

Recommended Books for 2nd Grade

Looking for a great read for your second grader? Check out some of our favorites! Here you'll find good authors, series, and stand-alone titles recommended by librarians and others. If you need help locating a book, or need more suggestions, please see a member of the library staff for assistance. This list is intended as a resource, not a required reading list. Whatever your selection of books may be, please share them with your child, both as a reader and a listener. Happy reading!

Picture Books

Perfect for reading independently or together, these books have varying amounts of text and plenty of pictures to help tell the story.

Adler, David A. ***Mama Played Baseball.***

E ADL

Young Amy helps her mother to get a job as a player in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League while Amy's father is serving in the Army during World War II.

Aliki. ***We Are Best Friends.***

E ALI

When Robert's best friend Peter moves away, both are unhappy, but they learn that they can make new friends and still remain best friends.

Auch, Mary Jane. ***Eggs Mark the Spot.***

E AUC

Pauline the hen uses her talent for laying eggs with the image of what she sees to help capture the thief who has stolen a famous painting from an art gallery.

Barraca, Debra. ***The Adventures of Taxi Dog.***

E BAR

A stray dog in New York City is adopted by a taxi driver, with whom he thereafter rides and shares adventures each day.

Bliss, Harry. ***Bailey at the Museum.***

E BLI

Bailey the dog is excited to go on a school trip to the Museum of Natural History.

Blume, Judy. ***The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo.***

E BLU

Freddy hates being the middle one in the family until he gets a part in the school play.

Blume, Judy. ***The Pain and the Great One.***

E BLU

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.

Brett, Jan. ***Armadillo Rodeo.***

E BRE

Bo, an adventurous, near-sighted armadillo, leaves his mother and brothers to follow a girl heading to a rodeo wearing new red boots which Bo mistakes for another armadillo.

Brett, Jan. ***The Umbrella.***

E BRE

Carlos goes into the cloud forest to look for animals, but he manages to miss seeing them even though they have an adventure with his umbrella.

Brown, Marc. ***Arthur's Nose.***

E BRO

Unhappy with his nose, Arthur visits the rhinologist to get a new one.

Bunting, Eve. ***The Wall.***

E BUN

A Boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict.

Bunting, Eve. ***The Wednesday Surprise.***

E BUN

On Wednesday nights when Grandma stays with Anna everyone thinks she is teaching Anna to read.

Bunting, Eve. ***Whales Passing.***

E BUN

A boy standing with his father on the shore watches five Orca whales and imagines them talking underwater in their star-dance light while the bubbles bubble up.

Cannon, Anne. ***The Bat in the Boot.***

E CAN

A family finds a baby bat in their mudroom and takes care of him until his mother comes back for him.

Carrick, Carol. ***Patrick's Dinosaurs.***

E CAR

When his older brother talks about dinosaurs during a visit to the zoo, Patrick is afraid, until he discovers they all died millions of years ago.

Creech, Sharon. ***A Fine, Fine School.***

E CRE

When a principal loves his school so much that he wants the children to attend classes every day of the year, it's up to his students to show him free time is a good thing, too.

Cronin, Doreen. ***Diary of a Worm.***

E CRO

A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

Cronin, Doreen. ***Duck for President.***

E CRO

When Duck gets tired of working for Farmer Brown, his political ambition eventually leads to his being elected President.

Daly, Niki. ***Once Upon a Time.***

E DAL

Sarie struggles when she reads aloud in class in her South African school, but then she and her friend Auntie Anna find a book about Cinderella in Auntie Anna's old car and begin to read together.

Davies, Nicola. ***Just Ducks.***

E DAV

On her way to school, a young girl spots mallard ducks in the river and enthusiastically describes their appearance, habits, and behavior. Interspersed throughout the pages are facts about ducks.

De Paola, Tomie. ***Oliver Button Is a Sissy.***

E DEP

His classmates' taunts don't stop Oliver Button from doing what he likes best.

De Paola, Tomie. ***Strega Nona.***

E DEP

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

Finchler, Judy. ***Congratulations, Miss Malarkey!***

E FIN

Miss Malarkey is behaving very strangely, giggling in the halls and teaching lessons about marriage customs, as her students worry that she is quitting teaching.

Fleming, Candace. ***Gator Gumbo***

E FLE

Tired of being tormented by bullies, a hungry old alligator conjures up a way to add some special ingredients to his gumbo.

Fox, Mem. ***Goblin and the Empty Chair.***

E FOX

A goblin who for many years has been hiding himself so that he does not frighten anyone finally finds a family.

Gantos, Jack. ***Rotten Ralph.***

E GAN

Ralph, a very, very, nasty cat, finally sees the error of his ways – or does he?

Gerson, Mary-Joan. ***Why the Sky Is Far Away: A Nigerian Folktale.***

E GER

The sky was once so close to the Earth that people cut parts of it to eat, but their waste and greed caused the sky to move far away.

Gorbachev, Valeri. ***The Missing Chick.***

E GOR

One of Mother Hen's little chicks is missing. Did they leave him in the house? Is he hiding in his bed, or under a bush? Mother Hen and the neighbors search high and low, but there's still no sign of the missing chick.

Graham, Bob. ***April and Esme, Tooth Fairies.***

E GRA

On their first assignment, two young tooth fairy sisters journey by night into the huge world of humans to collect Daniel Dangerfield's tooth and fly it safely home.

Gramatky, Hardie. ***Little Toot.***

E GRA

Little Toot the tugboat conquers his fear of rough seas when he single-handedly rescues an ocean liner during a storm.

Grey, Mini. ***Traction Man Is Here!***

E GRE

Traction Man, a boy's courageous action figure, has a variety of adventures with Scrubbing Brush and other objects in the house. Traction Man, wearing combat boots, battle pants, and his warfare shirt, comes in a box, but very quickly finds the way into the imagination of his lucky boy owner. This superhero searches for the Lost Wreck of the Sieve as the boy makes a game of doing the dishes, and later in the bathtub, he conquers the Mysterious Toes that are stealing his pet, the brave little Scrubbing Brush. These are just a few of the action-packed adventures played out by the boy and his new toy that may not be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, but can vanquish all manner of villains lurking around the house.

Helquist, Brett. ***Roger, the Jolly Pirate.***

E HEL

While his shipmates face their toughest enemy, Roger has a chance to prove himself in a most unlikely way after being banished, as usual, below decks during the fighting.

Hesse, Karen. ***Come On, Rain.***

E HES

A young girl eagerly awaits a coming rainstorm to bring relief from the oppressive summer heat.

Hest, Amy. ***Mr. George Baker.***

E HES

Harry sits on the porch with Mr. George Baker, an African American who is one hundred years old but can still dance and play the drums, waiting for the school bus that will take them both to the class where they are learning to read.

Hoberman, Mary. ***You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fables to Read Together.***

E HOB

Each short poem invites two readers to read their own parts, then read the passage in the central column together, retells thirteen of Aesop's fables, including "The Lion and the Mouse," "The Grasshopper and the Ant," and "The Hare and the Tortoise."

Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald. ***Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys.*** E HOW

In the post-Civil War South, a young African American girl is determined to prove that she can go to school just like her older brothers. Virgie, youngest in a family of boys, vows that she will accompany her brothers when they walk the seven miles to school every Monday morning. All Virgie wants is to go to school with her brothers George, Will, Nelson, Val, and C.C. But they keep saying she's too little for the long, seven-mile walk, and that girls don't need school. Well, Virgie doesn't agree, and she's not gonna let anything stand in her way.

Howe, James. ***Creepy-Crawly Birthday.*** E HOW

The animals in the Monroe household fear they are about to be replaced when seven suitcases, apparently containing new pets, arrive on Toby's birthday.

Howe, James. ***Horace and Morris but Mostly Delores.*** E HOW

Three mice friends learn that the best clubs include everyone.

Jordan, Deloris. ***Salt in His Shoes.*** E JOR

Young Michael Jordan, who is smaller than the other players, learns that determination and hard work are more important than size when playing the game of basketball.

Keats, Ezra Jack. ***The Snowy Day.*** E KEA

The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.

Kellogg, Steven. ***Pinkerton, Behave!*** E KEL

His behavior may be rather unconventional, but Pinkerton the dog proves it doesn't really matter.

Ketteman, Helen. ***Waynetta and the Cornstalk.*** E KET

A retelling of "Jack and the Beanstalk" which features a Texas cowgirl, a magic cornstalk, and a giant cowboy in the clouds.

Kirk, Daniel. ***Library Mouse: A Museum Adventure.*** E KIR

Sam the library mouse and his friend Sarah leave the library and go to a museum so that Sam can make sketches in his explorer's journal, and while there, they see different kinds of artwork and make friends with another artist.

Knudsen, Michelle. ***Argus.*** E KNU

Sallie's class is supposed to be raising chicks as a science project, but although Argus, the large, green, scaly creature that hatches from her egg, causes all sorts of trouble she worries about him when he disappears.

Kushner, Tony. ***Brundibar.*** E KUS

Aninku and Pepicek find their mother sick one morning, they need to buy milk to make her better. The brother and sister go to town to make money by singing. But a hurdy-gurdy grinder, Brundibar, chases them away. They are helped by three talking animals and three hundred schoolchildren, to defeat the bully. Brundibar is based on a Czech opera that was performed fifty-five times by the children on Terezin, a Nazi concentration camp in 1943.

Lesser, Rika. ***Hansel and Gretel.*** E LES

A poor woodcutter's children, lost in the forest, comes upon a house made of bread, cakes, and candy, occupied by a wicked witch who likes to have children for dinner.

Lester, Helen. ***All for Me and None for All.***

E LES

Gruntly is a real hog, and the other animals are tired of his greediness, but when he gets mixed up on a treasure hunt and is the last to reach the prize, Gruntly begins to realize the value of kindness and sharing.

Lester, Helen. ***Tacky in Trouble.***

E LES

Tacky the exuberant penguin accidentally goes sailboarding and winds up on a tropical island, where he meets an elephant who demands proof of Tacky's identity.

Lloyd-Jones, Sally. ***How to Be a Baby – By Me, the Big Sister.***

E LLO

An all-knowing big sister gives her baby sibling lessons in being a baby.

Madison, Alan. ***Velma Gratch & the Way Cool Butterfly.***

E MAD

Velma starts first grade in the shadow of her memorable older sisters, and while her newfound interest in butterflies helps her to stand out, it also leads to an interesting complication.

McCloskey, Robert. ***Make Way for Ducklings.***

E MCC

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.

McLeod, Bob. ***SuperHero ABC.***

E MCL

Humorous SuperHeroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.

Miller, Sara. ***Three Stories You Can Read to Your Dog.***

E MIL

Stories addressed to dogs and written from a dog's point of view, featuring such topics as a burglar, bones, and running free.

Munsch, Robert. ***Love You Forever.***

E MUN

A young woman holds her newborn son and looks at him lovingly. This is the story of how that little boy goes through the stages of childhood and becomes a man.

Munsch, Robert. ***The Paper Bag Princess.***

E MUN

After her castle and clothes are destroyed by the dragon, Princess Elizabeth, dressed only in a paper bag, sets out to rescue Prince Ronald, who was taken captive.

Munsch, Robert. ***Thomas' Snowsuit.***

E MUN

His mother, teacher, and principal have a hard time trying to convince Thomas to wear his snowsuit.

Nevius, Carol. ***Building with Dad.***

E NEV

A father and his young child watch the construction of the new school, from the bulldozing of earth and mixing of the concrete foundation to the hanging of the new sign.

Nolen, Jerdine. ***Plantzilla Goes to Camp.***

E NOL

Through a series of letters a boy, his parents, and others discuss Camp Wannaleavee, the camp bully, and Plantzilla, who has been forbidden to come but misses his caretaker and arrives in time to become the camp hero.

O'Connor, Jane. ***Fancy Nancy.***

E OCO

A young girl who loves fancy things helps her family to be fancy for one special night.

Palatini, Margie. ***Bad Boys Get Henpecked.***

E PAL

Bad boy wolves Willy and Wally try to get a chicken dinner by disguising themselves as the Handy-Dandy Lupino Brothers and going to work for a hen in need of household help.

Palatini, Margie. ***Gone with the Wand: A Fairy's Tale.***

E PAL

When tooth fairy Edith B. Cuspid finds her friend Bernice Sparklestein, a fairy godmother whose work is legendary, having a very bad wand day, she tries to cheer her up by suggesting Bernice try other fairy jobs.

Peet, Bill. ***Big Bad Bruce.***

E PEE

Bruce, a bear bully, never picks on anyone his own size until he is diminished in more ways than one by a small but very independent witch.

Peet, Bill. ***The Caboose Who Got Loose.***

E PEE

Tired of being last on the smoky, noisy freight train, Katy Caboose wishes for some way to escape from the endless track.

Peet, Bill. ***Chester the Worldly Pig.***

E PEE

A disgruntled pig sets his sights on being more than something to eat.

Pilkey, Dav. ***Dog Breath: Horrible Trouble with Hally Tosis.***

E PIL

Hally, the Tosis family dog, has such bad breath that Mr. and Mrs. Tosis plan to give her away, until she proves to be an invaluable watchdog.

Pilkey, Dav. ***The Dumb Bunnies.***

E PIL

Follows the adventures of the Dumb Bunnies, a rabbit family who does everything without any rhyme or reason.

Pinkney, Jerry. ***The Little Red Hen.***

E PIN

A newly illustrated edition of the classic fable of the hen who is forced to do all the work of baking bread and of the animals who learn a bitter lesson from it.

Polacco, Patrica. ***The Bee Tree.***

E POL

To teach his daughter the value of books, a father leads a growing crowd in search of the tree where the bees keep all their honey.

Polacco, Patricia. ***Chicken Sunday.***

E POL

To thank Miss Eula for her wonderful Sunday chicken dinners, three children sell decorated eggs to buy her a beautiful Easter hat.

Rathmann, Peggy. ***Officer Buckle and Gloria.***

E RAT

The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's Safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

Rathmann, Peggy. ***Ruby the Copycat.***

E RAT

Ruby insists on copying Angela, until her teacher helps her discover her own creative resources.

Rathmann, Peggy. ***10 Minutes to Bedtime.***

E RAT

A boy's hamster leads an increasingly large group of hamsters on a tour of the boy's house, while his father counts down the minutes to bedtime.

Rosoff, Meg. ***Jumpy Jack & Googily.***

E ROS

Jumpy Jack the snail is terrified that there are monsters around every corner despite reassurances of his best friend, Googily.

Schachner, Judy. ***Skippyjon Jones.***

E SCH

Skippyjon Jones is a Siamese cat with an overactive imagination who would rather be El Skippito, his Zorro-like alter ego.

Schimmel, Schim. ***Dear Children of the Earth.***

E SCH

Mother Earth writes a letter telling people about herself and asking them to take care of her for themselves and for all living creatures.

Schwartz, Amy. ***Things I Learned in Second Grade.***

E SCH

A young boy shares all of the things he learned and how he changed in second grade, what he still wonders about, and what he hopes to accomplish when he is in third grade.

Schwartz, David. ***How Much is a Million?***

E SCH

Text and pictures try to make possible the conceptualization of a million, a billion, and a trillion.

Scieszka, Jon. ***Baloney (Henry P.).***

E SCI

A transmission received from outer space in a combination of different Earth languages tells of an alien schoolboy's fantastic excuse for being late to school again.

Scieszka, Jon. ***Math Curse.***

E SCI

When the teacher tells her class that they can think of almost everything as a math problem, one student acquires a math anxiety which becomes a real curse.

Scieszka, Jon. ***The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales.***

E SCI

Madcap revisions of familiar fairy tales.

Sharmat, Marjorie. ***Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport.***

E SHA

A New York City boy's preconceived ideas of life in the West make him very apprehensive about the family's move there.

Shulman, Mark. ***Mom and Dad Are Palindromes: A Dilemma for Words – Backwards.***

E SHU

When Bob realizes that he is surrounded by palindromes, from his mom, dad, and sis Anna to his dog Otto, he discovers a way to deal with the palindrome puzzle.

Scotton, Rob. ***Secret Agent Splat!***

E SPL

Splat notices that his favorite wooden ducks keep going missing – can Secret Agent Splat solve the mystery?

Stanley, Diane. ***The Giant and the Beanstalk.***

E STA

In this version of the traditional tale, a young giant chases Jack down the beanstalk to rescue his beloved hen and meets other Jacks from various nursery rhymes along the way.

Stead, Philip. ***A Sick Day for Amos McGee.***

E STE

Amos McGee, a friendly zoo keeper, always makes time to visit his animal friends, but when he becomes sick and cannot come in to work, the animals pay him a visit instead.

Steig, William. ***Dr. De Soto.***

E STE

Dr. De Soto, a mouse dentist, copes with the toothaches of various animals except those with a taste for mice, until the day a fox comes to him in great pain.

Steig, William. ***Shrek!***

E STE

Horribly hideous Shrek leaves home and terrifies everyone he encounters in his search for his equally ugly bride.

Stevens, Janet. ***Cook-a-Doodle-Do!***

E STE

With the questionable help of his friends, Big Brown Rooster manages to bake a strawberry shortcake which would have pleased his great-grandmother, Little Red Hen.

Stevens, Janet. ***The Great Fuzzy Frenzy.***

E STE

When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.

Teague, Mark. ***Detective LaRue: Letters from the Investigation.***

E TEA

While on vacation, Mrs. LaRue receives letters from her dog Ike who has been falsely accused of harming the neighbor's cats and is trying to clear his name.

Teague, Mark. ***How I Spent My Summer Vacation.***

E TEA

A schoolboy tell his class about his summer vacation, during which he joined a group of cowboys and stopped a cattle stampede.

Teague, Mark. ***The Three Little Pigs and the Somewhat Bad Wolf.***

E TEA

In this original version of the traditional tale, the three little pigs are in their usual trouble with the somewhat bad wolf—who is really just very hungry and frustrated that the pizza parlor will not serve him.

Thaler, Mark. ***The Teacher from the Black Lagoon.***

E THA

On the first day of school, a young boy expects only the worst when he discovers that his new teacher is the "monstrous" Mrs. Green.

Van Allsburg, Chris. ***Jumanji.***

E VAN

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

Van Allsburg, Chris. ***Two Bad Ants.***

E VAN

When two bad ants desert from their colony, they experience a dangerous adventure that convinces them to return to their former safety.

Viorst, Judith. ***Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.***

E VIO

Recounts the events of a day when everything goes wrong for Alexander.

Waber, Bernard. ***Ira Sleeps Over.***

E WAB

A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear.

Waters, Kate. ***On the Mayflower: Voyage of the Ship's Apprentice.***

E WAT

A twelve-year-old apprentice and a seven-year-old passenger experience the first voyage of the Mayflower.

- Watt, Mélanie. ***Chester.*** E WAT
As the author/illustrator attempts to create a picture book about a mouse in a house, her rotund feline Chester sends the mouse packing and attempts to rewrite the story with his handy red marker.
- Watt, Mélanie. ***Scaredy Squirrel Has a Birthday Party.*** E WAT
Scaredy Squirrel is planning his own birthday party for one, but despite his detailed plans, things get out of control when the party animals arrive.
- Weigel, Jeff. ***Atomic Ace (He's Just My Dad).*** E WEI
In this rhyming story told in comic book format, a boy considers his family normal, though his superhero dad, Atomic Ace, does amazing feats, even battling the evil Insect King.
- Williams, Karen Lynn. ***Painted Dreams.*** E WIL
Because her Haitian family is too poor to be able to buy paints for her, eight-year-old Ti Marie finds her own way to create pictures that make the heart sing.
- Wood, Audrey. ***The Flying Dragon Room.*** E WOO
With the help of Mrs. Jenkins' magic tools, Patrick builds a fabulous place of his very own.
- Wood, Audrey. ***Heckedy Peg.*** E WOO
A mother saves her seven children from Heckedy Peg, a witch who has changed them into different kinds of food.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Show Way.*** E WOO
The making of "Show ways," or quilts which once served as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves, is a tradition passed from mother to daughter in the author's family.
- Yolen, Jane. ***Owl Moon.*** E YOL
On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.
- Yolen, Jane. ***Piggins and the Royal Wedding.*** E YOL
Piggins, the butler at the Reynard household, solves the mystery of the missing royal wedding band.
- Yorinks, Arthur. ***Company's Going.*** E YOR
After inviting two spacemen to stay for dinner, Shirley and Moe are asked to return with them to their planet Nextoo to cater their sister's rather large wedding
- Yorinks, Arthur. ***Hey, Al.*** E YOR
A city janitor and his treasured canine companion are transported by a large colorful bird to an island in the sky, where their comfortable paradise existence threatens to turn them into birds as well.
- Auch, Mary Jane. ***Beauty and the Beaks: A Turkey's Cautionary Tale.*** E HOL AUC
When Lance, a very pretentious turkey, arrives on the farm and boasts that he is the only bird invited to a special feast, no hen is impressed, but when Beauty learns that Lance is the main course, she convinces the others to save him.
- Bunting, Eve. ***Valentine Bears.*** E HOL BUN
Mrs. Bear plans a surprise Valentine's Day celebration for Mr. Bear despite their usual hibernating habits at that time of year.

Chinn, Karen. ***Sam and the Lucky Money.***

E HOL CHI

Sam must decide how to spend the lucky money he's received.

Kimmel, Eric. ***Zigazak!: A Magical Hanukkah Night.***

E HOL KIM

Two evil spirits wreck havoc on the town of Brisk's Hanukkah celebration, until the town's wise rabbi puts a stop to their mischief.

Pilkey, Dav. ***The Hallo-Wiener.***

E HOL PIL

All the other dogs make fun of Oscar the dachshund until one Halloween when, dressed as a hot dog, Oscar bravely rescues the others.

Sloat, Terri. ***Hark the Aardvark Angels Sing: A Story of Christmas Mail.***

E HOL SLO

A troop of aardvark angels assists the postal services of the world in delivering Christmas mail throughout the globe and beyond under all sorts of conditions, in new lyrics for a holiday favorite.

Early Readers

With several different difficulty levels, these books are ideal for teaching your child to read independently with repetition, phonics, and visual cues.

Adler, David A. ***Bones and the Big Yellow Mystery.***

ER ADL

Young Detective Jeffrey Bones begins gathering clues when Mr. Green asks for his help finding the school bus he lost while shopping at the mall.

Adler, David A. ***Young Cam Jansen and the Dinosaur Game.***

ER ADL

When eight-year-old sleuth Cam Jansen and her friend Eric go to a birthday party, she uses her photographic memory to solve the puzzle of the dinosaur count.

Bonsell, Crosby. ***And I Mean It, Stanley.***

ER BON

A little girl plays alone until her dog arrives.

Byars, Betsy. ***Ant Plays Bear.***

ER BYA

Ant and his brother play a game, discuss growing up, hear a scary noise, and learn to be friends.

Byars, Betsy. ***The Golly Sisters Go West.***

ER BYA

May-May and Rose, the singing, dancing Golly sisters, travel west by covered wagon, entertaining people along the way.

Cole, Joanna. ***Bully Trouble.***

ER COL

Arlo and Robby, finding themselves the victims of a neighborhood bully, work out a red-hot scheme for discouraging him.

Collicott, Sharlene. ***Mildred and Sam Go to School.***

ER COL

After learning about caterpillars, frogs, and the planets for school, Mildred and Sam's eight little mice children have wonderful dreams about each topic.

Crummel, Susan Stevens. ***Tumbleweed Stew.***

ER CRU

Jack Rabbit tricks the other animals into helping him make a pot of tumbleweed stew.

Danziger, Paula. ***Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown.***

ER DAN

Amber is nervous about starting second grade with a new teacher, but despite being in the same class as mean Hannah Burton, things turn out just fine.

George, Jean Craighead. ***Goose and Duck.***

ER GEO

A young boy becomes the “mother” to a goose, who becomes “mother” to a duck, as they learn about the rhythms of nature together.

Ghigna, Charles. ***Snow Wonder.***

ER GHI

Two children celebrate a wonderful wintery day by playing in the snow, sledding, building snow people, baking cookies, and ice skating.

Howe, James. ***Houndsley and Catina.***

ER HOW

Houndsley and Katina run into trouble when they decide to prove that they are the best at cooking and writing, respectively.

Howe, James. ***Pinky and Rex.***

ER HOW

Rex and her best friend Pinky, each the proud possessor of twenty-seven stuffed animals or dinosaurs, find their visit to the museum and its gift shop complicated by Pinky’s little sister Amanda.

Kenah, Katharine. ***Best Chef in Second Grade.***

ER KEN

A famous chef is coming to visit Mr. Hopper’s second grade class, and everyone is excited about bringing their family’s favorite dish to share except Ollie, who loves to cook but cannot find a dish his whole family likes.

Krensky, Stephen. ***Lionel at School.***

ER KRE

Lionel’s many school-related adventures include a nervous Back-to-School night with his parents, the welcoming of a new classmate, a sister who doesn’t seem to recognize him, and an experiment with time.

Levinson, Nancy Smiler. ***Clara at the Bookwagon.***

ER LEV

Clara’s dream of enriching her rough life on the family farm is fulfilled when a horse-drawn book wagon visits with the country’s first traveling library.

Lobel, Arnold. ***Frog and Toad Together.***

ER LOB

Five further adventures of two best friends as they share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery.

Marshall, Edward. ***Fox and His Friends.***

ER MAR

In three separate episodes Fox wants to play with his friends, but duty in one form or another interferes.

Marzollo, Jean. ***I Spy a Scary Monster: Riddles.***

ER MAR

See the picture, read the clue, play I Spy! – It’s fun to do.

Milton, Joyce. ***Dinosaur Days.***

ER MIL

Brief and simple descriptions of the various kinds of dinosaurs that roamed the earth millions of years ago.

Porte, Barbara. ***Harry’s Dog.***

ER POR

Harry wants very much to keep Girl, his new dog, even though his father is allergic to dogs.

Rylant, Cynthia. ***Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures.***

ER RYL

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

Rylant, Cynthia. ***Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea.***

ER RYL

Mr. Putter gets an old cat to share his life with him.

Sadler, Marilyn. ***The Parakeet Girl.***

ER SAD

Emma tries several pets before she becomes best friends with her parakeet Henry, but she finds that friendship threatened when her brother Bruce buys another parakeet.

Sharmat, Marjorie. ***Nate the Great.***

ER SHA

Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.

Van Leeuwen, Amanda. ***Amanda Pig and Her Big Brother Oliver.***

ER VAN

Presents five stories about telling secrets, playing alone, and other activities in the lives of Oliver and Amanda who are sometimes known as Mighty Pig and Amazing Baby Pig.

Yorinks, Arthur. ***Flappy and Scrappy.***

ER YOR

After canine friends Scrappy and Flappy play an unusual game of catch, Scrappy complains that everyone has forgotten his birthday, but Flappy surprises him

Junior Fiction and Graphic Novels

For readers who are ready for a greater challenge, these books have chapters of varying lengths and may contain a few illustrations. Enjoy them independently or practice reading together.

Abbot, Tony. ***The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet.***

J ABB

Eric, Julie, and Neal have discovered a magic staircase in Eric's basement. A staircase to another world – the magical world of Droon. But how will they get back? Will their new friend Princess Keeah be able to help them?

Adler, David A. ***Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball.***

J ADL

Cam uses her photographic memory to identify the person who stole a valuable autographed baseball.

Applegate, Katherine. ***Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs.***

J APP

When the first-graders' bee antennae would not stay on their heads and the drummers would not stay in their seats for the open house play, Roscoe decides to help by using the "don't-you-dare" glue.

Almond, David. ***My Dad's a Birdman.***

J ALM

In a rainy town in the north of England, there are strange goings-on. Dad is building a pair of wings, eating flies, and feathering his nest. Lizzie is missing her Mom and looking after Dad by letting him follow his newfound whimsy. What's behind it all? It's the greatest human bird competition.

Amato, Mary. ***Drooling and Dangerous: The Riot Brothers Return.***

J AMA

Three more hilarious, gross-out stories featuring Orville and Wilbur riot.

Adler, Susan S. ***Meet Samantha, an American Girl***

J AME

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.

Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy + Bean.***

J BAR

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Blume, Judy. ***Freckle Juice.***

J BLU

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

Blume, Judy. ***Soupy Saturdays with Pain and the Great One.***

J BLU

Revisits the sometimes challenging relationship between a six-year-old (The Pain) and his eight-year-old sister (The Great One).

Brown, Marc. ***Arthur's Mystery Envelope.***

J BRO

It looks like trouble when the principal asks Arthur to take home a large envelope marked "confidential."

Byars, Betsy. ***Cat Diaries: Secret Writings of the MEOW Society.***

J BYA

On one night every year, cats in the MEOW Society, which stands for "Memories Expressed In Our Writing," gather to read from their diaries, hearing stories of a gypsy cat, a Caribbean pirate cat, a library cat, and many others.

Byars, Betsy. ***The Seven Treasure Hunts.***

J BYA

Two boys make up a series of treasure hunts for each other, with disastrous and hilarious results.

Cameron, Ann. ***Julian, Secret Agent.***

J CAM

When Julian, his little brother Huey, and their friend Gloria decide to be "crime busters," they find themselves in one adventure after another.

Catling, Patrick Skene. ***The Chocolate Touch.***

J CAT

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Cronin, Doreen. ***The Trouble with Chickens.***

J CRO

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.

Dadey, Debbie. ***Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots.***

J DAD

The third grade at Bailey Elementary was very hard to handle, until a strange new teacher named Mrs. Jeepers arrived.

Dahl, Roald. ***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.***

J DAH

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.

Danziger, Paula. ***Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon.***

J DAN

The year she is in third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state.

DiCamillo, Kate. ***Mercy Watson to the Rescue.***

J DIC

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

Elliot, David. ***Evangeline Mudd and the Golden-Haired Apes of the Ikkinasti Jungle.*** J ELL

When Evangeline Mudd's primatologist parents travel without her to the Ikkinasti Jungle to study the golden-haired apes, Evangeline and the world-famous Dr. Aphrodite Pikkaflee are eventually called upon to rescue the Mudds and save the jungle from the evil schemes of Aphrodite's money-mad brother.

Brown, Jeff. ***Flat Stanley.*** J FLA

Stanley was an ordinary boy until a bulletin board crushed him to a half-inch thickness, resulting in numerous adventures.

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. ***My Father's Dragon.*** J GAN

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.

Giff, Patricia. ***The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room.*** J GIF

Held back for a year in second grade, Richard can't seem to help getting into trouble, until he gets really interested in reading and helps his class in a special way.

Gifford, Peggy. ***Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little.*** J GIF

With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.

Greenberg, Dan. ***Dude, Where's My Spaceship?*** J GRE

When their spaceship crash lands on Earth, Ploo is captured by the Army and taken to the mysterious Area 51. While her brothers, Lek and Klatu, try to rescue her, Ploo uses her ESP to make a new friend.

Greene, Stephanie. ***Owen Foote, Second Grade Strongman.*** J GRE

Owen, a second grader who is being teased for his small size, discovers that his friend Joseph is just as concerned about being overweight, and they share their fear of being humiliated by the school nurse.

Greene, Stephanie. ***Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade.*** J GRE

Posey's fear of starting first grade is alleviated when her teacher invites the students to wear their most comfortable clothes to school on the first day.

Grindley, Sally. ***Dear Max.*** J GRI

As Max – who is almost ten – and his favorite author, D.J. Lucas, exchange letters, the two writers help each other with their new books and develop a special friendship.

Hansen, Mary. ***How to Save Your Tail: If You Are a Rat Nabbed by Cats Who Really Likes Stories about Magic Spoons, Wolves with Snout-Warts, Big, Hairy Chimney Trolls – and Cookies Too.*** J HAN

When he is captured by two of the queen's cats, Bob the rat prolongs his life by sharing fresh-baked cookies and stories of his ancestors, whose escapades are remarkably similar to those of well-known fairy tale heroes.

Hicks, Betty. ***Goof-Off Goalie.***

J HIC

Ten-year-old Goose is best at goofing off, but when he decides to become the goalie for their soccer team, his friend Henry sets up a practice schedule and enlists their other friends to help Goose improve his skills.

Jenkins, Emily. ***Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic.***

J JEN

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

Keene, Carolyn. ***Case of the Sneaky Snowman.***

J KEE

When Nancy's friend Deirdre predicts the future by reading hot cocoa marshmallows and many of the visions come true, Nancy and the gang wonder what it is going on and get even more suspicious when their snowman disappears.

King-Smith, Dick. ***Titus Rules!***

J KIN

Queen Elizabeth's youngest corgi prevents a series of disasters at Windsor Castle and earns the title "king among dogs."

King-Smith, Dick. ***The Water Horse.***

J KIN

In 1930, on the coast of Scotland, eight-year-old Kirstie finds a large egg which hatches into an unusual sea creature, and as he grows her family must decide what to do with him.

Klein, Abby. ***Don't Sit on My Lunch.***

J KLE

When first-grader Freddy decides to try out for peewee hockey, his archenemy and school bully Max decides to also try out for the one slot left on the team.

Kline, Suzy. ***Horrible Harry in Room 2B.***

J KLI

Doug discovers that though being Harry's best friend in Miss Mackie's second grade class isn't always easy, as Harry likes to do horrible things, it is often a lot of fun.

Kline, Suzy. ***Mary Marony Hides Out.***

J KLI

A second grader is so embarrassed about her stuttering that she almost misses a chance to have lunch with her favorite author who has come to speak at school.

Lewis, C.S. ***The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.***

J LEW

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Lowry, Lois. ***Gooney Bird Greene.***

J LOW

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.

Moore, Eva. ***The Search for the Missing Bones.***

J MAG

Ms. Frizzle and her class learn all about bones, why they need skeletons, and what makes them grow as they search for their costumes' missing bones at the Hugh Mann Costume Company.

Meadows, Daisy. ***Ruby, the Red Fairy.***

J MEA

Rainbow Fairies Rachel and Kirsty must find the other Rainbow Fairies in order to prevent Fairyland from losing its colors and turning gray forever.

Miles, Eileen. ***Goldie.***

J MIL

Charles and Lizzie Peterson love puppies. They want a puppy of their own more than just about anything. They know dogs are a lot of work. But their Mom still doesn't think their family is ready for a puppy. Then, Goldie arrives. She is a sweet golden retriever who needs a home. Goldie is very young. She doesn't know how to be a good puppy yet. Will Charles and Lizzie be able to help her?

Mochizuki, Ken. ***Baseball Saved Us.***

J MOC

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.

Nolan, Lucy. ***Smarter than Squirrels.***

J NOL

Recounts the adventures of a rambunctious dog who thinks her name is Down Girl and her next door neighbor, Sit, as they try to keep the world safe from dangerous squirrels, the paper boy, and a frightening creature named Here Kitty Kitty.

Orr, Wendy. ***Nim's Island.***

J ORR

Nim loves her island and the animals she shares it with even while her scientist father is away doing research, but trouble is on the way and a new e-mail friend could be the only one who can help.

Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Dinosaurs before Dark.***

J OSB

Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic treehouse, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.

Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Spider Kane and the Mystery under the May-Apple.***

J OSB

With the help of a spider, a moth, and two ladybug friends, a young butterfly tries to uncover the mysteries involving a gossamer-winged butterfly with whom he has fallen in love.

Park, Barbara. ***Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus.***

J PAR

In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.

Pennypacker, Sara. ***Clementine's Letter.***

J PEN

Clementine's beloved teacher, Mr. D'Matz, might be leaving for the rest of the year to go on a research trip to Egypt. The only solution, she decides, is to hatch a plan to get Mr. D'Matz back even if it means ruining his once-in-a-lifetime chance.

Peschke, Marci. ***Blueberry Queen.***

J PES

It is time for the annual Blueberry Festival, and Kylie Jean just knows she would be the perfect Blueberry Queen.

Peterson, P.J. ***The Amazing Magic Show.***

J PET

After attending a magic show and learning some tricks, Hal finds a way to get the best of his overbearing older brother.

Pilkey, Dav. ***The Adventures of Captain Underpants: An Epic Novel.***

J PIL

When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.

Pilkey, Dav. ***Ricky Ricotta's Giant Robot.***

J PIL

Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, saves a giant robot from his evil creator, Dr. Stinky, and in turn, the robot protects Ricky from the bullies at school and it saves the city from Dr. Stinky's plan to destroy it.

Preller, James. ***The Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster.***

J PRE

The clever, puzzle-crazy Jigsaw Jones utilizes his top-secret detective journal and enlists the help of his ace partner, Mila, to track down a missing hamster.

Roy, Ron. ***The Absent Author: An A to Z Mystery.***

J ROY

Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. ***Paint the Wind.***

J RYA

After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters a wild mare that her mother once rode.

Saint-Exupery, Antoine de. ***The Little Prince.***

J SAI

An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what is important in life.

Scieska, Jon. ***Knights of the Kitchen Table.***

J SCI

How did Joe, Fred, and Sam end up in King Arthur's court? It all started with the book Joe received as a birthday present from his magician uncle. One minute they're looking at pictures of knights – and the next minute they are knights, battling fire-breathing dragons and gross-smelling giants!

Swain, Gwenyth. ***Chig & the Second Spread.***

J SWA

Despite her small stature, eight-year-old Chig makes large contributions to her southern Indiana community during the Great Depression.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. ***The Boxcar Children.***

J WAR

Four orphans take shelter in an old, red boxcar during a storm, and, determined to make it on their own, they turn it into a safe, cozy home.

Wells, Rosemary. ***Lassie Come-Home.***

J WEL

After being sold to a wealthy duke living in the far north of Scotland, a collie undertakes a 1000-mile journey to Yorkshire in order to be reunited with her former master, the son of a poor farmer.

Holm, Jennifer L. ***Babymouse: Skater Girl.***

GN J HOL

When Babymouse discovers her own special talent – ice skating – she is courted by a famous Olympic coach, and soon finds her dreams of getting a medal spiraling out of control.

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Enjoy favorite folk and fairy tales, poetry, or learn factual information on a variety of topics from these titles of varying difficulty levels.

Ruurs, Margriet. ***My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books are Brought to Children around the World.***

J 027.4 RUU

A photo essay of how many children around the world get their books from mobile libraries.

Kennedy, Edward M. ***My Senator and Me: A Dog's Eye View of Washington.*** J 328.730929 KEN
Senator Edward M. Kennedy's dog, Champion Amigo's Seventh Wave, or Splash, introduces readers to Washington, D.C., as he follows the senator around for a day.

Schwartz, David. ***If You Made a Million.*** J 332.024 SCH
Describes the various forms which money can take, including coins, paper money, and personal checks, and how it can be used to make purchases, pay off loans, or build interest in the bank.

Arnosky, Jim. ***Crinkleroot's Guide to Giving Back to Nature.*** J 333.9516 ARN
Explore your own backyard with Crinkleroot as he shows you how to protect the natural world around us.

Gibbons, Gail. ***Thanksgiving Day.*** J 394.2649 GIB
Presents information about the first Thanksgiving and the way that holiday is celebrated today.

Stevens, Janet. ***Tops and Bottoms.*** J 398.208996 STE
Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.

Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Kate and the Beanstalk.*** J 398.20942 OSB
In this version of the classic tale, a girl climbs to the top of a giant beanstalk, where she uses her quick wits to outsmart a giant and make her and her mother's fortune.

Zelinsky, Paul. ***Rapunzel.*** J 398.20943 ZEL
A retelling of a folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a sorceress. Includes a note on the origins of the story.

Compoy, F. Isabel. ***Tales Our Abuelitas Told: A Hispanic Folklore Collection.*** J 398.20946 CAN
Presents the author's retellings of twelve traditional tales accompanied by information on origins and different versions.

Lunge-Larsen, Lise. ***The Race of the Birkebeiners.*** J 398.209481 LUN
Tells how the infant Prince Hakon is rescued by men fiercely loyal to his dead father, who ski across the rugged mountains in blizzard conditions to save him from his enemies, the Baglers.

Sloat, Teri. ***From One to One Hundred.*** J 513.211 SLO
Illustrations of people and animals introduce the numbers one through ten and then, counting by tens, move on up to 100.

Schwartz, David. ***Millions to Measure.*** J 530.8 SCH
Marvelosissimo the Magician explains the development of standard units of measure, and shows the simplicity of calculating length, height, weight, and volume using the metric system.

Cole, Joanna. ***The Magic School Bus: At the Waterworks.*** J 551.48 COL
When Ms. Frizzle, the strangest teacher in school, takes her class on a field trip to the waterworks, everyone ends up experiencing the water purification system from the inside.

Coss, Lauren. ***Weird-But-True Facts about Weather.*** J 551.5 COS
This book presents quirky, cool, and astonishing weather facts, including lightning, blizzards, and storms.

- Branley, Franklyn. ***Down Comes the Rain.*** J 551.57 BRA
Explains how the water cycle leads to different types of weather patterns.
- Souza, Dorothy. ***Look What Tails Can Do.*** J 573.998 SOU
Describes how different animals, including beavers, squirrels, and opossums, use their tails as protection against predators, for balance, and to communicate.
- Branley, Franklyn. ***Is There Life in Outer Space?*** J 576.839 BRA
Discusses some of the ideas and misconceptions about life in outer space and speculates on the existence of such life in light of recent space explorations.
- Arnosky, Jim. ***Wild Tracks!: A Guide to Nature's Footprints.*** J 591.479 ARN
Describes and shows footprints made by different animals, including deer, bears, and birds, and discusses why tracks made by the same animal can appear different depending on the conditions in which they were made.
- Edwards, Roberta. ***Emperor Penguins.*** J 598.47 EDW
This book discusses facts about penguins and details about the lives of emperor penguins.
- Milton, Joyce. ***Bears Are Curious.*** J 599.7815 MIL
Discusses different types of bears, focusing especially on the period when the mother comes out of hibernation with new cubs, describing how they hunt for food, what they eat, and how the mother protects her young.
- St. George, Judith. ***So You Want to Be an Inventor?*** J 608 STG
Presents some of the characteristics of inventors by describing the inventions of people such as Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and Eli Whitney.
- Rockwell, Lizzy. ***The Busy Body Book: A Kid's Guide to Fitness.*** J 612 ROC
An introduction to the human body, how it functions, and its need for exercise.
- Abramson, Andra. ***Heavy Equipment Up Close.*** J OVR 629.225 ABR
An introduction to some of the heavy machinery used in construction, mining, logging, and other industries.
- Gibbons, Gail. ***Recycle! A Handbook for Kids.*** J 628.4458 GIB
Explains the process of recycling from start to finish and discusses what happens to paper, glass, aluminum cans, and plastic when they are recycled into new products.
- Branley, Franklyn. ***Mission to Mars.*** J 629.4553 BRA
Information about Mars and how it differs from Earth.
- Branley, Franklyn. ***Floating in Space.*** J 629.477 BRA
Examines life aboard a space shuttle, describing how astronauts deal with weightlessness, how they eat and exercise, some of the work they do, and more.
- Marzollo, Jean. ***I Am an Apple.*** J 634.11 MAR
Depicts a bud on an apple tree as it grows into an apple, ripens, is harvested, and provides seeds as a promise for the future.

King-Smith, Dick. ***Puppy Love.***

J 636.707 KIN

The author describes some of the puppies of all sizes, from Dachshunds to Great Danes, that he and his family have loved over the years.

King-Smith, Dick. ***I Love Guinea Pigs.***

J 636.93234 KIN

This book tells where guinea pigs come from, shows how to take care of them, and gives information about some of the guinea pigs the author has owned.

Solheimm, James. ***It's Disgusting and We Ate It!: True Food Facts from Around the World and Throughout History.***

J 641.3 SOL

A collection of poems, facts, statistics, and stories about unusual foods and eating habits both contemporary and historical.

Winter, Jonah. ***Frida.***

J 759.972 WIN

A tribute to Frida Kahlo's ability to turn the challenges she faced throughout her life into art.

Gerstein, Mordicai. ***The Man Who Walked Between the Towers.***

J 791.34 GER

A lyrical evocation of Phillipe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers.

The Random House Book of Poetry for Children.

J 811.008 RAN

More than 550 poems by American, English, and anonymous authors.

Clements, Andrew. ***Dogku.***

J 811.54 CLE

A haiku poem about a loveable dog.

Prelutsky, Jack. ***It's Raining Pigs & Noodles: Poems.***

J 811.54 PRE

A collection of humorous poems such as "The Dancing Hippopotami," "You Can't Make Me Eat That," "My Father's Name is Sasquatch," and "Dear Wumbledeedumble."

Howitt, Mary Botham. ***The Spider and the Fly.***

J 821.8 HOW

An illustrated version of the well-known poem about a wily spider who preys on the vanity and innocence of a little fly.

Piven, Hanoch. ***What Presidents Are Made Of.***

J 973.099 PIV

Seventeen U.S. presidents are depicted in anecdotes and portraits created out of found objects.

St. George, Judith. ***So You Want to Be President?***

J 973.099 STG

This new version of the Caldecott-winning classic by illustrator David Small and author Judith St. George is updated with current facts and new illustrations to include our forty-second president, George W. Bush. Hilariously illustrated by Small, this celebration by St. George shows us the foibles, quirks, and humanity of forty-two men who have risen to one of the most powerful positions in the world.

Winter, Jonah. ***Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates.***

J BIO CLE

On an island called Puerto Rico a boy named Roberto Clemente dreamed of nothing but winning at baseball. With no money – but plenty of determination – Clemente practiced on muddy fields with a glove made from a coffee sack. Little League became minor league, which turned into winter league...and, finally, he made it to the major leagues! With lightning speed, towering home runs, and grand slams, Clemente introduced himself to America. Spare, evocative language – and magnificent illustrations – tell the story of a great athlete and even greater man who rose through the ranks of baseball to become one of the most admired players of all time.

Taylor, Gaylia. ***George Crum and the Saratoga Chip.***

J BIO CRU

The life and career of George Crum, a biracial chef who is credited with the invention of the potato chip at a Saratoga Springs, New York, restaurant in 1853.

Appelt, Kathi. ***Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers.***

J BIO JOH

A biography of Lady Bird Johnson who, as the wife of President Lyndon Johnson, reminded citizens about the importance of conserving natural resources and promoted the beautification of cities and highways by planting wildflowers. Bluebonnets and lady's slippers, larkspurs and blazing stars, black-eyed Susans and Granny's nightcaps. From a lonely childhood in the Piney Woods of East Texas to an exciting life in the White House, Lady Bird Johnson loved these wildflowers with all her heart. They were her companions in her youth, greeting her everywhere as she explored wild forests, bayous, and hills. Later, as First Lady, she sought to bring the beauty of wildflowers to America's cities and highways. She wanted to make sure every child could enjoy the splendor of wildflowers. In this warm, engaging look at the life of a great First Lady, Kathi Appelt tells the story behind Lady Bird Johnson's environmental vision. Joy Fisher Hein's colorful wildflowers burst from every page, inviting us to share in Lady Bird's love for natural beauty.

Yoo, Paula. ***Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story.***

J BIO LEE

The story of Sammy Lee, a Korean American who realized both his father's desire that he become a doctor and his own dream of becoming an Olympic champion diver.

St. George, Judith. ***Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln.***

J BIO LIN

This book is an introduction to the childhood of one of our country's greatest presidents.

St. George, Judith. ***You're On Your Way, Teddy Roosevelt.***

J BIO ROO

As a young boy, "Teedie" Roosevelt was frequently ill, but worked hard to become strong and fit while also avidly reading and pursuing his love of natural history. Before Teddy Roosevelt became famous as a statesman, naturalist, colonel in the Spanish-American War, and twenty-sixth president of the United States, he was a young boy called Teedie who had wonderful adventures with his brother and sister and even started a museum in his attic. But he also struggled with terrible asthma. Overcoming his illness was the major battle of his young life... and his determination to make himself strong and healthy set the course for his amazing accomplishments to come. First in a planned series of picture storybooks about "turning points" in the lives of the young Presidents, this book is written by the in-comparable author of *So You Want to Be President?* and whimsically illustrated by Matthew Faulkner.