

## ADVENTURE

Brett, Jan

### **Daisy Comes Home**

Daisy, an unhappy hen in China, floats down the river in a basket and has an adventure.

Brown, Jeff

### **Flat Stanley**

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

Bulla, Clyde

### **Chalk Box Kid**

Nine-year old Gregory's house does not have room for a garden, but he creates a surprising garden in an unusual place.

Dahl, Roald

### **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

There are only five lucky golden tickets into Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory, and poor, unassuming Charlie Bucket outlasts the selfish other four candidates to win the grand prize.

Gannett, Ruth

### **My Father's Dragon**

A young dragon badly needs to be rescued.

Greene, Stephanie

### **Owen Foote, Frontiersman**

Second-grader Owen Foote is looking forward to spending time with his friend Joseph in their tree fort until some bullies visiting his neighbor, Mrs. Gold, threaten to wreck the fort.

Lionni, Leo

**Fish is Fish**

When his friend, the tadpole, becomes a frog and leaves the pond to explore the world, the little fish decides that maybe he doesn't have to remain in the pond either.

Pinkwater, Daniel

**Fat Men from Space**

Spacemen are about to take the earth's supply of junk food.

Scieszka, Jon

**Time Warp Trio (series)**

Scieszka's tongue-in-cheek humor sets the pace for his award-winning tales in this zany series in which our young heroes travel back in time.

Steig, William

**Amos and Boris**

Befriended by a whale as he is drowning in the ocean, a mouse gets a chance to reciprocate years later in an equally unlikely situation.

Steig, William

**The Amazing Bone**

On her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers.

Teague, Mark

**Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School**

Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog, Ike, entreating her to let him leave the Igor Brotweiler Canine Academy and come back home.

## ANIMAL STORIES

Averill, Esther

### **Jenny and the Cat Club**

Jenny Linsky is a shy black cat who wore a red scarf and once lived in New York with Captain Tinker. These adventures are based on stories collected from neighbors who knew and loved Jenny.

Baglio, Ben M.

### **Animal Ark (series)**

Mandy Hope's parents are veterinarians, and she often helps them out in their clinic, which they call Animal Ark. You will love these warmhearted stories about animals.

Betancourt, Jeanne

### **Pony Pals (series)**

Young horse lovers will enjoy this early chapter book series featuring a group of young girls and their ponies.

Brett, Jan

### **Hedgie's Surprise**

Hedgie, the hedgehog, helps Henny, the speckled hen, trick the Tomten who has been eating all of Henny's eggs for breakfast.

Meddaugh, Susan

### **Martha Calling**

Martha's alphabet soup goes to her brain and she becomes literate.

Stilton, Geronimo

**Geronimo Stilton, Secret Agent (series)**

Geronimo Stilton, editor of *The Rodent's Gazette*, goes on an investigative, underground adventure through New Mouse City to find a missing document.

## FOLK & FAIRY TALES & FANTASY

Aardema, Verna

**Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears**

A mosquito's lie sets off a series of reactions in the jungle, in this West African folk tale.

Aylesworth, Jim

**The Tale of Tricky Fox: A New England Trickster Tale**

Tricky Fox uses his sack to trick everyone he meets into giving him more items of ever increasing value.

dePaola, Tomie

**Strega Nona**

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

Galdone, Paul

**The Monkey and the Crocodile**

A retelling of one of the Indian fables relating to the former births of the Buddha. As a monkey in this tale, he manages to outwit the crocodile who decides to capture him.

Galdone, Paul

**Rumplestiltskin – And Others.**

Paul Galdone's wonderful retelling of this classic tale.

Kellogg, Steven

**Paul Bunyan, A Tall Tale**

Recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many fantastic adventures.

Kimmel, Eric

**Anansi and the Talking Melon**

Anansi, a clever spider, tricks Elephant and some other animals into thinking the melon in which he is hiding can talk.

Martin, Rafe

**The Brave Little Parrot**

The brave little parrot does the thing that comes from its heart as it takes precious drops of water to the burning forest. As a result, things change in ways no one could imagine.

McMullan, Kate

**Dragon Slayer's Academy (series)**

This series brings zany adventures from the days of yore when dragons were aplenty and dragon slayers like Wiglaf were ready and willing- -- but not always able!

Polacco, Patricia

**Babushka's Doll**

A little girl gets a doll that turns out to be twice as rambunctious as its owner.

Stevens, Janet

**Coyote Steals the Blanket: A Ute Tale**

Coyote receives his comeuppance when he tries to take something that does not belong to him.

## HISTORICAL FICTION

Adler, David A.

**The Babe & I**

While helping his family make ends meet during the Depression by selling newspapers, a boy meets Babe Ruth.

MacLachlan, Patricia

**Sarah, Plain and Tall**

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

Osborne, Mary

**Magic Tree House (series)**

Jack and Annie travel through time in their Magic Tree House and live through history while experiencing suspense-filled adventures.

various authors

**American Girl (series)**

Meet the American Girls: There's Felicity, a spunky colonial girl; Kirsten, a pioneer girl; and Addy, a courageous girl of the Civil War. Or will your favorite be Josephina, Kit, Molly, Nelly, or Kaya? Go back in time for these great stories set in the past.

## HUMOR & REALISTIC FICTION

Blume, Judy

**Fudge-A-Mania**

Pete describes the family vacation in Maine with the Tubmans, highlighted by the antics of his younger brother, Fudge.

Cameron, Ann

**Julian, Dream Doctor**

Julian and Huey try to find the perfect birthday gift for Dad with amusing results.

Christopher, Matt

**Baseball Pals**

Voted captain, Jimmie declares himself pitcher. But Paul is a better pitcher. After Paul leaves to pitch for another team, Jimmie's team starts losing.

Cleary, Beverly

**Henry Huggins**

When Henry adopts Ribsy, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow.

Cleary, Beverly

**Muggie Maggie**

Third-graders have to use cursive writing and Maggie is afraid that she can't.

Danziger, Paula

**Amber Brown (series)**

Girls love these easy to read chapter books in which third grade Amber Brown deals with real life's problems and challenges.

## MYSTERY

Adler, David

### **Cam Jansen (series)**

In this series, fifth-grader Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to solve mysteries. Written in beginning chapter book format, these popular easy to read mysteries are great fun.

Clifford, Eth

### **fatfoot Fox and the Case of the Missing Eye**

Detective Fox uncovers the thief who stole Fat Cat's glass eye.

Joosse, Barbara

### **Wild Willie and King Kyle Detectives**

Willie and his best friend, Kyle, start a detective agency. Their first case is to spy on the girl who has moved into Kyle's old house.

Roy, Ron

### **A ~ Z Mysteries (series)**

In this popular series, third-grader Dink Duncan and his detective friends investigate mysterious happenings..

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman.

### **Nate the Great (series)**

After a generous breakfast of pancakes, Nate, the boy detective, plunges into each new and baffling case, solving the mystery, and finding the culprits.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler

### **Boxcar Children (series)**

Orphans Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny find an old red boxcar and make it into their home. Reluctant readers become enthusiastic readers when they encounter these exciting mysteries with simple vocabulary and sentence structure.

## POETRY

Florian, Douglas

### **Insectlopedia: Poems and Paintings**

Presents twenty-one short poems about such insects as the inchworm, termite, cricket, and daddy longlegs.

Florian, Douglas

### **Mammalabilia**

A collection of humorous poems about mammals such as the tiger, gorilla, and rhebok.

Prelutsky, Jack

### **New Kid on the Block: Poems**

Presents humorous poems about such strange creatures and people as Baloney Belly Billy and the Gloopy Gloopers.

Prelutsky, Jack

### **Awful Ogre's Awful Day**

In a series of poems, Awful Ogre rises, grooms himself, dances, and pens a letter as he goes through various activities as the day passes.

Sierra, Judy

### **Antarctic Antics: a Book of Penguin Poems**

A collection of poems celebrating the habits and habitats of Emperor penguins.

Silverstein, Shel

### **Where the Sidewalk Ends**

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.

## NON-FICTION

Ashman, Linda

### **Babies on the Go**

Illustrations and rhyming text show how different animals carry their babies when they are on the move.

Brown, Don

### **Alice Ramsey's Grand Adventure**

Describes the difficulties faced by the first woman to make a cross-country journey from New York to San Francisco by automobile in 1909.

Chandra, Deborah

### **George Washington's Teeth**

Did our first president wear wooden dentures? In this amusing book, the record is set straight with wit, verve, and a generous amount of sympathy for poor Washington and his dental woes.

Cooney, Barbara

### **Eleanor**

Presents the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, who married a president of the United States and became a great humanitarian.

Curlee, Lynn

### **Ballpark**

Baseball fans all have favorite ballparks that are tied to the legend, lore, and mystique of the game. This history of ballparks shows how the concept of ballparks developed, why each one is unique, and how ballparks are inseparable from the game itself.

Gerstein, Mordicai

**The Man Who Walked Between the Towers**

Here's a joyful true story of the World Trade Center from a time of innocence before 9/11. In 1974, a French trapeze artist, Philippe Petit, walked a tightrope suspended between the towers before they were completed.

Jenkins, Steve

**Biggest, Strongest, Fastest**

Presents 14 animals that are record holders in such areas as size, strength, speed, and age.

Jurmain, Suzanne

**George Did It**

Presents a look at the life of President George Washington, in simple text with illustrations, providing a humorous account of how he tried to avoid taking on the role after serving in the U.S. military during The Revolution.

St. George, Judith

**So You Want to be President?**

This amusing and informative book presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents.

## SCIENCE

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**Corn is Maize: the Gift of the Indians**

Part of the *Let's Read and Find Out* science books series, this book is a simple description of how corn was discovered and used by the Indians and how it came to be an important food throughout the world.

Berger, Melvin

**Chirping Crickets**

Part of the *Let's Read and Find Out* science books series, this book describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and life cycle of crickets while placing particular emphasis on how they chirp.

Berger, Mervin

**Switch On, Switch Off**

From anatomy to zoology, this series is any child's best introduction to how the world works.

Grupper, Jonathan

**Destination – Australia**

Describes the characteristics of some of Australia's unusual animals, including the kangaroo, wombat, Perentie lizard, echidna, and lyrebird.

Simon, Seymour

**Killer Whales**

The early-reader *See More Readers* series brings together Seymour Simon's excellent reputation as former teacher and author of over 200 science books for children, along with amazing photos, all in an easy-to-read format.