

Suggested reading books

Grades 3 – 5

8 class pets + 1 squirrel divided by 1 dog = chaos, by Vivian Vande Velde
The 39 Clues (series), by Rick Riordan
P. S. Be Eleven, by Rita Williams-Garcia
A to Z Mysteries: The Absent Author (series), by Ron Roy
Abby Carnelia's one and only magical power, by David Pogue
The Absent Author, by Ron Roy
The Adventures of Beanboy, by Lisa Harkrader
The Adventures of a South Pole Pig, by Chris Kurtz
Against All Odds: Artist Dean Mitchell's Story, by Betty R. James
Aida, by Price, Leontyne
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll
Aliens on Vacation, by Clete Barrett Smith
Amazing But True Stories, by Phyllis Hollander
Amazing Hispanic American History, by George Ochoa
Amelia's Notebook, by Marissa Moss
And Tango Makes Three, by Justin Richardson
Animals in the House: A History of Pets and People, by Sheila Keenan
AQUIFERious, by Margaret Ross Tolbert
The Art of Racing in the Rain, by Garth Stein
Ask Dr. K. Fisher about Dinosaurs, by Claire Llewellyn
Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies, by Andrea Beaty
Back to the Elevator, by Pol McShane
The Bad Beginning, by Lemony Snicket
Barbed Wire Baseball, by Marissa Moss
The Bat Boy and His Violin, by Gavin Curtis
The Bat Scientists, by Mary Kay Carson
Battle Bunny, by Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett
Battling Boy, by Paul Pope
A Bear Named Trouble, by Marion Dane Bauer
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain, by Alice Dalgliesh
The Beast of Blackslope, by Tracy Barrett
Because of Winn-Dixie, by Kate DiCamillo
Better Nate Than Ever, by Tim Federle
The BFG, by Roald Dahl
Billions of Bats, by Scott Nickel
The Birchbark House, by Louise Erdrich
The Black Stallion, by Walter Farley
Bless This Mouse, by Lois Lowry
Bluffton: My Summers with Buster, by Matt Phelan
Bo at Ballard Creek, by Kirkpatrick Hill

The Book That Ate My Brother, by Michael Dahl
The Borrowers, by Mary Norton
The Bossy Gallito, by Lucia Gonzalez
The Boxcar Children (series), by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Brave Wolf and the Thunderbird, by Joseph Medicine Crow
Bridge to Terabithia, by Katherine Paterson
Bud, Not Buddy, by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Button that Should Never Ever, Ever Be Pushed, by Pol McShane
Call It Courage, by Armstrong Sperry
Calling the Doves/El Encanto De Las Palomas, by Juan Felipe Herrera
Cam Jansen: The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds (series), by David A. Adler
Capture the Flag, by Kate Messner
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl
Charlotte's Web, by E. B. White
Charro: The Mexican Cowboy, by George Ancona
Chasing Redbird, by Sharon Creech
Chasing Vermeer, by Blue Balliett
Chomp, by Carl Hiaasen
Clambake: A Wampanoag Tradition, by Russell Peters
The Comeback Challenge, by Matt Christopher
The Contest, by Gordon Korman
Crazy Cars, by Matt Doeden
Crickwing, by Janell Cannon
Criss Cross, by Lynne Rae Perkins
Crossing Jordan, by Adrian Fogelin
Dare to Dream! by Carl Sommer
Dear Mr. Henshaw, by Beverly Cleary
Dear Whiskers, by Ann Whitehead Nagda
Diary of a Wimpy Kid, by Jeff Kinney
Discovering Mars, by Melvin Berger
Discovery in the Cave, by Mark Dubowski
Dodger Dreams: The Courage of Jackie Robinson, by Brandon Terrell
Doll Bones, by Holly Black
Dorko the magnificent, by Andrea Beaty
Dragon Rider, by Cornelia Funke
The Dreamer, by Pam Munoz Ryan
A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder, by Walter Wick
The Earth Dragon Awakes, by Laurence Yep
Edgar Allan's Official Crime Investigation Notebook, by Mary Amato
Eidi, by Bodil Bredsdorff
Elijah of Buxton, by Christopher Paul Curtis
Elvis and the underdogs, by Jenny Lee
Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective (series), by Donald J. Sobol
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, by Chris Grabenstein
Esperanza Rising, by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Extreme Pets!, by Jane Harrington
Falling Up, by Shel Silverstein

The Familiars, by Adam Epstein & Andrew Jacobson
Family Pictures, by Carmen Lomas Garza
Famous Hispanic Americans, by Janet Morey
The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester, by Barbara O'Connor
A Faraway Island, by Annika Thor
The Fast and the Furriest, by Andy Behrens
First Day in Grapes, by Perez, L. King
The Fisherman and his wife, by Eric Blair
Flush, by Carl Hiaasen
Fortune's Magic Farm, by Suzanne Selfors
Frindle, by Andrew Clements
Frogs, by Nic Bishop
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, by E. L. Konigsburg
Ghost Hunters, by Michael Martin
Ghost Knight, by Cornelia Funke
The Giver, by Lois Lowry
Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse, by Tamera Wissinger
Goosebumps series, by R. L. Stein
Grandfather's Journey, by Allen Say
The Great American Dust Bowl, by Don Brown
The Great Brain, by John D. Fitzgerald
The Great Migration: An American Story, by Jacob Lawrence
Gregor the Overlander, by Suzanne Collins
Guardians of Ga'Hoole series, by Kathryn Lasky
Guinea Dog, by Patrick Jennings
Half-Minute Horrors, by Susan Rich
The Hardy Boys: The Tower Treasure (series), by Franklin W. Dixon
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, by J.K. Rowling
Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez, by Kathleen Krull
Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen
Henry and Mudge and the Tumbling Trip, by Cynthia Rylant
Heroes for My Son, by Brad Meltzer
A History of US, by Joy Hakim
Holes, by Louis Sachar
The Homework Machine, by Dan Gutman
Hooper finds a family: a Hurricane Katrina dog's survival tale, by Jane Paley
Hoot, by Carl Hiaasen
Horses, by Seymour Simon
How Tia Lola Came to Stay, by Julia Alvarez
How to Catch a Bogle, by Catherine Jinks
How to Eat Fried Worms, by Thomas Rockwell
The Hundred Dresses, by Eleanor Estes
The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins
Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms, by Patricia Lauber
I Have Heard of a Land, by Carol Joyce Thomas
Ice Magic, by Matt Christopher
Ice Man, by Marijo Moore

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson, by Bette Bao Lord
The Indian in the Cupboard, by Lynne Reid Banks
Inside Out & Back Again, by Thanhha Lai
Island of the Blue Dolphins, by Scott O'Dell
Ivan Rodriguez, by Tony DeMarco
Jabberwocky and Other Poems, by Lewis Carroll
James and the Giant Peach, by Roald Dahl
Jason and Elihu, by Shelley Frazer Mickle
Jumanji, by Chris Van Allsburg
Just Being Audrey, by Margaret Cardillo
The Keeping Quilt, by Patricia Polacco
Kickoff, by Donna King
The Kid Who Only Hit Homers, by Matt Christopher
King of the mound: my summer with Satchel Paige, by Wes Tooke
Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me, by Daniel Beaty
Legend of Caribou Boy, by John Blondin
The Lemonade War, by Jacqueline Davies
Life Under Ice, Mary M. Cerullo
A Light in the Attic, by Shel Silverstein
Lincoln's Grave Robbers, by Steve Sheinkin
The Lion and the Mouse, by Jerry Pinkney
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, by C.S. Lewis
Little House in the Big Woods, by Laura Ingalls Wilder
A Little Love, by Virginia Hamilton
Lizards, by Nic Bishop
A Long Way from Chicago, by Richard Peck
Lost in Spooky Forest, by Sean O'Reilly
The Magic Elevator, by Pol McShane
The Magic Finger, by Roald Dahl
Magic marks the spot, by Caroline Carlson
Magic Windows, by Carmen Lomas Garza
The Magician's Nephew, by C.S. Lewis
Mallory McDonald series, by Laurie Friedman
Man Called Raven, by Richard Van Camp
Maniac Magee, by Jerry Spinelli
Maritcha, by Tonya Bolden
Matilda, by Roald Dahl
Meet Danitra Brown, by Nikki Grimes
Michelle, by Deborah Hopkinson
Millicent Min, Girl Genius, by Lisa Yee
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, by Kate DiCamillo
Mirandy and Brother Wind, by Patricia McKissack
Missing May, by Cynthia Rylant
Monster on the Hill, by Rob Harrell
The Mouse and the Motorcycle, by Beverly Cleary
Move! by Steve Jenkins
My Diary from Here to There, by Amada Irma Pérez

My Dog May Be a Genius, by Jack Prelutsky
My Father's Dragon (series), by Ruth Stiles Gannett
My Name is Maria Isabel, by Alma Flor Ada
My Side of the Mountain, by Jean Craighead George
My Uncle's Wedding, by Eric Ross and Tracy K Greene
Nancy Drew: The Secret of the Old Clock (series), by Carolyn Keene
Nathan Abercrombie series, by David Lubar
Nathaniel Talking, by Eloise Greenfield
Night on the Neighborhood Street, by Eloise Greenfield
No Talking, by Andrew Clements
Norby, the Mixed-up Robot, by Janet Asimov
Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry
The One and Only Ivan, by Katherine Applegate
Out of the Dust, by Karen Hesse
Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale, by Duncan Tonatiuh
Pirateology, by Dugald A. Steer
President of the Whole Fifth Grade, by Sherri Winston
Princess Academy, by Shannon Hale
Punished, by David Lubar
Quest for the Tree Kangaroo, by Sy Montgomery
Rainbow Jordan, by Alice Childress
Ramona the Pest (series), by Beverly Cleary Morrow
Real-Life Vampires, by Megan Kopp
Return of the Buffaloes, by Paul Goble
Return to Animal Land, by Pol McShane
Return to Sender, by Julia Alvarez
Riddle-iculous Math, by Joan Holub
The Road to Memphis, by Mildred Taylor
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, by Mildred D. Taylor
Romare Bearden: Collage of Memories, by Jan Greenberg
Rooftoppers, by Katherine Rundell
Rotten School #4: Lose, Team, Lose! by R.L. Stine
Roxie and the Hooligans, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Rules, by Cynthia Lord
Rump: the true story of Rumpelstiltskin, by Liesl Shurtliff
Safe at Home, by Sharon Robinson
Sahara Special, by Esme Raji Codell
Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief (series), by Wendelin Van Draanen
Sarah, Plain and Tall, by Patricia MacLachlan
The Sasquatch Escape, by Suzanne Selfors
Scat, by Carl Hiaasen
Search for the Shadowman, by Joan Lowery Nixon
Serafina's Promise: A Novel in Verse, Ann E. Burg
The Shadows, by Jaqueline West
Shiloh, by Phyllis Reynolds
Shoeless Joe and Me, by Dan Gutman
Sing Down the Rain, by Judi Moreillon

The Singing Man, by Medearis, by Angela Shelf
Skates of Uncle Richard, by Carol Fenner
The Sky is Full of Stars, by Franklyn Branley and Felicia Bond
Slam Dunk, by Donna King
Snow Treasure, by Marie McSwigan
So You Want to Be an Inventor?, by Judith St. George
Soccer Duel, by Matthew Christopher
Soldier Dog, by Sam Angus
Something on My Mind, by Nikki Grimes
Sophie Simon Solves Them All, by Lisa Graff
Soul Looks Back in Wonder, by Phyllis Fogelman
Stanley and the Magic Lamp, by Jeff Brown
The Star People; A Lakota Story, by S.D. Nelson
Storm in the Night, by Mary Stolz
The Story of King Arthur and His Knights, by Howard Pyle
The Story of Mu-lan, by Jean Fischer
Stranded, by Jeff Probst, and Chris Tebbetts
The Strange New Feeling, by Julius Lester
Sugar, by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Summer Reading Is Killing Me! by Jon Scieszka
Super-Sized Slugger, by Cal Ripken Jr.
The Tale of Despereaux, by Kate DiCamillo
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, by Judy Blume
Ted & Me, by Dan Gutman
Thank You, Mr. Falker, by Patricia Polacco
Third Grade Pet, by Judy Cox
This Land is My Land, by George Littlechild
The Three Musketeers, by Alexandre Dumas
Through My Eyes, by Ruby Bridges
The Tilting House, by Tom Llewellyn
The Top of the World, by Steve Jenkins
Treasury of Egyptian Mythology, by Donna Jo Napoli, Donna Jo
The Trouble with Chickens, by Doreen Cronin
The Trouble With Wishes, by Diane Stanley
The Trumpet of the Swan, by E. B. White
Tuesdays at the Castle, by Jessica Day George
Turtle in Paradise, by Jennifer L. Holm
The Underneath, by Kathi Appelt
Under the Royal Palms: a Childhood in Cuba, by Alma Flor Ada
Under the Sunday Tree, by Eloise Greenfield
Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys, by Elizabeth Howard
Volcano Wakes Up! by Steve Jenkins
Vroom: Motoring into the Wild World of Racing, by Tim Miller
Waiting for Normal, by Leslie Connor
Walk Two Moons, by Sharon Creech
The War within These Walls, by Aline Sax
We Are the Ship, by Kadir Nelson

What Are You So Grumpy About? by Tom Lichtenheld
When Life Gives You O.J., by Erica Perl
When the Rain Sings, by National Museum of the American Indian
Where the Flame Trees Bloom, by Alma FlorAda
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, by Grace Lin
Where the Red Fern Grows, by Wilson Rawls
Where the Sidewalk Ends, by Shel Silverstein
The Whipping Boy, by Sid Fleischman
Whittington, by Alan Armstrong
Who Has Seen the Wind? by Christina G. Rossetti
The Witches, by Roald Dahl
Words with Wings, by Nikki Grimes
Yetsa's Sweater, by Sylvia Olsen
The Young Man and the Sea, by Rodman Philbrick
Zlateh the Goat, by Isaac Bashevis Singer

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