

## Suggestions for Students entering Second Grade

### Unbeatable Books for Second Graders



#### *Recommended Internet Website for Reading Suggestions:*

[Ultimate Summer Reading \(100+ Best Recent Children's Books to Read Over and Over\)/The Welcome-Back-to-School Booklist for Younger Readers](http://www.readkiddoread.com/home)  
<http://www.readkiddoread.com/home>

#### *We also recommend exploring other books by these authors:*

Sorted by Author / Title

- Adler, David A. Cam Jansen and the tennis trophy mystery. New York, N.Y., U.S.A. : Viking, 2003.  
Cam Jansen, with Eric at her side, helps solve the mystery of what happened to Mr. Day's tennis trophy. Look for other Cam Jansen mysteries.
- Aliki. Mummies made in Egypt. 1st ed. New York : Crowell, 1979.  
Describes the techniques and the reasons for the use of mummification in ancient Egypt.
- Aliki. A play's the thing. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, c2005.  
Miss Brilliant's class puts on a performance of "Mary had a little lamb."
- Aliki. William Shakespeare & the Globe. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins Publishers, c1999.  
Tells the story of the well-known playwright, William Shakespeare, and of the famous Globe Theatre in which many of his works were performed.
- Allard, Harry. Miss Nelson has a field day. Boston, MA : Houghton Mifflin, c1985.  
The notorious Miss Swamp reappears at the Horace B. Smedley School, this time to shape up the football team and make them win at least one game. Enjoy the other Miss Nelson titles.
- Anholt, Laurence. Little Red Riding Wolf. Minneapolis, MN : Compass Point Books, c2004.  
In this version of "Little Red Riding Hood," a big, bad girl terrorizes a wolf cub who is going to visit his granny wolf.
- Arnold, Tedd. The signmaker's assistant. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c1992.  
A young signmaker's apprentice dreams of having his own sign shop but creates havoc when he is left in charge by himself.
- Auch, Mary Jane. Poultrygeist. New York : Holiday House, c2003.  
On Halloween night, two rowdy young roosters encounter a "poultrygeist" in the barn.
- Auch, Mary Jane. The princess and the pizza. 1st ed. New York : Holiday House, 2002.  
An out-of-work princess applies to become the bride of Prince Drupert, but first she must pass several tests, including a cooking contest.
- Benton, Jim. Lunch walks among us. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2003.  
Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan. Enjoy other Franny K. Stein titles.
- Blake, Robert J. Togo. New York : Philomel Books, c2002.  
In 1925, Togo, a Siberian husky who loves being a sled dog, leads a team that rushes to bring diphtheria antitoxin from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska.
- Brown, Marc Tolon. Arthur chapter books, 1-3. Boston : Little, Brown, c2000.  
Arthur's mystery envelope -- Arthur and the scare-your-pants-off club -- Arthur makes the team.
- Browne, Anthony, 1946-. The shape game. 1st American ed. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003.  
The author/illustrator describes how his mother's wish to spend her birthday visiting an art museum with her family changed the course of his life forever.
- Buehner, Caralyn. Superdog : the heart of a hero. [New York] : HarperCollins, c2004.  
Tired of being overlooked because he is so small, Dexter, a big-hearted dog with big dreams transforms himself into a superhero.

- Cameron, Ann, 1943-. More stories Julian tells. New York : Knopf, c1986.  
More episodes in the life of Julian including a bet with his best friend Gloria, a secret project, and what happens when his brother Huey decides to be Superboy.
- Cameron, Ann, 1943-. The stories Julian tells. 1st ed. New York : Pantheon, c1981.  
Relates episodes in seven-year-old Julian's life which include getting into trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to try to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend.
- Christopher, Matt. Man out at first. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1993.  
After he gets hit by a fast-moving ball, Turtleneck Jones loses his confidence on the baseball diamond and sees his position at first base given to another player.
- Cleary, Beverly. Muggie Maggie. New York : Morrow Junior Books, c1990.  
Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.
- Coerr, Eleanor, 1922-. The Josefina story quilt. 1st ed. New York : Harper & Row, c1986.  
While traveling west with her family in 1850, a young girl makes a patchwork quilt chronicling the experiences of the journey and reserves a special patch for her pet hen Josefina.
- Cole, Joanna. The Magic School Bus inside a hurricane. New York : Scholastic, c1995.  
A special field trip on the magic school bus allows Ms. Frizzle's class to experience a hurricane firsthand, from air, sea, and land. Enjoy all the Magic School Bus picture books and chapter books.
- Cooper, Floyd. Jump! : from the life of Michael Jordan. New York : Philomel Books, c2004.
- Dahl, Roald. Fantastic Mr. Fox. [1st ed.]. New York : Knopf, c1970.  
Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out warfare to get rid of the fox and his family.
- Danziger, Paula, 1944-. Get ready for second grade, Amber Brown. New York : Putnam's Sons, 2002.  
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. Enjoy all the Amber Brown books.
- Deary, Terry. The gold in the grave. 1st American ed. Minneapolis, MN : Picture Window Books, 2006, c2003.  
Grave robbers devise an elaborate plan to steal King Tutankhamen's riches after his funeral.
- Deary, Terry. The magic and the mummy. 1st American ed. Minneapolis, MN : Picture Window Books, 2006.  
After the pharaoh dies, Neria's father gives her the job of mummifying the pharaoh's cat, which is still alive.
- Deary, Terry. The plot on the pyramid. 1st American ed. Minneapolis, MN : Picture Window Books, 2006, c2003.  
A clever trick saves the workers who are building the Great Pyramid from being punished, and their working conditions are improved as well.
- Delton, Judy. Blue skies, french fries. New York, N.Y. : Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, c1988.  
The Pee Wee Scouts practice hard for their football game against Troop 15. Can Troop 23 win the big game? Enjoy all the Pee Wee Scouts titles.
- DiPucchio, Kelly S. Grace for president. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2008.  
Grace campaigns for president of her grade, but when her competition seems to have the support of all the male voters, she must use all her campaigning skills to win them over by showing that she is the best person for the job.
- Donnelly, Judy. The Titanic, lost-- and found. New York : Random House, c1987.  
A simple account of the sinking of the Titanic and the discovery of its remains many years later.
- Edwards, Pamela Duncan. Dinorella : a prehistoric fairy tale. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c1997.  
In this story, loosely based on that of Cinderella but featuring dinosaurs, the Duke falls in love with Dinorella when she rescues him from the dreaded deinonychus at the Dinosaur Dance.
- Egan, Tim. The trial of Cardigan Jones. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Co., 2004.  
Cardigan the moose goes to trial for stealing an apple pie he swears he only sniffed.
- Faller, Régis. The adventures of Polo. 1st American ed. New Milford, Conn. : Roaring Brook Press, 2006.  
Polo the dog sets out from his home and enjoys many adventures, including sailing his boat on top of a whale, roasting hot dogs over a volcano, and taking a ride in a spaceship built from a mushroom.
- Faller, Régis. Polo : the runaway book. 1st American ed. New Milford, Conn. : Roaring Brook Press, 2007.  
While trying to retrieve his new book from a thieving alien, Polo has a series of adventures and eventually helps the alien and his people.
- Fleming, Candace. When Agnes caws. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1999.  
When eight-year-old Agnes Peregrine, an accomplished birdcaller, travels with her parents to the Himalayas in search of the elusive pink-headed duck, she encounters a dastardly foe.
- Flournoy, Valerie, 1952-. The patchwork quilt. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c1985.  
Using scraps cut from the family's old clothing, Tanya helps her grandmother and mother make a beautiful quilt that tells the story of her family's life.

- Gelman, Rita Golden. Doodler doodling. 1st ed. [New York] : Greenwillow Books, c2004.  
Teachers teach, flyers fly, painters paint, climbers climb--and teachers fly and climbers paint.
- George, Kristine O'Connell. Fold me a poem. 1st ed. Orlando : Harcourt, c2005.  
A collection of poems about origami animals.
- Gerstein, Mordicai. Carolinda Clatter! 1st ed. New Milford, Conn. : Roaring Brook Press, 2005.  
The excessively quiet town of Pupickton and the sleeping lovesick giant upon which it was built, are both awakened by the joyful noise of a little girl's songs.
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. Sunny-side up. New York : Dell, c1986.  
Summer for Richard Best, nicknamed Beast, means facing the two ordeals of summer school and losing his best friend, who is moving to a distant state.
- Grey, Mini. The very smart pea and the princess-to-be. 1st American ed. New York : Alfred A. Knopf : , 2003.  
The pea gives its own version of what happened in the fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea," from the time of its birth in the Palace Garden until it helps arrange a royal marriage.
- Guest, Elissa Haden. Iris and Walter. 1st ed. New York : Harcourt, c2000.  
When Iris moves to the country, she misses the city where she formerly lived; but with the help of a new friend named Walter, she learns to adjust to her new home. Look for other Iris and Walter books.
- Gutman, Dan. Miss Daisy is crazy! 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c2004.  
Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J. Enjoy all the Weird School series titles.
- Hopkinson, Deborah. Abe Lincoln crosses a creek : a tall, thin tale (introducing his frontier friend). 1st ed. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, c2008.  
In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend, Austin Gollaher.
- Howe, James, 1946-. Houndsley and Catina. 1st ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2006.  
Houndsley and Catina run into trouble when they decide to prove that they are the best at cooking and writing, respectively.
- Howe, James, 1946-. Houndsley and Catina and the birthday surprise. 1st ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2006.  
Friends Houndsley and Catina are sad because they do not know when their birthdays are, but they solve the problem in a thoughtful and creative way.
- Howe, James, 1946-. Pinky and Rex and the bully. Library bound ed. New York : Aladdin Paperbacks, c2006.  
Pinky learns the importance of identity as he defends his favorite color, pink, and his friendship with a girl, Rex, from the neighborhood bully.
- Jenkins, Steve, 1952-. Actual size. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c2004.  
Discusses and gives examples of the size and weight of various animals and parts of animals.
- Jenkins, Steve, 1952-. Almost gone : the world's rarest animals. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c2006.  
Profiles animal species around the world that have gone extinct within human history, or that are at risk for extinction.
- Jenkins, Steve, 1952-. Prehistoric actual size. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2005.  
Profiles primary characteristics of primitive creatures, such as the giant millipede and terror bird, including dinosaurs such as the velociraptor.
- Jordan, Roslyn. Salt in his shoes : Michael Jordan in pursuit of a dream. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2000.  
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.
- Kelly, John. The mystery of Eatum Hall. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2004.  
Mr. and Mrs. Pork-Fowler are invited to spend a weekend of gourmet dining at a spooky castle where their host, Mr. Hunter, is anxious to "meat" them.
- Kimmel, Eric A. Cactus soup. 1st ed. New York : Marshall Cavendish, c2004.  
During the Mexican Revolution, when a troop of hungry soldiers comes to a town where all the food has been hidden, they charm the townspeople into helping make a soup from water and a cactus thorn.
- King-Smith, Dick. Clever lollipop. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2003.  
Lady Lollipop, the clever pet pig of Princess Penelope and her friend Johnny, joins them in their lessons with a magician, cares for the queen's garden, helps restore the king's appetite, and has a surprise present for Penelope's birthday.
- Kline, Suzy. Horrible Harry and the ant invasion. New York : Puffin Books, 1998, c1989.  
Horrible Harry of classroom 2B cuts back on his mischievous pranks after falling for Song Lee.
- LaRochelle, David. The end. 1st ed. New York : Arthur A. Levine Books, c2007.  
When a princess makes some lemonade, she starts a chain of events involving a fire-breathing dragon, one hundred rabbits, a hungry giant, and a handsome knight.

- Lasky, Kathryn. She's wearing a dead bird on her head! 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c1995.  
A fictionalized account of the activities of Harriet Hemenway and Minna Hall, founders of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, a late nineteenth-century Audubon Society that would endure and have impact on the bird-protection movement.
- Leedy, Loreen. Follow the money! 1st ed. New York : Holiday House, c2002.  
A quarter describes all the ways it is used from the time it is minted until it is taken back to a bank.
- Leedy, Loreen. Fraction action. New York : Holiday House, c1994.  
Miss Prime and her animal students explore fractions by finding many examples in the world around them.
- Leedy, Loreen. Look at my book : how kids can write & illustrate terrific books. New York : Holiday House, 2004.  
Provides ideas and simple directions for writing, illustrating, designing, and binding books.
- Leedy, Loreen. Mission : addition. 1st. ed. New York : Holiday House, c1997.  
Miss Prime and her animal students explore addition by finding many examples in the world around them.
- Leedy, Loreen. There's a frog in my throat! : 440 animal sayings a little bird told me. 1st ed. New York : Holiday House, c2003.  
Presents a collection of animal sayings with each one explained, including "I have butterflies in my stomach," "that will get his goat," and "bear hug."
- Lewis, Thomas P. Hill of fire. New York : Harper & Row, [1971].  
An easy-to-read account of the birth of Parícutin volcano in the field of a poor Mexican farmer.
- Lowry, Lois. Gooney Bird Greene. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2002.  
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. Also enjoy the sequels.
- McClintock, Barbara. Cinderella. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2005.  
Although mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters, Cinderella meets her prince with the help of her fairy godmother.
- McDonald, Megan. Beezy. New York : Orchard Books, 2000, c1997.  
Beezy and her best friend Merlin, who live in Florida, wait out a hurricane, find a dog, and make friends with a circus performer.
- McDonald, Megan. Stink : the incredible shrinking kid. 1st ed. Cambridge, Mass : Candlewick Press, 2005.  
The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school. Enjoy other titles about Stink Moody.
- McNulty, Faith. If you decide to go to the moon. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2005.  
Presents a children's book for early readers that describes what a trip to the moon would be like for a would-be astronaut.
- Miller, Sara Swan. Three stories you can read to your dog. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1995.  
Stories addressed to dogs and written from a dog's point of view, featuring such topics as a burglar, bones, and running free.
- Milne, A. A. Winnie the Pooh. New York : Dutton, 1926, 1954.
- Nevius, Carol, 1955-. Karate hour. 1st ed. New York : Marshall Cavendish, c2004.  
Rhyming text portrays the exuberance of an hour of karate class. Includes nonfiction information at end.
- Nolan, Lucy A. On the road. 1st ed. Tarrytown, NY : Marshall Cavendish Children, c2005.  
A dog who thinks her name is Down Girl goes on a car ride to the beach, goes camping in the woods, and reluctantly pays a visit to the vet with her master, Rruff.
- Ogburn, Jacqueline K. The bake shop ghost. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2005.  
Miss Cora Lee Merriweather haunts her bake shop after her death, until the new shop owner makes a deal with her.
- O'Malley, Kevin, 1961-. Captain Raptor and the moon mystery. New York : Walker Pub. Co., 2005.  
When something lands on one of the moons of the planet Jurassica, Captain Raptor and his spaceship crew go to investigate.
- O'Malley, Kevin, 1961-. Gimme cracked corn and I will share. New York : Walker :, 2007.  
Chicken dreams about a treasure and sets off on a dangerous journey to find it.
- Osborne, Mary Pope. Afternoon on the Amazon. New York : Random House, c1995.  
Eight-year-old Jack, his seven-year-old sister, Annie, and Peanut the mouse ride in a tree house to the Amazon rain forests, where they encounter giant ants, flesh-eating piranhas, hungry crocodiles, and wild jaguars. Enjoy all the titles in the Magic Tree House series as well as their nonfiction companion research guides..
- Parish, Peggy. Amelia Bedelia. New York : Harper & Row, c1963.  
An unusual young maid does many funny things on her first day of work.

- Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia and the baby*. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1981.  
Amelia Bedelia follows to the letter the list of instructions for looking after the Lanes' baby.
- Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia goes camping*. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1985.  
As always, Amelia Bedelia follows exactly the instructions given to her on a camping trip, including pitching a tent and rowing boats.
- Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia helps out*. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1979.  
Amelia Bedelia shows her niece Effie Lou how to follow instructions to the letter as they dust the potato bugs and sew seeds.
- Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia's family album*. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1988.  
Amelia Bedelia entertains Mr. and Mrs. Rogers by showing them her family album and describing what her relatives do.
- Parish, Peggy. *Play ball, Amelia Bedelia*. [1st ed.]. New York : Harper & Row, [1972].  
Amelia Bedelia, who knows very little about baseball, stands in for a sick player during a game. Enjoy all the Amelia Bedelia books.
- Park, Barbara. *Junie B. Jones is Captain Field Day*. New York : Random House, c2001.  
As captain of Room Nine's field day team, Junie B. Jones tries to rally her troops after they lose several events. Enjoy other Junie B. Jones books.
- Pennypacker, Sara, 1951-. *Clementine*. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2006.  
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building. Also enjoy the sequels *Clementine's Letter* and *Talented Clementine*.
- Polacco, Patricia. *Just plain fancy*. New York : Dell, c1990.  
Naomi, an Amish girl whose elders have impressed upon her the importance of adhering to the simple ways of her people, is horrified when one of her hen eggs hatches into an extremely fancy bird.
- Polacco, Patricia. *Thunder cake*. New York : Philomel Books, c1990.  
Grandma finds a way to dispel her grandchild's fear of thunderstorms.
- Polacco, Patricia. *When lightning comes in a jar*. New York : Philomel Books, c2002.  
A young girl describes the family reunion at her grandmother's house, from the food and baseball and photos to the flickering fireflies on the lawn.
- Posner, Jackie. *The magic school bus out of this world : a book about space rocks*. New York : Scholastic, c1996.  
The kids in Ms. Frizzle's class learn lessons about space rocks when they board the Magic School Bus--now a space-bus--to try to head off a huge asteroid that is heading directly for Walker Elementary School.
- Preller, James. *The case of Hermie the missing hamster*. New York : Scholastic, 1998.  
With the help of his Top Secret Detective Journal and his ace partner, Mila, Jigsaw is hot on the trail of Hermie the missing hamster. Enjoy other Jigsaw Jones books..
- Prelutsky, Jack. *The baby ugggs are hatching*. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1982.  
A collection of twelve humorous poems about such strange creatures as the sneepy and the quossible.
- Priceman, Marjorie. *Hot air : the (mostly) true story of the first hot-air balloon ride*. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2005.  
Presents a colorful children's story about the first passengers on the very first hot air balloon ride.
- Priceman, Marjorie. *How to make an apple pie and see the world*. New York : Knopf :, c1994.  
Since the market is closed, the reader is led around the world to gather the ingredients for making an apple pie. Includes recipe.
- Roy, Ron, 1940-. *The absent author*. New York : Random House, c1997.  
Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace. Read all the A to Z Mysteries.
- Rylant, Cynthia. *The case of the sleepy sloth*. 1st ed. [New York] : Greenwillow Books, c2002.  
While having a picnic on the docks, animal detectives Bunny and Jack meet a dog whose one and only lawn chair is missing, and they set out to solve the case.
- Rylant, Cynthia. *In Aunt Lucy's kitchen*. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1998.  
While staying with their aunt for a year, three nine-year-old cousins keep busy baking and selling cookies, putting on a poetry and singing performance, and trying to encourage a romance between their aunt and one of their former customers.
- Rylant, Cynthia. *Poppleton forever*. New York : Blue Sky Press, 1998.  
Poppleton the pig plants a dogwood tree, gets a cold, and tries to hang wallpaper with the not very helpful aid of his friends.
- Rylant, Cynthia. *The turtle*. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2005.  
When Aurora the sea turtle becomes stranded in fog and cold water near a lighthouse, Pandora the cat, Seabold the dog, and their three adopted mouse children call on the pelicans for help.

- Sachar, Louis, 1954-. Sideways stories from Wayside School. New York : Avon, 1998, c1978.  
Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.
- Sachar, Louis, 1954-. Wayside School gets a little stranger. New York : Morrow Junior Books, c1995.  
Unusual things continue to happen in the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.
- Sachar, Louis, 1954-. Wayside School is falling down. New York : Avon, 1997, c1989.  
More humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, where students learn to tango, face the cafeteria's dreaded Mushroom Surprise, and study a hobo during Show and Tell. Sequel to "Sideways Stories from Wayside School."
- Say, Allen. Kamishibai man. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2005.  
After many years of retirement, an old Kamishibai man--a Japanese street performer who tells stories and sells candies--decides to make his rounds once more even though such entertainment declined after the advent of television.
- Sayre, April Pulley. Stars beneath your bed : the suprising story of dust. 1st ed. [New York] : Greenwillow Books, c2005.  
Explains what dust is and the diverse matter that it contains, including bits of stars and traces of extinct dinosaurs; and tells how it moves, where it is found, and some of the effects it creates.
- Sayre, April Pulley. Vulture view. 1st ed. New York : Holt, 2007.  
Simple text and illustrations introduce readers to the turkey vulture, discussing their eating habits, behaviors, and more.
- A family of poems : my favorite poetry for children. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion/Hyperion Books for Children, c2005.  
In this follow-up to "The Best-Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis," the author collects more than one hundred of her family's best-loved poems from all over the world.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great and the boring beach bag. New York : Coward-McCann, c1987.  
Nate the Great finds mystery at the beach when Oliver's beach bag vanishes.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great and the stolen base. New York : Coward McCann, c1992.  
Nate the Great investigates the mysterious disappearance of the purple plastic octopus that his baseball team uses for second base.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great on the Owl Express. New York : Delacorte Press, c2003.  
While traveling on the train to San Francisco with his cousin Olivia's owl, Nate the Great and his dog Sludge must use all of their detective skills when the owl suddenly disappears.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great : San Francisco detective. New York : Delacorte Press, c2000.  
Nate the Great goes to San Francisto where he solves a mystery for his cousin Olivia Sharp, who is also a detective.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great saves the King of Sweden. New York : Bantam Doubleday Dell, c1997.  
As Nate the Great sets to work on his first international case, he searches for a lost "something" and saves the King of Sweden from a troublesome traveler.
- Silverstein, Shel. Where the sidewalk ends : the poems & drawings of Shel Silverstein. 1st ed. New York : Harper and Row, [1974].  
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.
- Steig, William, 1907-. Sylvester and the magic pebble. New York, : Windmill Books, [1969].  
In a moment of fright Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.
- Stevens, Janet. The great fuzz frenzy. 1st ed. Orlando, Fla. : Harcourt, c2005.  
When a tennis ball lands in a prairie-dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.
- Stevens, Janet. Jackalope. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt, c2003.  
A jackrabbit who wishes to be feared asks his fairy godrabbit for horns and becomes the first jackalope, but there's one condition: he must not tell lies.
- Stevenson, James, 1929-. The Mud Flat Olympics. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1994.  
At the Mud Flat Olympics, if the animals don't win the Deepest Hole Contest, the All-Snail High Hurdles, or the River-Cross Freestyle, they can still come to the picnic after the games and have ice cream for dessert.
- Teague, Mark. Dear Mrs. LaRue : letters from obedience school. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2002.  
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. Also enjoy the sequels.
- Van Allsburg, Chris. Jumanji. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Co., 1981.  
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. *Probuditi!* Boston : Houghton Mifflin Co., 2006.

On his birthday, Calvin and his friend Rodney see a magician perform, then copy him by hypnotizing Calvin's little sister, but the joke is on them when they are unable to snap her out of it.

Van Allsburg, Chris. *Zathura* : a space adventure. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c2002.

Left on their own for an evening, two boisterous brothers find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical space adventure board game.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler, 1890-1979. *The boxcar children*. Chicago : A. Whitman, [1971, c1950].

Four orphans take shelter in an old boxcar during a storm, and, determined to make it their own, they turn it into a safe, cozy home. Enjoy all the titles in this classic series, especially the original first 19 titles.

Wells, Rosemary. *Wingwalker*. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books For Children, 2002.

During the Depression, Reuben and his out-of-work parents move from Oklahoma to Minnesota, where his father gets a job as a carnival wingwalker and Reuben has a chance to overcome his terror of flying.

Wetterer, Margaret K. *Kate Shelley and the midnight express*. Minneapolis : Carolrhoda Books, c1990.

Fifteen-year-old Kate risks her life in a storm to prevent a train disaster.

White, E. B. (Elwyn Brooks), 1899-. *Charlotte's web*. New York : HarperCollins, [1952].

White, E. B. (Elwyn Brooks), 1899-. *Stuart Little*. New York : Harper & Row, 1973, c1945.

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

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