

Grades 1 and 2

The Adventures of Sugar and Junior

by Angela Shelf Medearis
Four stories highlight the everyday adventures of Junior and his new friend Sugar.

Eek! Stories to Make You Shriek

by Jane O'Connor
Three scary and easy-to-read stories about a talking doll, a dog picture that barks and a Halloween monster.

Frog and Toad Together

by Arnold Lobel
Five delightful easy-to-read stories about the adventures of best friends, Frog and Toad.

Ghost! Ghostly Tales From Folklore

by Alvin Schwartz
Seven, silly, shivering, easy-to-read ghost stories based on traditional folklore from around the world.

Hot Fudge Hero

by Pat Brisson
In three adventures, Bertie is successfully rewarded with his favorite treat, a hot fudge sundae.

Leave It to the Molesons!

by Burny Bos
The everyday events of the Molesons, a family of moles, is depicted in several short tales.

Poppleton

by Cynthia Rylant
Three charming and easy-to-read stories about Poppleton, the new pig in town.

Rats On the Range

by James Marshall
Eight silly animal tales including a mouse who cleans house for a cat, a pig who learns table manners and a family of rats who vacation at a dude ranch.

Rats On the Roof

by James Marshall
A humorous collection of animal stories that include a frog with magnificent legs, a duck who outwits her new neighbors and a mouse who gets married.

Ready Set Read!

The Beginning Reader's Treasury

compiled by Joanna Cole & Stephanie Calmenson
A fun filled collection of short stories, poems, jokes and word games created especially for beginning readers.

Under the Moon

by Vivian French
In three fairy tales, an old woman dusts cobwebs from the sky, a little boy is taken to a mother wolf's den and a little green child is created from an applewood log.

Grades 3 and 4

Altogether, One At a Time

by E.L. Konigsburg
Four stories show how things can be both bad and good.

Animals Who Have Won Our Hearts

by Jean Craighead George
A collection of ten stories about animals who have become beloved and famous for their unusual acts of courage, intelligence or perseverance.

The Big Book for Our Planet

edited by Ann Durell, Jean Craighead George & Katherine Paterson
Stories, poems, limericks, illustrations and photographs pay tribute to our planet Earth.

Breaking the Spell: Tales of Enchantment

selected by Sally Grindley
Set in a variety of exotic and international places, seven magical stories include quests, curses, spells, and sorcery.

The Complete Just So Stories

by Rudyard Kipling; illustrated by Isabelle Brent
Twelve stories that answer such questions as: How did the elephant get his trunk? or How did the leopard get his spots?

Diane Goode's Book of Scary Stories & Songs

compiled by Diane Goode
A fun collection of eerie stories, poems and songs from around the world.

The Haunted House: A Collection of Original Stories

compiled by Jane Yolen & Martin Greenberg
Over a span of several years, different children each discover a different ghost in the same haunted house.

In a Creepy, Creepy Place and Other Scary Stories

by Judith Gorog
Five eerie tales with unexpected endings about "creepy places" including the story about Sam, whose messy room is safe at day, but very, very scary at night.

Listen to This

by Laura Cecil
A read aloud collection of contemporary and traditional tales that contain fantasy and humor.

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

collected and retold by Alvin Schwartz
Traditional spooky stories and songs as well as modern day legends will make you jump with fright and imagine all kinds of strange and scary things.

Some of the Kinder Planets

by Tim Wynne-Jones
Nine stories present unusual everyday life experiences as well as tales of ghosts, aliens and historical figures.

Tales From Gold Mountain: Stories of the Chinese in the New World

by Paul Yee
Eight stories reflect the experiences of Chinese immigrants in North America including their determination to overcome prejudice and adversity and their optimism for success in the New World.

A Treasury of Pet Stories

selected by Suzanne Carnell
Seventeen stories featuring pets by such noted authors as Beverly Cleary, Margaret Mahy and Ted Hughes.

Grades 5 and 6

American Fairy Tales: From Rip Van Winkle to the Rootabaga Stories

compiled by Neil Philip

A collection of American classics by such celebrated authors as Washington Irving, Howard Pyle, Louisa May Alcott, Frank Baum and Carl Sandburg.

Beyond the Rainbow Warrior: A Collection of Stories to Celebrate 25 Years of Greenpeace

edited by Michael Morpurgo

Nine stories draw on themes of taking care of the world's resources and its inhabitants.

Birthday Surprises: Ten Great Stories to Unwrap

edited by Johanna Hurwitz

Ten authors tell their version of what happens when a beautifully wrapped present turns out to be empty.

The Book of Dragons

compiled by Michael Hague
A collection of classic dragon tales told by such authors as J.R.R. Tolkien, the Brothers Grimm and Kenneth Grahame.

The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural

by Patricia McKissack

Ghost stories to be told during the Dark Thirty, that half-hour before sunset when ghosts seem all too real.

The Heart is Big Enough

by Michael Rosen

In each story, a child overcomes a difficult life situation, whether it may be a physical disability, a parent's divorce or an aging grandparent.

The Newbery Zoo: A Dozen Animal Stories by Newbery Award-Winning Authors

selected by Martin H. Greenberg

Twelve animal stories written by such Newbery Award winning authors as Beverly Cleary, Lloyd Alexander, Jean Craighead George and Betsy Byars.

Oddly Enough

by Bruce Coville

Unusual creatures, such as unicorns, vampires, angels and werewolves are featured in this collection of silly, fun and mysterious stories.

Spaceships & Spells: A Collection of New Fantasy and Science-Fiction Stories

edited by Jane Yolen

Popular authors, such as Bruce Coville, Isaac Asimov and Jane Yolen contribute to this medley of fantasy and science fiction stories.

Tales From the Brothers Grimm and the Sisters Weird

by Vivien Vande Velde

A collection of twisted tales patterned after such fairy tale classics as the Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and the Three Billy Goats Gruff.

A Telling of the Tales: Five Stories

by William J. Brooke
The retelling of five classic fairy tales from a contemporary point of view.

Things in Corners

by Ruth Park

Five spooky stories each with a twist, shock or problem about weird and mysterious happenings.

What Do Fish Have to Do With Anything? And Other Stories

by Avi

Rites-of-passage stories in which seemingly ordinary events take unexpected turns and lead to surprising conclusions.

When I Was Your Age: Original Stories About Growing Up

edited by Amy Ehrich

Popular writers relate their childhood experiences about leaving home with sensitivity, honesty and wit.

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