.

**The One, the Only Houdini: World's Greatest Mystery Man** - Kathleen Krull.

**Seeing Symmetry** - Loreen Leedy. Once you start looking, you can find symmetry all around you.

**Finding Winnie-** Lindsay Mattick. Before Winnie-the-Pooh, there was a real bear, rescued by Captain Harry Colebourn on route to World War I, and later was befriended by the real-life Christopher Robin.

**The Incredible Life of Balto** - Meghan McCarthy.

**Strong Man: The Story of Charles Atlas** - Meghan McCarthy.

**Me . . . Jane.** McDonnell, Patrick. Young Jane Goodall observes nature.

**Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah Edmonds, a Civil War Hero** - Marissa Moss. The true story of Sarah Emma Edmonds, who at 19, disguised herself as a man in order to fight in the Civil War.

**Molly, by Golly!: The Legend of Molly Williams, America's First Female Firefighter** - Dianne Ochiltree. Introduces the first known female firefighter, Molly Williams, an African American cook for New York City's Fire Company 11.

**To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt** - Doreen Rappaport. The life of Theodore Roosevelt through vivid prose and the president's own words.

**Toad by the Road: A Year in the Life of these Amazing Amphibians** - Joanne Ryder.

**Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature** - Joyce Sidman. Explores all types of spirals in nature.

**A Strange Place to Call Home: The World's Most Dangerous Habitats & the Animals That Call Them Home** - Marilyn Singer. Animals who defy the odds by thriving in Earth's most dangerous places.

**Nothing But Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson** - Sue Stauffacher.

**Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors?: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell** - Tanya Lee Stone. The inspiring story of the first female doctor.

**Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog** - Pamela S. Turner. A dog who lived in Tokyo, who faithfully waited for his owner long after his owner could not come to meet him. He became famous for his loyalty.

**Queen of the Falls** - Chris Van Allsburg. First person to go over Niagra Falls in a barrel.

**First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliette Gordon Low** - Ginger Wadsworth. The fascinating life of the woman who started The Girl Scouts.

**Because** - Mo Willems and Amber Ren. Moving tale of a young girl's journey to center stage.

### THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH GRADES

#### Fiction

**Ms. Bixby's Last Day** - John David Anderson. Ms. Bixby is the sort of teacher that makes going to school worthwhile. When she is diagnosed with cancer, three boys decide to make sure her last day is perfect.

**True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp** - Kathi Appelt. Bingo and J'miah, two raccoon brothers, are on a mission to save Sugar Man Swamp

**The One and Only Ivan** - Katherine Applegate. When Ivan, a circus gorilla, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the show, he decides that he must find her a better life.

**Wishtree** - Katherine Applegate. Story is told from the perspective of an ancient oak tree who has seen it all.

**The Strange Case of Origami Yoda** - Tom Angleberger. Advice of an origami finger puppet.

**Mr. Popper's Penguins** - Richard and Florence Atwater. Antics after man inherits penguins.

**Ivy and Bean (Series)** - Annie Barrows. Sometimes the best of friends are people never meant to like each other.

**Chasing Vermeer** - Blue Balliett. Children solve an international art scandal.

**The Girl Who Drank the Moon** - Kelly Barnhill. An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

**The World According to Humphrey** - (Series) Betty G. Birney. Class pet learns a lot by observing other species especially when he gets to sleep over with a different student.

**Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing** - Judy Blume. Funny tale of 4<sup>th</sup> grader and little brother.

**A Bear Named Paddington** - Michael Bond. Bear's adventures with the Brown family.

**The John Hancock Club** - Louise Borden. 3<sup>rd</sup> grader wants to join good penmanship club.

**Mousenet** - Prudence Breitrose. 10-yr-old misfit tries to save Mouse Nation, and the planet.

**The Wild Robot** - Peter Brown. Robot Roz wakes up to find herself alone on a remote island.

**The Wild Robot Escapes** - Peter Brown. Sequel to The Wild Robot.

**Moving Day** - Meg Cabot. Book one in series "Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls".

**Henry Huggins** - Beverly Cleary. Henry Huggins is complaining that nothing exciting ever happens, a friendly dog sits down beside him and looks pleadingly at his ice-cream cone and they become inseparable.

**Ramona Quimby, Age 8** - Beverly Cleary. When Mrs. Quimby goes back to work, Ramona is old enough to be counted on, but must everything depend on her?

**The Mouse and the Motorcycle** - Beverly Cleary.

**Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette** - Selene Castrovilla. The powerful and tender bond between the two men.

**Love that Dog** - Sharon Creech. Jack can't avoid his poetry assignments. But then something amazing happens. The more he writes, the more he learns he does have something to say.

**Hate that Cat** - Sharon Creech. Jack, the reluctant poet, who over the course of a year encounters new and challenging things like metaphors, alliterations, onomatopoeia, and one mean fat black cat!

**Moo** - Sharon Creech. When the family moves from the city to rural Maine, an unexpected bond develops between twelve-year-old Reena and one very ornery cow.

**Elijah of Buxton** - Christopher Paul Curtis. 1859 tale of free-born child's search for justice.

**The Magician's Elephant** - Kate DiCamillo. Boy searches for his sister.

**The Tale of Despereaux** - Kate DiCamillo. A brave mouse, a covetous rat, a wishful serving girl, and a princess named Pea come together.

**Because of Winn Dixie** - Kate DiCamillo. One summer's day, ten-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries - and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. Just about everything that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie.

**The London Eye Mystery** - Siobhan Dowd. Siblings search for missing cousin.

**Stella Diaz Has Something to Say** - Angela Dominguez. Story about growing up Mexican American.

**Out of My Mind** - Sharon Draper. Student with cerebral palsy discovers way to speak.

**The Girl Who Could Not Dream** - Sarah Beth Durst. Sophie loves the hidden shop below her parents' bookstore, where dreams are secretly bought and sold. When the dream shop is robbed and her parents go missing, Sophie must unravel the truth to save them.

**The Hundred Dresses** - Eleanor Estes. Polish girl in a Connecticut school who is ridiculed by her classmates for wearing the same faded blue dress every day.

**Wolfie and Fly** - Cary Fagan. Story of imagination, friendship, adventure and speeding through the ocean in a cardboard box.

**Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary** - Candace Fleming. Teacher and tough class.

**Inkheart** - Cornelia Funke. Reading aloud causes book characters to jump into real world.

**Dead End in Norvelt** - Jack Gantos. Boy spends the summer grounded for various offenses.

**Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little** - Peggy Gifford. Girl avoids summer reading.

**Get Rich Quick Club** - Dan Gutman. Friends try to become millionaires by summer's end.

**The Homework Machine** - Dan Gutman. Trouble follows from computer that does homework.

**George's Secret Key to the Universe** - Stephen Hawking. Story of George, who's taken through the vastness of space by a scientist, his daughter, and their super-computer named Cosmos.

**Junonia** - Kevin Henkes. Alice, who is turning ten, is growing and realizes that some things in life cannot be kept the way they used to be and some changes are hard to adjust to.

**Scat** - Carl Hiaasen. Friends investigate a mysterious fire near a wildlife preserve.

**Chomp** - Carl Hiaasen. Wahoo Cray lives in a zoo. His father is an animal wrangler. The critters, he can handle. His father is the unpredictable one.

**Squirm** - Carl Hiaasen. This summer, Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, save a neighbor's cat and an endangered panther before trying to save his own father.

**Turtle in Paradise** - Jennifer L. Holm. Sassy 11 yr. old girl in Depression-era Key West.

**Change Up** - Derek Jeter. Derek is sure this will be the best season yet. He has it all planned - his dad will have him start at shortstop and the team will cruise to a championship. But sometimes life doesn't go according to plan.

**Hello Universe** - Erin Entrada Kelly. A funny neighborhood story about unexpected friendships. Told from four intertwining points of view—two boys and two girls—the novel celebrates bravery, being different, and finding your inner bayani (hero).

**Year of the Rat** - Grace Lin. Autobiog. tale of challenges facing young Taiwanese girl.

**The Doll People** - Ann Martin. Porcelain dolls are taken aback by arrival of plastic dolls.

**The Rough Face Girl** - Rafe Martin. Algonquin Indian Folklore rendition of a Cinderella tale.

**The Totally Made-Up Civil War Diary of Amanda MacLeish** - Claudia Mills. Girl's project.

**Owls in the Family** - Farley Mowat. Two owls turn a household upside down.

**The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester** - Barbara O'Connor. Summer adventure.

**Magic Tree House (Series)** - Mary Pope Osbourne. Jack and Annie are just regular kids. But when they discover a tree house in the woods, something magical happens. They are whisked back in time to the Age of Dinosaurs, a medieval castle, ancient pyramids, and treasure-seeking pirates. Every visit to the magic tree house leads to adventure!

**Flying Lessons and Other Stories** - Ellen Oh. Whether it is basketball dreams, family fiascos, first crushes, or new neighborhoods, this bold anthology—written by a group of distinguished children's authors—celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.

**Project Mulberry** - Linda Sue Park. Korean girl and friend learn about silkworms and life.

**Time Hackers** - Gary Paulsen. Friends journey through space and time to stop pranksters.

**Pax.** - Sara Pennypacker. Tale of loss and reconciliation, told in the alternating views of a fox and a boy.

**Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix** - Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee. Graffiti-inspired illustrations bring to life the story of food-truck and fresh-food-movement pioneer Chef Roy Choi.

**Cloud and Wallfish** - Anne Nesbet. Story cracks history wide open and gets right to the heart of what it feels like to be an outsider in a world that is impossible to understand.

**Big Nate: In a Class by Himself** - Lincoln Pierce. Boy knows he is destined for greatness.

**The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures** - Brian Selznick. An intricate, tender, and spellbinding mystery.

**The Westing Game** - Ellen Raskin. Last will challenges heirs to solve a murder.

**Wild Girl** - Patricia Giff Reilly. Brazilian girl moves to NY and must adjust.

**Ninth Ward** - Jewell Parker Rhodes. Girl lives through Hurricane Katrina.

**Rowan of Rin** - Emlily Rodda. Fantasy story about a boy and his village who learn the meaning of courage.

**How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild** - Katherine Roy.

Expressive and immersive illustrations invite readers to witness the miracle of a newborn elephant learning how to walk, smell, communicate, and eat.

**Heroes of Olympus Series: The Lost Hero, The Son of Neptune, The Mark of Athena** - Rick Riordan. Camp Half-Blood returns with more demi-gods, prophecies, and quests.

**The Long Way Westward** - Joan Sandin. Sequel to the Long Way to a New Land- follows the fortunes of Carl Erik's family from NYC to the farmlands of Minnesota.

**Wonderstruck** - Brian Selznick. After loss, boy leaves to seek the father he never knew.

**The Adventures of Nanny Piggins** - R.A. Spratt. A widower hires ex-circus pig as nanny.

**Liar & Spy** - Rebecca Stead. Seventh-grader Georges moves into a Brooklyn apartment building and meets Safer, a twelve-year-old self-appointed spy.

**I Survived (Series)** - Lauren Tarshis. Stories of young people and their resilience and strength in the midst of unimaginable disasters.

**My Life As a Book** - Janet Tashjian. Boy spends summer learning important lessons.

**Three Times Lucky** - Sheila Turnage. A rollicking journey of mystery, adventure and small-town intrigue.

**Weekends with Max and His Dad** - Linda Urban. On weekends, third-grader Max visits his dad's new apartment and begins to adjust to his parents' divorce.

**Demon Dentist** - David Walliams. Something strange is happening in Alfie's town and he is sure that Miss Root, the creepy new dentist in town is behind it all. . .

**The Case of the Stolen Sixpence: The Mysteries of Maisie Hitchens** - Holly Webb. Mysteries in the tradition of the Sherlock Holmes.

**Adam Canfield of the Slash** - Michael Winerip. Kids uncover fraud in their school.

**Wolf Hollow** - Lauren Wolk. A young girl's kindness, compassion, and honesty overcome bullying.

### Non-Fiction

**Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95** - Phillip Hoose. Explores the tragedy of extinction through the triumph of a single bird.

**Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship** - Russell Freedman. An account of two surprisingly parallel lives and how they intersected at a critical moment in U.S. history.

**¡Ole! Flamenco** - George Ancona. Introduction to the art form of Spanish flamenco.

**Trombone Shorty** - Troy Andrews. Picture book autobiography about Troy Andrews (aka Trombone Shorty) and his early years growing up in New Orleans.

**Aaron and Alexander: The Most Famous Duel in American History** - Don Brown.

**Taj Mahal** - Caroline Arnold and Madeleine Comoro. Story of famous mausoleum.

**I Feel Better with a Frog in My Throat: History's Strangest Cures** - Carlyn Beccia.

**The Greatest Skating Race** - Louise Borden. Escape from German soldiers during WWII.

**Napoleon: the Story of the Little Corporal** - Robert Burleigh.

**The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe** - Loree Griffin Burns.

**Tracking Trash: Flotsam Jetsam and the Science of Ocean Motion** - Loree Griffin Burns.

**Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers in Nature** - Sarah C. Campbell.

**Tricking the Tallyman** - Jaqueline Davies. Humorous tale of the first U.S. Census.

**Vinnie and Abraham** - Dawn Fitzgerald. Picture book bio of Lincoln sculptor.

**Lafayette and the American Revolution** - Russell Freedman.

**She Made a Monster: How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein** - Lynn Fulton.

**Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History** - Vashti Harrison. True stories of 40 women in history breaking boundaries and achieving beyond expectations.

**Bones: Skeletons and How They Work** - Steve Jenkins. An entertaining guide to skeletons.

**How to Clean a Hippopotamus: Unusual Animal Partnerships** - Steve Jenkins and Robin Page.

**Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the True Story of an American Fued** - Suzanne Tripp Jurmain and Larry Day.

**The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy)** - Barbara Kerley.

**The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth** - Kathleen Krull.

**This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World-** Matt LaMothe. Follow one day in the real lives of 7 kids from around the world—Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, and Russia!

**I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark** - Debbie Levy and Elizabeth Baddeley. The Supreme Court Justice has spent a lifetime disagreeing - with inequality, unfair treatment and for standing up for people everywhere. This biographical picture book about the notorious RBG tells her story through the lens of her many famous dissenting opinions.

**Different Like Coco** - Elizabeth Matthews. Rags-to-riches story of Coco Chanel.

**The Great White Shark Scientist** - Sy Montgomery. A daring expedition into the realm of the great whites.

**Tap Dancing on the Roof: Sijo (Poems)** - Linda Sue Park. A unique poetry collection.

**Down the Colorado: John Wesley Powel the One-Armed Explorer** - Deborah Kogan Ray.

**Edward Hopper: Painter of Light and Shadow** - Susan Goldman Rubin.

**We Shall Overcome: A Song that Changed the World** - Stuart Stotts.

**Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White** - Melissa Sweet. Sweet mixes White's personal letters, photos, and family ephemera with her own exquisite artwork to tell the story of this American literary icon.

**Boo Boos That Changed the World** - Barry Wittenstein. The origin of the band-aid!

### **FIFTH GRADE AND UP**

**Hold Fast** - Blue Balliett. Early struggles to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father's disappearance.

**Doll Bones** - Holly Black. Friends Zach, Alice, and Poppy embark on a quest to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

**Life on Surtsey: Iceland's Upstart Island** - Loree Griffin Burns. The fascinating birth and evolution of Surtsey, the youngest island on Earth, and one researcher's almost 50-year study of the environs.

**Under the Same Sky** - Cynthia DeFelice. A teenager works hard on his father's farm to earn his motorbike. In turn, he learns about the struggles and fears of the migrant workers on his father's farm.

**Clayton Byrd Goes Underground** - Rita Williams-Garcia. Cool Papa has been Clayton's music mentor. When he peacefully passes, Clayton's mother forbids him from paying tribute. He decides to run away and join Cool Papa's old Blues Band.

**Operation Redwood** - S. Terrell French. E-mail exchanges, secret trips, fake press releases, and a tree-house standoff are among the clever stunts and pranks the kid heroes pull to help save some of California's oldest redwood trees.

**Tall Story** - Candy Gourlay. Sixteen-year-old suffers from a condition called Gigantism.

**Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song** - Gary Golio. Art and text combine to re-create the discomfort and power of Billie Holiday and her iconic song "Strange Fruit."

**The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel** - Deborah Hopkinson. Eel helps Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.

**Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** - E.L. Konigsburg. Runaways' adventure at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

**The Lions of Little Rock** - Kristin Levine. In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration.

**The Chronicles of Narnia** - C.S. Lewis. Journeys to the end of the world, fantastic creatures, and epic battles between good and evil.

**Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton** - Mary Losure. Discover the life and times of Isaac Newton, who brilliantly transformed and advanced scientific understanding of chemistry.

**Maybe a Fox**- Allison McGhee. Fantastical, heartbreaking tale about two sisters, a fox cub, and what happens when one of the sisters disappears forever.

**Dust of Eden** - Mariko Nagai. In early 1942, thirteen-year-old Mina Masako Tagawa and her Japanese-American family are sent from their home in Seattle to an internment camp in Idaho. A story that explores the nature of fear, the value of acceptance, and the beauty of life.

**Middle School Series** - James Patterson. Rafe Khatchadorian has enough problems at home without throwing his first year of middle school into the mix. Luckily, he's got an ace plan for the best year ever: to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct.

**Freak the Mighty** - Rodman Philbrick. Two boys - a slow learner stuck in the body of a teenage giant and a tiny Einstein in leg braces - forge a unique friendship.

**Wonder** - R.J. Palacio. Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering middle school.

**Dodger** - Terry Pratchett. In an alternative version of Victorian London, Dodger, a street urchin, meets Charles Dickens and puts a stop to the murders of Sweeney Todd.

**Where the Red Fern Grows** - Wilson Rawls. Boy saves up to buy two dogs to train.

**Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems** - Bob Raczka. A collection of 21 concrete poems arranged on the page to convey the meaning of the poem.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** - J.K. Rowling. Harry Potter's life is miserable. His parents are dead and he's stuck with his heartless relatives, who force him to live in a tiny closet under the stairs. But his fortune changes when he receives a letter that tells him the truth about himself: he's a wizard.

**Silent Days, Silent Dreams** - Allen Say. The fictionalized biography of self-taught artist James Castle, who grew up deaf, mute, and autistic, and used art to express himself.

**Okay for Now** - Gary Schmidt. Hard-luck boy finds an ally, and a safe haven.

**Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon** - Steve Sheinkin. The risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon.

**The War With Grandpa** - Robert Kimmel Smith. Boy learns compassion.

**Maniac Magee** - Jerry Spinelli. After parents' death, boy accomplishes legendary feats.

**Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat** - Javaka Steptoe. The short yet brilliant life story of Jean-Michel Basquiat and his determination to become an artist.

**The Egypt Game** - Zilpha Keatley Snyder. The first time Melanie Ross meets April Hall, she's not sure they have anything in common. But she soon discovers that they both love anything to do with ancient Egypt. When they stumble upon a deserted storage yard, Melanie and April decide it's the perfect spot for the Egypt Game. Before long there are six Egyptians, and they all meet to wear costumes, hold ceremonies, and work on their secret code. Everyone thinks it's just a game until strange things start happening. Has the Egypt Game gone too far?

**Fallout** - Todd Strasser. In the summer of 1962, nuclear war is all anyone talks about. When the unthinkable happens, who will make it inside the fallout shelter?

**Moon Over Manifest** - Clare Vanderpool. Tale of people and mysteries of Manifest, Kansas.

**Eddie Red, Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile** by Marcia Wells. Sixth-grader Eddie is called on by the NYPD to help bust a gang of art thieves by using his photographic memory and talent for drawing.

**Countdown** - Deborah Wiles. Girl deals with the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

**Brown Girl Dreaming**- Jaqueline Woodson. Memoir in poems, that shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s.