

Kindergarten – Grade 2 Booklist

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Two young aliens from outer space find invading earth not as simple as they expected when they land next to the Sudsy Duck Laundromat – a very smelly destination. Includes space facts, discussion questions, and writing prompts.
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Johnny Boo, along with his pet ghost Squiggle, play and encounter an ice cream monster while searching for the secret ice cream that Johnny Boo buried in the ground, but when the ice cream monster eats Squiggle, he must use his "Squiggle power" to get free.
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- Reynolds, Aaron Tiger Moth, Insect Ninja
Young Tiger Moth and his friend Kung Pow go into action to find a valuable painting that disappeared from the school prop closet.
- Schwarz, Viviane Shark and Lobster's Amazing Undersea Adventure
Follows the humorous attempts of Shark and Lobster to conquer their fear of tigers.

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Fiction

- Agee, Jon. Nothing
When Suzie Gump, the richest lady in town, walks into Otis's empty antique shop and insists on buying nothing, she starts a fad that has everyone buying nothing and emptying their homes and stores to make room for it--until Suzie realizes things have gone too far.
- Doyen, Denise Once Upon a Twice
A cautionary tale, written in nonsense verse similar in style to Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky," in which a brave mouse named Jam breaks the rules and goes on a moonlit adventure.
- McDonald, Megan Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express (Series)
Stink Moody, friends Webster and Sophie, and Mrs. Birdwistle visit tourist attractions in Virginia as they try to give away 101 guinea pigs rescued from a laboratory, although Stink is very reluctant to relinquish his favorite, Astro.
- Arnold, Tedd Hi! Fly Guy (Read other books by this author)
When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.
- Auch, Mary Jane The Plot Chickens
Henrietta the chicken loves to read so much that she decides to write a book herself, but she has trouble finding someone to publish a book written by a chicken, and then, when she publishes it herself and it gets a terrible review in "The Corn Book," Henrietta is devastated.
- Berenstain, Stan & Jan The Berenstain Bears (Series)
Read about the fun adventures of Mama Bear, Papa Bear, Brother Bear and Sister Bear.
- Brett, Jan Gingerbread Friends (Read other books by this author)
Lonely Gingerbread Baby, having set out to find a friend, enters a bakery where he tries to talk to different cookies and other figures, but winds up leading a crowd back to his house on a chase similar to the one in the familiar tale.
- Bridwell, Norman Clifford the Champion (Series)
When Clifford enters a contest to become "America's Super Dog," he proves himself a champion.
- Brown, Jeff Stanley in Space (Series)
When the residents of a distant planet send a message to Earth asking for someone to meet with them, the President of the United States asks Stanley Lambchop, an all-American boy, to be his ambassador.

- Brown, Marc Buster's Sugartime (Series) (Read other books by this author)
Newest in the Postcards from Buster series.
- Bunting, Eve Hurry! Hurry! (Read other books by this author)
All the animals of the barnyard community hurry to greet their newest member, who is just pecking his way out of an egg.
- Cannon, Janell Crickwing (Read other books by this author)
In this epic adventure beneath the foliage, Crickwing and the leafcutter ants go head-to-head. Then a swarm of ferocious army ants threatens, and suddenly everyone is in danger. Crickwing has to do something, but what? He's an artist, not a fighter. What the leafcutters need is a hero, or, maybe, a cockroach with a really clever idea.
- Carle, Eric Mister Seahorse (Read other books by this author)
After Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs on Mr. Seahorse's belly, he drifts through the water, greeting other fish fathers who are taking care of their eggs.
- Carrick, Paul. Watch Out for Wolfgang
When an old mother robot sends her three sons out into the world to make their own way, the outcome is not what anyone expects.
- Cazet, Denys Minnie and Moo and the Night of the Living Bed (Series)
Minnie's barnyard friends find a way to make her feel better when a bad dream upsets her and sends her bed rolling into town on Halloween night.
- Chaconas, Dori Cork & Fuzz : The Babysitters (Series)
When Cork and Fuzz agree to babysit a young porcupine, Cork ends up doing most of the work, and when Fuzz gets into some trouble, it is up to both Cork and the baby to come to his assistance.
- Cooney, Barbara Miss Rumphius (Read other books by this author)
As a child Great-aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful. She does all those things, the last being the most difficult of all.
- Cousins, Lucy Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales
Simple text and bold illustrations tell eight classic fairy tales, including "The Three Little Pigs" and "Little Red Riding Hood."
- Cronin, Doreen Diary of a Fly (Read other books by this author)
A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.

Curtis, Jamie Lee	<u>Is There Really A Human Race?</u> (Read other books by this author) While thinking about life as a race, a child wonders whether it is most important to finish first or to have fun along the way.
Day, Alexandra	<u>Good Dog Carl</u> (Series) Lively and unusual things happen when Carl the dog is left in charge of the baby.
Deedy, Carmen Agra	<u>Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale</u> A humorous retelling of a Cuban folktale in which a cockroach interviews her suitors in order to decide whom to marry.
Dr. Seuss	<u>Sneetches & Other Stories</u> (Read other books by this author) A collection of four humorous verse fantasies: The Sneetches, The Zax, Too Many Daves, and What was I Scared of?
Ehlert, Lois	<u>Oodles of Animals</u> (Read other books by this author) Short, easy to read rhymes reveal what is unique about various animals, from ape to wolf.
Feldman, Eve B.	<u>Billy & Milly, Short & Silly</u> Contains thirteen very short, silly stories that follow the adventures of Billy and Milly.
Fox, Mem	<u>Time for Bed</u> (Read other books by this author) As darkness falls, parents everywhere try to get their children ready for sleep.
Freeman, Don	<u>Corduroy</u> (Read other books by this author) A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him, he finds what he has always wanted most of all.
Giff, Patricia R.	<u>The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room</u> (Series) 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.
Gravett, Emily	<u>Orange Pear Apple Bear</u> Explores concepts of color, shape, and food using only five simple words, as a bear juggles and plays.
Guest, Elissa Haden	<u>Iris and Walter and the Birthday Party</u> (Series) At Walter's birthday party his guests are supposed to go for horseback rides, but his horse Rain has other plans on the day of the party.

- Henkes, Kevin [A Good Day](#) (Read other books by this author)
A bird, a fox, a dog, and a squirrel overcome minor setbacks to have a very good day.
- Hobbie, Holly [Toot and Puddle: Top of the World](#) (Series)
Toot and Puddle are best friends with very different interests, so when Toot spends the year traveling around the world, Puddle enjoys receiving his postcards.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann [All Kinds of Families](#) (Read other books by this author)
Rhyming text and illustrations explore the ways people, animals, and even objects can form families.
- Hoff, Syd [Danny and the Dinosaur](#) (Read other books by this author)
A little boy is surprised and pleased when one of the dinosaurs from the museum agrees to play with him.
- Hoffman, Mary [Amazing Grace](#) (Series)
Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.
- James, Simon [Baby Brains and RoboMom](#) (Read other books by this author)
Baby Brains invents RoboMom to do all the household chores and give his tired parents a rest.
- Kane, Tracy L. [Fairy Houses](#) (Series)
Kristen's parents take her on a vacation to Maine and show her a village of little houses made from natural materials in the woods that humans have made for fairies. The child builds her own miniature home and returns each morning to find only animals enjoying it. On the last day she falls into a light slumber and is rewarded with the fairies appearing to her as thanks for respecting the woods and its animals.
- Kasza, Keiko [Badger's Fancy Meal](#) (Read other books by this author)
Badger became bored with the same old foods he had been eating; however, the tasty animals that live near his den weren't so eager to become Badger's main meal.
- Keats, Ezra Jack [Snowy Day](#) (Read other books by this author)
Follow the adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.
- Lester, Helen [Tacky goes to camp](#) (Read other books by this author)
Tacky the penguin and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha where they scare each other by telling ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the frightening stories will come true.

Lowry, Lois	<u>Crow call</u> Nine-year-old Liz accompanies the stranger who is her father, just returned from the war, when he goes hunting for crows in Pennsylvania farmland.
Madison, Alan	<u>Velma Gratch & The Way Cool Butterfly</u> First grade does not go very well for Velma, whose older sisters were practically perfect students, until her class takes a trip to a butterfly conservatory and a monarch butterfly demands to be her friend.
Martin, Jr., Bill	<u>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</u> (Read other books by this author) An alphabet rhyme that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb up a coconut tree.
McCloskey, Robert	<u>Blueberries for Sal</u> (Read other books by this author) Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with the wrong mothers.
McMullan, Kate	<u>I'm Dirty!</u> (Read other books by this author) A busy backhoe loader describes all the items it hauls off a lot and all the fun it is getting dirty while doing so.
Minarik, Else Holmelund	<u>Little Bear</u> (Series) Read about the adventures of Little Bear.
Munsch, Robert	<u>Purple Green and Yellow</u> (Read other books by this author) Recounts Brigid's adventures with many special markers.
Newbery, Linda	<u>Posy</u> Posy the kitten has lots of adventures catching spiders, swiping crayons, tangling yarn, and cuddling.
Noll, Amanda	<u>I Need My Monster</u> When Gabe, the monster that lives under Ethan's bed, goes on vacation, Ethan finds that the substitute monsters Gabe has sent just won't do, and wonders how he will ever fall asleep.
Numeroff, Laura Joffe	<u>If You Give a Cat a Cupcake</u> (Read other books by this author) Describes a series of increasingly far-fetched events that might occur if someone were to give a cupcake to a cat.
Osborne, Mary Pope	<u>Leprechaun in Late Winter</u> (Series) Jack and Annie travel back to nineteenth-century Ireland to inspire a young Augusta Gregory to share her love of Irish legends and folktales with the world.

- Park, Barbara Junie B. Jones (Series)
Junie goes from Kindergarten to First Grade with various adventures and humorous high jinks.
- Parrish, Peggy Amelia Bedelia (Series)
A literal-minded housekeeper causes chaos in the Rogers' household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.
- Perkins, Lynne
Rae Pictures From Our Vacation (Read other books by this author)
Given a camera that takes and prints tiny pictures just before leaving for the family farm in Canada, a young girl records a vacation that gets off to a slow start, but winds up being a family reunion filled with good memories.
- Pinkney, Jerry The Lion & the Mouse
In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.
- Rash, Andy Are You a Horse?
Roy receives a saddle for his birthday, and sets out in search of a horse to use it on.
- Rey, H. A. Curious George (Series)
Read about what happens when the curiosity of a little monkey gets him into lots of trouble.
- Rohmann, Eric A Kitten Tale (Read other books by this author.)
As four kittens who have never seen winter watch the seasons pass, three of them declare the reasons they will dislike snow when it arrives, while the fourth cannot wait to experience it for himself.
- Rylant, Cynthia Henry and Mudge (Series)
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 (Series)
Old Mr. Putter gets an elderly cat named Tabby to share his English muffins and tea, listen to his stories, and keep him company while he works in his flower garden.
- Scieszka, Jon Robot Zot! (Read other books by this author.)
On a mission to conquer planet Earth, tiny but fearless Robot Zot and his mechanical sidekick leave a path of destruction as they battle kitchen appliances.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro	<u>Dog and Bear: Three to Get Ready (Series)</u> Friends Dog and Bear get themselves into silly situations involving a bucket stuck on a head, a messy room, and a bouncy bed.
Sendak, Maurice	<u>Where the Wild Things Are (Read other books by this author)</u> A young boy sails to the land of the wild things and becomes their king.
Shannon, David	<u>Alice the Fairy (Read other books by this author)</u> Alice, who claims to be a Temporary Fairy, still has a lot to learn, such as how to make her clothes put themselves away in the closet.
Sharmat, Marjorie W.	<u>Nate the Great (Series)</u> Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.
Sidman, Joyce	<u>Red Sings From Treetops: A Year in Colors</u> Illustrations and simple text combine the senses of sight, sound, smell, and taste to describe the colors of the seasons.
Slobodkina, Esphyr	<u>Caps for Sale</u> The tale of a peddler, some monkeys and their monkey business.
Small, David	<u>Imogene's Antlers (Read other books by this author)</u> One Thursday, Imogene wakes up with a pair of antlers growing out of her head and causes a sensation wherever she goes.
Steig, William	<u>Sylvester & Magic Pebble (Read other books by this author)</u> In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.
Stevenson, James	<u>No Laughing, No Smiling, No Giggling (Read other books by this author)</u> The reader joins Freddy Fafnaffer the pig as he deals with Mr. Frimdimpy, a crocodile who never laughs and who decides on the rules for reading this book.
Stoeke, Janet	<u>Minerva Louise (Series)</u> A hen has fun exploring the house with the red curtains.
Tafari, Nancy	<u>Silly Little Goose (Read other books by this author)</u> A goose tries out a few odd places to make her nest before finally settling on an old straw hat.
Thaler, Mike	<u>Librarian From the Black Lagoon (Series)</u> Read how the kids at school deal with the school librarian in this funny tale.

Tobin, James	<u>Sue MacDonald Had a Book</u> When the letters "A," "E," "I," "O," and "U" jump off the page, reader Sue MacDonald pursues the renegade vowels.
Watt, Melanie	<u>Scaredy Squirrel at Night (Series)</u> Scaredy Squirrel is afraid to sleep at night for fear he will dream of dragons, ghosts, vampire bats, and polka-dot monsters, so he makes an elaborate plan to avoid sleeping.
Wells, Rosemary	<u>When I Grow Up</u> (Read other books by this author) The students in Mrs. Jenkins' class explore the careers they'd like to have when they grow up, including Yoko who wants to be a Japanese teacher.
Wheeler, Lisa	<u>Jazz Baby</u> Baby and his family make some jazzy music.
Wiesner, David	<u>Flotsam</u> (Read other books by this author) A colorful picture book that features a young, science-minded boy who goes to the beach to collect and examine anything floating that has been washed ashore and discovers an underwater camera that contains a collection of unusual pictures.
Willems, Mo	<u>I am going!</u> (Read other books by this author) Piggie ruins a perfectly good day by telling Gerald the elephant that she is going, sending him into a panic.
Wilson, Karma	<u>Bear Feels Scared</u> (Read other books by this author) Bear's animal friends come to his rescue when he becomes lost and frightened in the woods.
Wood, Audrey	<u>Alphabet Adventure</u> (Read other books by this author) After working hard all summer with their teacher, the alphabet is on its way to the first day of school when the letter "i" realizes she has lost her dot.
Yee, Wong Herbert	<u>Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends</u> (Series) When spring arrives, Mole and Mouse find a unique way to bird watch.
Young, Ed	<u>What About Me?</u> (Read other books by this author) A young boy determinedly follows the instructions of the Grand Master in the hope of gaining knowledge, only to be surprised at how he acquires it. Based on a Sufi tale.
Zelinsky, Paul	<u>Rapunzel</u> (Read other books by this author) A retelling of a folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a sorceress.

Ziefert, Harriet [Lunchtime for a Purple Snake](#) (Read other books by this author)
When Jessica visits her artist grandpa, they make a painting together.

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Non-Fiction

- Charles, Oz [How is a Crayon Made](#)
This book describes how crayons are made, inspected, wrapped, sorted, and packaged for use in drawing and coloring just about anything on earth.
- Bishop, Nic [Nic Bishop Marsupials](#)
Presents photographs and discussions of the diversity, beauty, habits, and life cycle of various marsupials from Australia, including quolls, quokkas, potoroos, and pademelons.
- Crews, Donald [Flying](#) (Read other books by this author)
An airplane takes off, flies, and lands after having passed over cities, country areas, lakes, and more.
- Demarest, Chris L. [Hotshots!](#)
Rhyming text introduces the equipment and work of a team of fire fighters as they battle a blaze caused by a spark from a train.
- Dillon, Leo [Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles Think of That](#)
Illustrations and rhymes describe the dancing of Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, one of the most famous tap dancers of all time.
- Jenkins, Steve, [Never Smile at a Monkey: And 17 Other Important Things to Remember](#)
Presents an illustrated discussion of what not to do around various dangerous animals, with warnings about petting a platypus, touching a tang fish, or pulling a python's tail.
- Krull, Kathleen [M is for Music](#)
An alphabet book introducing musical terms, from allegro to zarzuela.
- McLimans, David [Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet](#)
Presents the alphabet in capital letters designed to look like endangered animals, and lists facts on each species, covering their habitats, geographic ranges, threats to survival, and statuses.
- Pringle, Laurence P. [Penguins! Strange and Wonderful](#)
Illustrations and simple text examines the life and behavior of the seventeen species of penguins.

- Schubert, Leda [Ballet of the Elephants](#)
Tells the story of how circus owner John Ringling North, choreographer George Balanchine, and composer Igor Stravinsky teamed up to create the "Circus Polka," a ballet for fifty elephants and fifty dancers, and describes the opening night performance in 1942.
- Seeger, Laura
Vaccaro [First the Egg](#) (Read other books by this author)
Die-cut pages show the transformations of various animals and objects, such as a seed to a flower, paint to a picture, and a caterpillar to a butterfly.
- Sturm, James [Adventures in Cartooning](#)
Uses a story about a magical elf who helps a princess learn how to draw a comic to present techniques for and advice about drawing comics.
- Thompson, Lauren [Ballerina Dreams: A True Story](#)
Presents the true story of how five little girls who suffer from cerebral palsy had their dreams come true by becoming ballerinas.
- Wormell, Christopher
[Teeth, Tales, and Tentacles](#) An animal counting book.
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Poetry

- Andreae, Giles [Commotion in the Ocean](#)
A collection of poems about the many creatures living beneath the sea, including the crab, dolphin and angel fish.
- Bansfield
Graham, Jean [Flicker-Flash](#) (Read other books by this author)
A collection of poems celebrating light in its various forms, from candles and lamps to lightning and fireflies.
- Barnett, Mac. [Guess Again!](#)
On die-cut cover with lift-the-flap, cut-out, and folded pages. Engages young readers in a scenario that keeps them guessing over and over again.
- Brown, Margaret Wise [Give Yourself to the Rain](#) (Read other books by this author)
A collection of poems for the very young.

- Burg, Brad Outside the Lines: Poetry at Play
Twenty-two poems that encourage children to stray outside of the lines they are normally told to follow.
- Burleigh, Robert Goal
Illustrations and poetic text describe the movement and feel of a fast-paced game of soccer.
- Clements, Andrew Dogku
Tells a story through haiku about a dog and the many things a dog named Mooch does, such as riding in a car, barking at the neighbors, and chewing on dirty socks.
- Franco, Betsy Messing Around on the Monkey Bars: And Other School Poems for Two Voices
A collection of nineteen poems for children about what happens on a normal school day.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together
(Read other books by this author)
A book of children's poetry which encourages young children to read with an adult.
- O'Connell-George, Kristine Little Dog Poems
Thirty short poems about a lively terrier, narrated by the dog's young mistress. The girl describes how her pet wakes her up in the morning, chases the vacuum cleaner, digs holes in the garden, chews up socks, snuggles up at bedtime, etc. The free-verse poems resemble haiku.
- Prelutsky, Jack Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant: And Other Poems (Read other books by this author)
Presents a collection of whimsical poems about creatures that are part animal and part inanimate objects.
- Raschka, Chris YO! YES? (Read other books by this Author/Illustrator)
Two lonely characters, one black and one white, meet on the street and become friends.
- Scieszka, Jon Truckery Rhymes
Collects illustrated rhymes about the trucks that reside in Trucktown.
- Silverstein, Shel Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook (Read other books by this author)
Presents a collection of children's poetry that uses spoonerisms in place of traditional poetic form.

- Worth, Valerie [Animal Poems](#)
An illustrated collection of twenty-three poems about snails, whales, bats, camels, and other animals.
- Yolen, Jane [Least Things](#) (Read other books by this author)
Photographs and Haiku about small creatures in nature, such as the spider, snail, hummingbird, grasshopper, and crab.

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