



Doggone Good Books for Third Graders

The following list contains a selection of books to satisfy the wide variety of reading levels and interests of third grade readers. Many of these authors have other titles which are appropriate for this reading level. The books on this list can be found in the “J” fiction section unless otherwise indicated.

Adventure and Survival

J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Bledsoe, Lucy	<u>Tracks in the Snow.</u>
	Bodeen, S.A.	<u>Shipwreck Island.</u>
	Brown, Jeff	<u>The Mount Rushmore Calamity.</u>
	Chantler, Scott	<u>Tower of Treasure.</u>
	Clements, Andrew	<u>A Week in the Woods.</u>
	Doder, Joshua	<u>A Dog Called Grk.</u>
	Earhart, Kristin	<u>Rain Forest Relay.</u>
	Fleischman, Sid	<u>The Whipping Boy.</u>
	Hill, Kirkpatrick	<u>Toughboy and Sister.</u>
	MacLachlan, Patricia	<u>The Poet’s Dog.</u>
J SERIES	Magic Tree House	<u>Tigers at Twilight.</u>
	Morris, Gerald	<u>The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great.</u>
	Rosen, Michael	<u>A Tale of Rescue.</u>
	Small, Charlie	<u>Gorilla City.</u>
J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Tarshis, Lauren	<u>The Shark Attacks of 1916.</u>
	Wright, Eric	<u>Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom.</u>

Animal Stories

Real Animals

Arnold, Elana K.	<u>A Boy Called Bat.</u>
Banerjee, Anjali	<u>Seaglass Summer.</u>
Bauer, Marion	<u>Little Cat’s Luck</u>
Byars, Betsy	<u>My Dog, My Hero.</u>
Davies, Nicola	<u>Manatee Rescue.</u>
DiCamillo, Kate	<u>Because of Winn-Dixie.</u>
Freeman, Martha	<u>Strudel’s Forever Home.</u>
George, Jean Craighead	<u>There’s an Owl in the Shower.</u>
Haas, Jessie	<u>Runaway Radish.</u>
Kerr, Judith	<u>Mister Cleghorn’s Seal.</u>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<u>White Fur Flying.</u>
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<u>Shiloh.</u>

Rodowsky, Colby F. Not My Dog.

Talking Animals

Birney, Betty G.	<u>The World According to Humphrey.</u>
Coverly, Dave	<u>Night of the Living Worms.</u>
Greenwald, Tom	<u>My Dog Is Better Than Your Dog.</u>
King-Smith, Dick	<u>The School Mouse.</u>
Lawson, Robert	<u>Ben and Me: A New and Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin as Written by His Good Mouse Amos.</u>
Napoli, Donna Jo	<u>The Prince of the Pond: Otherwise Known as De Fawg Pin.</u>
Oulton, Harry	<u>A Pig Called Heather.</u>
Patton, Jack	<u>The Lizard War.</u>
Schmidt, Annie	<u>The Cat Who Came in Off the Roof.</u>
Sherry, Kevin	<u>Remy Sneakers vs. The Robo-Rats.</u>
Whybrow, Ian	<u>Little Wolf's Book of Badness.</u>

Biographies

J B N162b	Blumberg, Rhoda	<u>Shipwrecked! The True Adventures of a Japanese Boy.</u>
J B R456b	Borden, Louise	<u>The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey.</u>
JP B C971b	Burgess, Matthew	<u>Enormous Smallness: The Story of E. E. Cummings.</u>
J B G646.2	Goodall, Jane	<u>My Life with the Chimpanzees.</u>
J B L516h	Haggar, Erin	<u>Awesome Minds: The Inventors of Lego Toys.</u>
J B J683h	Henry, Joanne	<u>Log Cabin in the Woods: A True Story About a Pioneer Boy.</u>
J B H557	Hernandez, Laurie	<u>I Got This: To Gold and Beyond.</u>
J OVERSIZE B M585i	Illugi Jökulsson	<u>Messi.</u>
JP OVERSIZE B L859k	Kerley, Barbara	<u>What to Do About Alice? How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!</u>
JP B R917k	Krull, Kathleen	<u>Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman.</u>
J B G493L	Levy, Debbie	<u>I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark.</u>
J B W673m	McDonough, Yona Zeldis	<u>Little Author in the Big Woods: A Biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder.</u>
J B Si623n	Nelson, S.D.	<u>Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People.</u>
J B C628p	Pipe, Jim	<u>You Wouldn't Want to Be Cleopatra! An Egyptian Ruler You'd Rather Not Be.</u>
JP B D737r	Rappaport, Doreen	<u>Frederick's Journey: The Life of Frederick Douglass.</u>
J 923 St77	Stabler, David	<u>Kid Presidents: True Tales of Childhood from America's Presidents.</u>
J 011.48 WHO RIDE	Stine, Megan	<u>Who Was Sally Ride?</u>

J B Ea12t
J B M386t

Tanaka, Shelley
Tavares, Matt

Amelia Earhart: The Legend of the Lost Aviator.
Growing Up Pedro.

Fantasy

J GRAPHIC NOVEL

Auch, Mary Jane
Bond, Michael
Burgis, Stephanie
Butler, Dori
Catling, Patrick
Christie, Robert
Coville, Bruce
Gannett, Ruth
Gutman, Dan
Kessler, Liz
Kuenzler, Lou
Lacey, Josh
LaFevers, R.L.
Martin, Ann M.
Mason, Jane B.
Murphy, Jill
Oliver, Lin
Pounder, Sibeal
Prineas, Sarah
Rossell, Judith
Scieszka, Jon
Selfors, Suzanne
Sherman, Delia
Snicket, Lemony
Vernon, Ursula
Webb, Holly

I Was a Third Grade Science Project.
Paddington at Large.
The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart.
The Haunted Library.
The Chocolate Touch.
Quirk's Quest. Into the Outlands.
The Monster's Ring.
Three Tales of My Father's Dragon.
Virtually Perfect.
The Tail of Emily Windsnap.
A Royal Disaster.
Dragonsitter.
Flight of the Phoenix.
The Doll People.
If the Shoe Fits.
The Worst Witch.
The Attack of the Growling Eyeballs.
Witch Wars.
The Magic Thief.
Withering-by-Sea.
Knights of the Kitchen Table.
Sasquatch Escape.
The Evil Wizard Smallbone.
The Bad Beginning.
Harriet the Invincible.
Rose.

Funny Books

J SERIES

Amato, Mary
Captain Underpants
Cronin, Doreen
Dahl, Michael
Dickinson, Peter
Gardner, Lyn
Griffiths, Andy
Hornik, Laurie Miller
Howe, Deborah
Kent, Jaden
Korman, Gordon
My Weirdest School
O'Malley, Kevin
Reeve, Philip

Snarf Attack, Underfoodle, and the Secret of Life:
The Riot Brothers Tell All.
Captain Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked
Wedgie Woman.
The Trouble with Chickens.
Laff-O-Tronic Sports Jokes.
Chuck and Danielle.
The Lost Treasure of Little Snoring.
The Day My Butt Went Psycho!
The Secrets of Ms. Snickle's Class.
Bunnacula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery.
The Cave of Aaaaah! Doom!
Why Did the Underwear Cross the Road?
Mr. Cooper Is Super!
Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude.
Pugs of the Frozen North.

J SERIES
J PICTURE BOOK

J GRAHIC NOVEL	Scieszka, Jon Scroggs, Kirk	<u>Battle Bunny.</u> <u>Dracula vs. Grampa at the Monster Truck Spectacular.</u>
J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Smart, Jamie Trine, Greg Willis, Jeanne	<u>Bunny vs. Monkey.</u> <u>Curse of the Bologna Sandwich.</u> <u>Supercat vs. the Fry Thief.</u>

Ghost and Scary Stories

J SERIES	Cummings, Troy Geronimo Stilton Hahn, Mary Downing	<u>Rise of the Balloon Goons.</u> <u>Cat and Mouse in a Haunted House.</u> <u>The Doll in the Garden: A Ghost Story.</u> <u>Half-Minute Horrors.</u>
J 398.25 Sch39	Hale, Bruce Kent, Derek Taylor Matthews, John O'Hara, Mo Poblocki, Dan Preller, James Riddell, Chris	<u>The Curse of the Were-Hyena.</u> <u>Scary School.</u> <u>Henry Hunter and the Beast of Snagov.</u> <u>My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish.</u> <u>The Gathering.</u> <u>Home Sweet Horror.</u> <u>Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse.</u>
J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Schwartz, Alvin Schweizer, Chris Selznick, Brian	<u>Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark.</u> <u>Night of the Frankenfrogs.</u> <u>The Boy of a Thousand Faces.</u>
J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Telgemeier, Raina	<u>Ghosts.</u>
J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Tulien, Sean	<u>Super Billy Goats Gruff.</u>

Historical Fiction

Appelfeld, Aharon	<u>Adam & Thomas.</u>
Ayres, Katherine	<u>Silver Dollar Girl.</u>
Bishop, Claire	<u>Twenty and Ten.</u>
Brady, Esther	<u>Toliver's Secret.</u>
Burg, Ann E.	<u>Unbound: A Novel in Verse.</u>
Cohen, Barbara	<u>Molly's Pilgrim.</u>
Conkling, Winnifred	<u>Sylvia & Aki.</u>
Dagg, Carole Estby	<u>Sweet Home Alaska.</u>
Hill, Kirkpatrick	<u>Bo at Ballard Creek.</u>
Larson, Kirby	<u>Liberty.</u>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<u>Sarah, Plain and Tall.</u>
Nannestad, Katrina	<u>When Mischief Came to Town.</u>
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<u>Emily's Fortune.</u>
Park, Linda Sue	<u>The Kite Fighters.</u>
Robinson, Sharon	<u>The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend.</u>
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<u>Riding Freedom.</u>
Scattergood, Augusta	<u>Making Friends with Billy Wong.</u>
Tarshis, Lauren	<u>The Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941.</u>

Information Books

J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Bellwood, Lucy	<u>Baggywrinkles: A Lubber's Guide to Life at Sea.</u>
J 777.7 B622	Bishop-Stephens, Will	<u>How to Create Animation in 10 Easy Lessons.</u>
J 514.74 C191	Campbell, Sarah C.	<u>Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature.</u>
J 594.58 F597	Fleming, Candace	<u>Giant Squid.</u>
J 636.7 G135d	Gagne, Tammy	<u>The Dog Encyclopedia for Kids.</u>
J 745.5 H417	Hayes, Fiona	<u>51 Things to Make with Cardboard Tubes.</u>
JP 784.2 H777	Hood, Susan	<u>Ada's Violin.</u>
J 636.70886 M165	MacLeod, Elizabeth	<u>Top Dogs: True Stories of Canines That Made History.</u>
J 398.2 M478	McAllister, Angela	<u>A Year Full of Stories.</u>
J OVERSIZE 796.357 N427	Nelson, Kadir	<u>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball.</u>
J 500 R683	Rockliff, Mara	<u>Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery That Baffled All of France.</u>
J597.3 R888	Roy, Katherine	<u>Neighborhood Sharks.</u>
JP 940.1 Sm64	Smith, Danna	<u>The Hawk of the Castle: A Story of Medieval Falconry.</u>
J 658.11 Su96	Sutherland, Adam	<u>Be a Young Entrepreneur: Get Inspired to Become a Business Whiz.</u>

Mystery

J SERIES	A to Z Mysteries	<u>The Lucky Lottery.</u>
	Adler, David	<u>Cam Jansen and the School Play Mystery.</u>
	Barrett, Tracy	<u>The 100-Year-Old Secret.</u>
	Briner, K. H.	<u>Snowize & Snitch: Highly Effective Defective Detectives.</u>
	Diamond, Jill	<u>Lou Lou & Pea and the Mural Mystery.</u>
	Freeman, Martha	<u>Effie Starr Zook Has One More Question.</u>
	Gray, Jennifer	<u>Atticus Claw Breaks the Law.</u>
	Griffin, N.	<u>Smashie McPerter and the Mystery of Room 11.</u>
	Hale, Bruce	<u>The Mystery of Mr. Nice: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye.</u>
	Krosoczka, Jarrett J.	<u>The Frog Who Croaked.</u>
	Landon, Lucinda	<u>Meg Mackintosh and the Mystery in the Locked Library: A Solve-It-Yourself Mystery.</u>
	Low, A.J.	<u>Sherlock Sam and the Ghostly Moans in Fort Canning.</u>
	Marois, André	<u>The Sandwich Thief.</u>
	McCall Smith, Alexander	<u>The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case.</u>
	Parish, Peggy	<u>Key to the Treasure.</u>
	Riddell, Chris	<u>Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse.</u>
	Rubin, Sarah	<u>The Impossible Clue.</u>
	Sobol, Donald	<u>Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective.</u>
	Spratt, R.A.	<u>Friday Barnes, Girl Detective.</u>
	Warner, Gertrude Chandler	<u>Mystery Ranch.</u>
J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Weing, Drew	<u>The Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo.</u>

School, Friends, & Family

Allen, Crystal	<u>Spirit Week Breakdown.</u>
Amato, Mary	<u>Our Teacher Is a Vampire and Other (Not) True Stories.</u>
Becker, Suzy	<u>Kate the Great Except When She's Not.</u>
Davies, Jacqueline	<u>The Lemonade War.</u>
Giff, Patricia	<u>Jubilee.</u>
Graff, Keir	<u>The Matchstick Castle.</u>
Gutman, Dan	<u>The Get Rich Quick Club.</u>
Krishnaswami, Uma	<u>Book Uncle and Me.</u>
Lin, Grace	<u>The Year of the Dog: A Novel.</u>
Mackler, Carolyn	<u>Best Friend Next Door.</u>
McDonald, Megan	<u>Judy Moody.</u>
McGovern, Cammie	<u>Just My Luck.</u>
Mills, Claudia	<u>The Trouble with Babies.</u>
Moss, Marissa	<u>Amelia's Notebook.</u>
Pennypacker, Sara	<u>Waylon! One Awesome Thing.</u>
Pritchett, Georgia	<u>Wilf the Mighty Worrier Saves the World.</u>
Sachar, Louis	<u>Kidnapped at Birth?</u>
Sachs, Marilyn	<u>JoJo & Winnie: Sister Stories.</u>
Shevah, Emma	<u>Dara Palmer's Major Drama.</u>
Smith, Janice Lee	<u>The Monster in the Third Dresser Drawer and Other Stories About Adam Joshua.</u>
Spinelli, Jerry	<u>Fourth Grade Rats.</u>
Sternberg, Julie	<u>Friendship Over.</u>
Winkler, Henry	<u>Niagara Falls, or Does It?</u>
Woodrow, Allan	<u>The Pet War.</u>
Ziegler, Jennifer	<u>Revenge of the Flower Girls.</u>

Science Fiction

	Ball, Nate	<u>Blast Off!</u>
	Brallier, Max	<u>Cosmoe's Wiener Getaway.</u>
	Coville, Bruce	<u>My Teacher Is an Alien.</u>
J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Dorman, Brandon	<u>The Alien That Ate My Socks.</u>
JP	Hatke, Ben	<u>Zita the Spacegirl: Far from Home.</u>
	Kelley, Jane	<u>Octo-Man and the Headless Monster.</u>
	Mass, Wendy	<u>Archie Takes Flight.</u>
J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Pittman, Eddie	<u>Red's Planet.</u>
	Reeve, Philip	<u>Cakes in Space.</u>
	Scieszka, Jon	<u>Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor.</u>
	Scieszka, Jon	<u>Spaceheadz: Book 1.</u>
J GRAPHIC NOVEL	Torres, J.	<u>Brobots and the Kaiju Kerfuffle.</u>

Sports

	Bowen, Fred	<u>Hardcourt Comeback.</u>
JP B N158c	Coy, John	<u>Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a</u>

J GRAPHIC NOVEL

Duffey, Betsy
Gutman, Dan
Howard, Ryan
Kelly, David
Kline, Suzy
Mills, Claudia
Peirce, Lincoln
Robinson, Sharon
Spurr, Elizabeth
Testa, Maria
Wallace, Rich

Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball.
Lucky in Left Field.
The Million Dollar Shot.
My New Team.
The Gold Medal Mess.
Molly Gets Mad.
Basketball Disasters.
Revenge of the Cream Puffs.
Safe at Home.
Surfer Dog.
Some Kind of Pride.
Double Fake.

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