

Grade 3 – Grade 4 Booklist

Biography	Fantasy	Fairytales and Folklore	Graphic Novels	Historical Fiction
Humorous Fiction	Mystery	Non-Fiction	Poetry	Realistic Fiction

Biography

Barton, Chris	<u>The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-new Colors</u>	Brothers Bob and Joe Switzer had different interests and ambitions but worked together on the dazzling creation of fluorescent colors.
Cook, Michelle	<u>Our Children Can Soar</u>	A celebration of Rosa, Barack, and other African American pioneers of change.
Demi	<u>Joan of Arc</u>	Provides an illustrated overview of the life of Joan of Arc, a French peasant girl who claimed divine guidance and led soldiers during the Hundred Years' War.
Graphic Library	<u>Levi Strauss & other biographies</u>	Graphic novel presenting the story of Levi Strauss and his invention of denim jeans.
Krull, Kathleen	<u>A boy named FDR: how Franklin D. Roosevelt grew up to change America</u>	A biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt, discussing his childhood in one of the wealthiest families in the United States, his battle with polio, and his achievements as president.
McCarthy, Meghan	<u>Strong Man</u> (Read other titles by this author)	He could tear phone books in half, bend iron bars into giant U's, and pull a 145,000-pound train with his bare hands. But Charles Atlas wasn't always one of America's most famous strong men. Once upon a time, he was a "97-pound weakling" who was picked on by neighborhood bullies.

Nelson, S. D	<u>Black Elk's vision: a Lakota story</u>	Recounts how a childhood vision shaped the life of Black Elk, a Lakota-Oglala medicine man who was involved in the battles of Little Bighorn and Wounded Knee.
Pena, Matt de la	<u>A nation's hope: the story of boxing legend Joe Louis</u>	An illustrated introduction to the life and accomplishments of professional boxer Joe Louis.
Pollack, Pam	<u>Who Was Steve Jobs</u> (And others in the series)	A biography of Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, discussing his childhood, family, business sense and more.
Scieszka, Jon	<u>Knucklehead</u>	A memoir of what it was like to grow up in the 1950s and other almost true stories.
St. George, Judith	<u>Make your Mark, Franklin Roosevelt</u> (Read other titles by this author)	Examines the childhood of Franklin Roosevelt and the influences that shaped his life. Besides learning how to fit in with other boys of different backgrounds while attending boarding school, young Franklin was inspired by headmaster Peabody who set expectations for his students to help others and serve the world.
Smith, Charles R.	<u>Twelve Rounds of Glory</u>	Rap-inspired verse and illustrations describe the life of Muhammed Ali, discussing his bouts, struggles with societal prejudice, Islamic faith, Olympic glory, and more.
Van Allsburg, Chris	<u>Queen of the Falls</u>	Recounts the stunt performed by sixty-two-year-old retired charm school instructor Annie Edson Taylor, who went over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel in an effort to gain fame and fortune.
Wadsworth, Ginger	<u>First Girl Scout</u>	Offers insight into the life of Juliette Low, the woman behind the creation of Girl Scouts, discussing the events that impacted her vision, the controversy surrounding her methods, and the diverse group of individuals she welcomed.

Wallner, Alexandra J.R.R. Tolkien An illustrated description of the life of J.R.R. Tolkien, from his childhood in South Africa to his success as an author.

Yaccarino, Dan The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau A pictorial biography of Jacques Cousteau, covering his adventures aboard "Calypso" with his team of scientists, diving equipment, and waterproof cameras, and work to protect the oceans from pollution.

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Fantasy

Avi The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an Even Smaller Ant (Read other titles by this author) Avon the Snail is a reader, so he knows that everyone leaves on a journey to find adventure. He and his best friend Edward the Ant meet many challenges and learn much about themselves as the travel from "here to there."

Collins, Ross Medusa Jones In ancient Greece, Medusa Jones, a Gorgon, and her friends, Mino the Minotaur and Chiron the centaur, are mocked and sneered at by the other Acropolis Academy children whose parents are kings and gods, but when they go on a school camping trip together, the "freaks" become true heroes.

Cottrell Boyce, Frank Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again The Tooting family fits an old engine they find into their camper van, unaware that the engine once belonged to an extraordinary car and sends the family on an adventure across the world to rebuild the original Chitty.

Coville, Robert The Monster's Ring (series) Russell Crannaker's magic ring enables him to turn into a monster on Halloween and ward off the class bully once and for all.

DiCamillo, Kate	<u>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</u>	Edward Tulane, a china rabbit, was owned by a girl who treated him with care and adored him completely. Then, one day she lost him. He journeys all over...from the depths of the ocean to the fireside of a hobo's camp... Along the way, we are shown a true miracle: even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.
Epstein, Jay Adam	<u>The Familiars</u>	Three young wizards-in-training are kidnapped by an evil queen and their familiars—Aldwyn the alley cat, Skylar, a know-it-all blue jay, and Gilbert a tree frog who can see the future—set out on a dangerous journey to rescue the boys.
French, Jackie	<u>My Dad the Dragon</u> (series)	Horace receives an impossible homework assignment at King Arthur's School for Trainee Knights that requires him to kill a dragon; however, he is reluctant to do that because his father is one.
Gutman, Dan	<u>Satch and Me</u> (Series)	When 13-year-old Joe Stosh's coach brings a radar gun to practice, it prompts a discussion of who was the fastest pitcher in baseball history. Able to use baseball cards to go back in time, Stosh clocks the fastball of famous Negro League pitcher Satchel Paige.
Levine, Gail Carson	<u>Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg</u> (Read other titles by this author)	Mother Dove, whose single blue egg holds the secret of the island's eternal youth, is thrown off her nest when Neverland is shaken by a terrible hurricane. The precious egg is shattered. Immediately, Neverland folk begin to age. Mother Dove chooses Prilla to be part of the fairy team to undertake the quest for the egg.
Mlynowski, Sarah	<u>Dream On</u> (series)	In this third adventure, Abby, her brother Jonah, and her friend Robin get sucked into the magic mirror and end up in the story of Sleeping Beauty, but when Robin pricks her finger and uses up the sleeping spell, Abby has to come up with a clever plan.

Pearson, Ridley	<u>Kingdom Keepers</u> (series)	Thirteen-year-old Finn Whitman and four other young teens have been transformed into holograms to be guides for visitors to Disney World, but now they must do battle with the evil witch, Maleficent, and her Overtakers to save Walt Disney World.
Rodda, Emily	<u>The Peskie Spell</u> (series)	The magical world of the Realm has a terrible problem, a plague of mischievous, troublemaking Peskies. A wild west wind has brought the tiny creatures down from the hills in the thousands. They're making life in the Realm impossible, and eating up all the magic!
Scieszka, Jon	<u>Oh Say, I Can't See</u> (Other titles by this author)	Here is more historical mayhem with the Time Warp Trio. These time travelers must save American history, find a pet and avoid getting hung as spies.
Voigt, Cynthia	<u>Young Fredle</u>	Fredle, a young mouse cast out of his home, faces dangers and predators outside, makes some important discoveries and allies, and learns the meaning of freedom as he struggles to return home.

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Graphic Novels

Capstone Press Graphic Library	<u>The Sinking of the Titanic</u> (Read other titles in the Graphic Library: Graphic History series)	A comic version of the story of the sinking of the "unsinkable" ship, Titanic, in 1912.
Hatke, Ben	<u>Zita the Spacegirl</u> (series)	Zita rushes to the rescue after her best friend is abducted by an alien doomsday cult, and before long finds herself hailed as an intergalactic hero.

Kibuishi, Kazu	<u>Amulet. Book Four, The Last Council (Series)</u>	Upon arriving in Cielis, Emily and her friends find the once busy streets deserted and the remaining townspeople living in fear, and after Emily is escorted to the Academy to compete for a spot on the Guardian Council, the most powerful Stonekeepers, an awful secret is gradually uncovered.
Lechner, John	<u>Sticky Burr</u>	Welcome to Burrwood Forest, where a village of seed pods are busy having adventures! Meet Sticky Burr, his unshakable friends, and his prickly foes in a beguiling graphic storybook.
Smith Jeff	<u>Bone: Crown of Horns #9 (series)</u>	After stepping into a ghost circle Thorn is urged to locate the Crown of Horns, and sets off on a quest with Fone Bone to traipse through the sacred grounds of dragons, with the hope of returning with the only thing that can save everyone and everything she holds dear.
Stone Arch Graphic Novels	<u>King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table</u> (Read other titles in this series)	In a world of wizards, giants, and dragons, King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table are the Kingdom of Camelot's only defense against the threatening forces of evil.
Vernon, Ursula	<u>Dragonbreath</u>	Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an up-close underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny's sea-serpent cousin, encountering giant squid and mako sharks--and learn about standing up to bullies in the process.
Worely, Rob M.	<u>Surprise Island</u> (Read other titles in the Boxcar Children Graphic Novels series)	Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny Alden spend a summer full of adventure and surprises while camping on their own private island.

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Historical Fiction

Barrow, Randi	<u>Saving Zasha</u>	In 1945 Russia, those who own German
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		shepherds are considered traitors, but thirteen-year-old Mikhail and his family are determined to keep the dog a dying man brought them, while his classmate Katia strives to learn his secret.
Bruchac, Joseph	<u>Buffalo Song</u> (and other titles by this author)	Walking Coyote is a Native American man who lived in the late 1800s. He worked to help the wild buffalo from becoming extinct by building and tending to a small herd.
Crisp, Marty	<u>Titanicat</u>	Every ship had a cat, and in this historical fiction picture book, the story of the Titanic's cat is told, but just where is the cat's luck during the Titanic's doomed voyage?
Deedy, Carmen Agra	<u>The Cheshire Cheese Cat: a Dickens of a Tale</u>	A community of mice and a cheese-loving cat form an unlikely alliance at London's Cheshire Cheese, an inn where Charles Dickens finds inspiration and Queen Victoria makes an unexpected appearance.
Hopkinson, Deborah	<u>Billy and the Rebel: Based on a True Civil War Story</u>	During the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863, a mother and son shelter a young Confederate deserter.
Krensky, Stephen	<u>Dangerous Crossing: The Revolutionary Voyage of John Quincy Adams</u>	Presents an illustrated, narrative account of the events in 1778, when ten-year-old Johnny Adams accompanies his father, John Adams, on a dangerous mid-winter voyage from Massachusetts to Paris in hopes of gaining support for the colonies during the American Revolution.
Larson, Kirby	<u>Dash</u>	When her family is forced into an internment camp after the Pearl Harbor bombing, Mitsi Kashino is separated from her home, her classmates, and her beloved dog Dash.

Levine, Ellen	<u>Henry's Freedom Box</u>	This is a fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.
MacLachlan, Patricia	<u>Sarah, Plain and Tall</u> (series)	When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home in Maine, Anna and Caleb are captivated by their new mother, but worried that she might not like being away from the sea.
McKissack, Patricia	<u>Abby Takes a Stand</u> (Read other titles in this series)	Gee recalls for her grandchildren what happened in 1960 in Nashville, Tennessee, when at the age of ten she passed out flyers while her cousin and other adults held sit-ins at restaurants and lunch counters to protest segregation.
Potter, David	<u>The Left Behinds: the iPhone That Saved George Washington</u>	Three students, Mel, Bev and Brandon, left behind at their prestigious school during Christmas break, find themselves in 1776 New Jersey with General George Washington dead at their feet.
Robinson, Sharon	<u>The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend</u>	Eight-year-old Steve Satlow is thrilled when Jackie Robinson moves into his Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn in 1948, although many of his neighbors are not.
Whelan, Gloria	<u>Yuki and the One Thousand Carriers</u>	When Yuki's father is called upon to be a carrier in the Japanese royal procession from Kyoto to Edo, Yuki, her mother and their dog go along for the three-hundred mile journey. Yuki uses haiku to tell her story and present her feelings about the long voyage.
Woodson, Jacqueline	<u>Show Way</u>	A mother passes on the tradition of making quilts, or "Show ways", that serve as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves.

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Humorous Fiction

Amato, Mary	<u>Snarf Attack, Underfoodle, and the Secret of Life: The Riot Brothers Tell All</u>	Wilbur and Orville Riot are brothers and best friends. They invent contraptions, make up games and create their own adventures. This hilarious book follows their antics in three different stories.
Asch, Frank	<u>Star Jumper: Journal of a Cardboard Genius</u> (First in series)	Self-proclaimed genius inventor Alex builds a Star Jumper, a spaceship made of cardboard, duct tape, and old odds and ends, to escape his annoying little brother Jonathan.
Barshaw, Ruth McNally	<u>Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School</u> (series)	Ellie writes and doodles in a journal about her family's move to a new home and her adventures and mishaps as the new kid in her new school.
DiCamillo, Kate	<u>Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes</u> (series)	Mr. and Mrs. Watson think it is a wonderful idea to bring their pet pig Mercy to the drive-in, and when Mercy arrives, she is determined to find her own buttery bucket of popcorn. This causes quite a surprise for the other movie patrons.
Gutman, Dan	<u>Miss Small is Off the Wall</u> (series)	AJ and the other second graders do everything but play sports when they go to "fizz ed" class with their new teacher Miss Small.
Hanlon, Abby	<u>Dora and the Real True Friend</u> (series)	Dory, a highly imaginative youngest child, makes a new friend at school but her brother and sister are sure Rosabelle is imaginary, just like all of Dory's other friends.
Lowry, Lois	<u>Gooney Bird is So Absurd</u> (series)	Gooney Bird Greene is back in her idyllic second grade classroom. Mrs. Pidgeon's class is studying poetry and Gooney Bird leads her classmates in creating a perfect poem for their teacher's mother.

MacDonald, Betty	<u>Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle</u> (series)	Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has the ability to fix children's bad habits and is loved by all.
Pastis, Stephan	<u>We Meet Again</u>	Timmy Failure, founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, perhaps the nation, is about to master global domination right after he solves the case involving the coveted Miracle Report at school.
Pinkwater, Daniel	<u>Mrs. Noodlekugel</u> (Read other titles)	Nick and Maxine have a new babysitter--the eccentric Mrs. Noodlekugel who lives in the funny little house behind their drab high-rise apartment building along with her feline butler, Mr. Fuzzface, and three myopic mice.
Reynolds Naylor, Phyllis	<u>The Great Chicken Debacle</u> (Read other titles by this author)	The three Morgan children are promised a trip to the amusement park if they succeed in taking care of the chicken their dad bought their mom as a surprise birthday present.
Simon, Francesca	<u>Horrid Henry</u> (series)	Horrid Henry causes his brother Perfect Peter all sorts of problems when he behaves properly for a change, upstages Peter at a dance recital, plays pirates, and goes on a camping trip.
Stern, A. J.	<u>Frankly, Frannie</u>	Frannie Miller, who cannot wait to grow up and work in an office with a swivel chair and her own assistant, causes havoc when she tries to help out while on a school field trip to the local radio station.
Winkler, Henry	<u>A Tale of Two Tails</u> (series)	Fifth-grader Hank enters his dog in a contest to choose a new school mascot.

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Mystery

Banscherus, J.	<u>The Puzzle of the Power Drain</u> (Klooz Series)	The carnival's merry-go-round keeps being sabotaged. The owner asks Klooz to solve this case.
Cheshire, Simon	<u>The Curse of the Ancient Mask: and Other Case Files</u> (Series)	Saxby Smart may be ten years old, but he is the best young detective in the world. While he works on three different cases, he shares clues with the readers so they can also work on solving the mysteries.
Coville, Bruce	<u>Weeping Werewolf</u> (Series)	Sequel to <u>Dragon of Doom</u> . When Edward accompanies Moongobble into the Forest of Night to prove he is a magician of merit by obtaining the tears of a werewolf, he does not know what big surprises are in store for them.
Cronin, Doreen	<u>The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure</u>	Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy and Sugar, the chicks of the Chicken Squad, must figure out what Tail the squirrel is so afraid of.
DeFelice, Cynthia	<u>The Ghost of Cutler Creek</u>	When Allie is contacted by the ghost of a dog, she and Dub investigate the surly new boy at school and his father, who may be running a puppy mill.
McCall Smith, Alexander	<u>Max and Maddy</u> (Series) (Read other series by this author.)	Asked by a Swiss banker to investigate a series of bank robberies committed by dogs, young detectives Max and Maddy Twist travel to Switzerland, where they discover that the man behind the robberies is none other than Professor Sardine.
Mitchelhill, Barbara	<u>How to be a Detective</u> (Damian Drooth series)	Young detective Damian Drooth shares his knowledge about being a supersleuth. The kids that he tells then search for crime to solve. When they search at the dog show, things get a little hairy.

Napoli, Donna Jo	<u>Sly the Sleuth and the Pet Mysteries</u> (series)	Sly the Sleuth, also known as Sylvia, solves three mysteries for her friends and neighbors, all involving pets, through her detective agency, Sleuth for Hire.
Nilsson, Ulf	Detective Gordon: The First Case	Someone's stealing nuts from the forest, and it's up to Detective Gordon to catch the thief! Unfortunately, solving this crime means standing in the snow and waiting for a long time...if only he had an assistant.

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Non-Fiction

America's Animal Comebacks	<u>American Bison: a Scary Predicament</u> (Read about other animals in this series)	Describes the life of the American Bison focusing on its history, the slaughter of bison using them for food, for clothing, food, sport and as fertilizer in the 1800s. Also describes how they were saved from extinction and today survive in herds of 200,000 to 450,000 with 20,000 living on preserves.
Bishop, Nic	<u>Nic Bishop Butterflies and Moths</u> (Read other titles by this author)	Gorgeous photographs and a text full of amazing facts will delight young readers who will learn about butterflies and moths' physiology and behavior without realizing it. An author's note, glossary and index complete the book.
Davies, Nichola	<u>Extreme Animals: the toughest creatures on Earth</u>	Reveals how animals such as the polar bear, emperor penguins, roadrunners, camels, and reptiles adapt to and survive the most extreme conditions.
Denenberg, Barry	<u>Titanic Sinks!</u>	Retells the events surrounding the sinking of the RMS "Titanic," describing the ship's construction and launch, and featuring authentic photographs and illustrations from the period.

Dowson, Nick	<u>North: the Amazing Story of Arctic Migration</u>	This lushly illustrated picture book celebrates the cyclical nature of the seasons, showcasing the barren and beautiful landscapes of the Arctic Circle and reminding the reader of the hardships and harmony of life in the wild.
Fitzsimmons, David	<u>Curious Critters</u>	Photographs of common North American animals with text explaining some aspects of their natural histories.
Jenkins, Steve	<u>How to Swallow a Pig</u> (Read other titles by this author)	A clever and whimsical nonfiction book about animal behavior disguised as a How-to/Advice book.
Lynch, P.J.	<u>The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower, or, John Howland's Good Fortune</u>	An illustrated account of the life of John Howland, the young servant who was indentured to Pilgrim John Carver, describes how he embarked on the Mayflower and survived a fall off the ship.
Markle, Sandra	<u>Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories</u> (Read other titles by this author)	Nine tales share true accounts of animals saving humans. Photos and extra information and insights into animal behavior are also included.
Moss, Marissa	<u>Mighty Jackie: the Strike-Out Queen</u>	In 1931, seventeen-year-old Jackie Mitchell pitches against Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in an exhibition game, becoming the first professional female pitcher in baseball history.
Nagda, Ann Whitehead	<u>Tiger Math</u>	T.J. is a Siberian tiger cub born at the Denver Zoo. One day he stops eating. The zoo staff tries to tempt him with treats, but he refuses them all. The staff doesn't give up, and finally their love and persistence pay off. T.J. grows up to be a huge, healthy tiger.

Nichols, Michael	<u>Face to Face with Gorillas (Series)</u>	The author photographs gorillas and shares his experiences with the animals.
Ryder, Joanne	<u>A Pair of Polar Bears: Twin Cubs Find a Home at the San Diego Zoo</u>	From their first swim to a roll in the dirt, readers see how the cubs learn and grow, each with its own personality.
Sepahban, Lois	<u>Samurai Warriors</u>	Introduced readers to Samurai warriors, including their history and famous battles, uniforms and weapons, and training and tactics.
Sis, Peter	<u>The Train of States</u> (Read other titles by this author)	Gives information about each state, including capital, motto, state tree, state bird, source of name, and date of statehood.
Stewart, Melissa	<u>A Place for Bats</u>	Provides information about various bats and ways to support their survival.
Wang, Xiaohong	<u>One Year in Beijing</u>	Ling Ling is eight years old and lives in Beijing, China. Spend a year-long journey in the life of young Ling Ling. Her personal accounts tell about school life, holidays, festivals, family, Chinese culture, and more

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Poetry

Bagert, Brod	<u>Shout! Little Poems that Roar</u>	Often silly, always winsome poems cover everything from the seasons and the stars to finger paint and kids who quack. With humor and warmth, <i>Shout!</i> shows us there's fun in work and play, poetry in everything, and a million different uses for ketchup.
Duffy, Chris (editor)	<u>Nursery Rhyme Comics: 50 Timeless Rhymes from 50 Celebrated Cartoonists</u>	Presents fifty traditional nursery rhymes in comic book format, with illustrations by well-known cartoonists.

Florian, Douglas	<u>Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars</u>	Colorful illustrations and poems introduce children to poetry, teaching them about the different types of poems and the most popular poets from history. Includes a CD with readings of the poems included in the book.
Florian, Douglas	<u>Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings</u>	Presents illustrated verse about various carnivorous and herbivorous dinosaurs, including the Iguanodon, Spinosaurus, and long-necked Plesiosaurs.
Franco, Betsy	<u>A Curious Collection of Cats: Concrete Poems</u>	Contains thirty-four visual poems about cats, including their many personalities, interactions with both dogs and humans, and more. It is full of humor and colorful illustrations.
Hopkins, Lee Bennett (editor)	<u>I am the Book: Poems</u> (Read other titles by these poets)	An illustrated collection of poems that celebrates reading, featuring selections by Karla Kuskin, Jill Corcoran, Jane Yolen, and others.
Kuskin, Karla	<u>Leap Into Poetry: More ABCs of Poetry</u>	This is a combination poetry book, instruction manual, and collection of bug facts. For each letter of the alphabet, a bug poem and an illustration demonstrate a different type of poetic form, which also happens to start with the same letter.
Lansky, Bruce	<u>My Dog Ate My Homework! A Collection of Funny Poems</u>	A collection of humorous poems for children, grouped in different categories: parents, brothers and sisters, pets, school, disasters, all mixed up, and advice.
Lewis, J. Patrick	<u>Please Bury Me in the Library</u>	Presents an illustrated collection of fifteen poems about the joy of books, reading, language, and libraries.

Meriam, Eve	<u>Blackberry Ink</u>	Useful collection of poetry and facts celebrating holidays, inventions, famous people, historical events, and, mostly, poets. Whatever the subject, Hopkins offers an appropriate poem
Prelutsky, Jack	<u>My Dog May be a Genius</u> (Read other titles by this author)	A collection of poems that celebrates the joys of childhood and the sillier side of life.
Sales, Laura Purdie	<u>Chatter, Sing, Roar, Buzz: poems about the rain forest</u> (Read other titles by this author)	A collection of poetry about the rainforest, enhanced by wonderful photographs of interesting animals and plants. A variety of poetic forms with definitions of poetic devices are included.
Silverstein, Shel	<u>Everything on it : poems and drawings</u>	A collection of more than 130 original, never-before published poems and drawings by Shel Silverstein.

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Realistic Fiction

Barrows, Anne	<u>Ivy & Bean</u>	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.
Bauer, Marion Dane	<u>A Bear Named Trouble</u> (Read other titles by this author)	Ten-year-old Jonathan is lonely, waiting for his mother and little sister to join him and his father, the new keeper at the Alaska Zoo in Anchorage, but no lonelier than the three-year-old brown bear whose mother abandoned him. They connect when the bear, wounded and hungry, runs blindly into town, visits Jonathan's back deck, and then tunnels into the zoo where he kills a goose, the boy's favorite.

Child, Lauren	<u>Clarice Bean Spells Trouble</u> (Series)	Clarice Bean seems to be in nonstop trouble these days, almost as much as Karl Wrenbury, who is the naughtiest boy at school. If only she could be more like her favorite book character, Ruby Redfort, girl detective, who is very good at getting out of trouble. The problem is, Mrs. Wilberton is planning a spelling bee, and just thinking about it gives Clarice a stomachache.
Christopher, Matt	<u>Windmill Windup</u> (series)	Thirteen-year-old Kelly, softball star, has to face new challenges in her life, including an assignment to a different softball team and her mother's new boyfriend.
Davies, Jacqueline	<u>The Lemonade War</u>	Evan is not thrilled about having his younger sister, Jesse, moved into his fourth grade class. As the summer draws to an end, they both make lemonade stands and challenge each other to be the first to make one hundred dollars. The book includes mathematical calculations and tips for starting your own lemonade stand.
Friedman, Laurie B.	<u>Mallory Goes Green</u> (series)	Mallory is on the Fern Falls Elementary School Environmental Committee, which is selecting class projects for the Green Fair. After being a little too aggressive with her attempts to make her friends and family more aware of conserving energy, she becomes more open to others' suggestions.
Greene, Constance	<u>Owen Foote, Mighty Scientist</u> (series)	Owen can't get enough of lizards. He loves weird animals that look exotic and dangerous, and he wants desperately to win the science fair project with his best friend, Joseph. The trouble is, Joseph feels queasy around the slimy creatures.
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<u>Dexter the Tough</u>	Michael Jordan, an ironically named sixth grader, is the shortest kid in sixth grade. Michael frets about his height, falls for a girl who likes his older brother and resents having to keep a journal for language arts.

Harper, Charise	<u>Just Grace</u> (series)	Third-grader Grace loves cats, including the one that belongs to her intimidating neighbor, Mrs. Luther. When Mrs. Luther's cat goes missing, Grace is determined to find it, even if that means joining forces with a boy she doesn't like.
Hermes, Patricia	<u>Emma Dilemma</u> (series)	Emma tries to help her parents understand that, although their beloved new nanny has made a few mistakes, no one can behave perfectly responsibly all the time.
Kerrin, Jessica	<u>Martin Bridge on the Look Out</u>	Poor Martin tries his best, but calamities small and large seem to follow him everywhere. In three lively short stories, Martin hilariously gets himself in and out of trouble at home and in school.
Lord, Cynthia	<u>Rules</u>	Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.
McDonald, Megan	<u>Judy Moody Declares Independence</u> (series) <u>Stink</u> (series)	Judy Moody knows a lot about the American Revolution and is excited when her family takes a trip to Boston to visit the main sites along the Freedom Trail. The third-grader makes friends with a girl from England and gets a bit of the British perspective as well as a pen-pal relationship.
Mills, Claudia	<u>Izzy Barr, Running Star</u>	Izzy Barr is the star athlete of the third grade, but her father always seems to think her brother Dustin is better. She pretends she does not care but as the citywide 10K run approaches, Izzy really wants her father to join the rest of her family.
Pennypacker, Sara	<u>Clementine</u> (Read other titles by this author)	Eight-year-old Clementine does not always think before she acts and when she realizes she may be the difficult child in her family, she does anything to prove them wrong.

Salisbury, Graham	<u>Calvin Coconut: Hero of Hawaii</u>	When a hurricane causes the river near his Hawaiian home to flood, a boy named Calvin Coconut makes a daring rescue.
Staples, Suzanne Fisher	<u>The Green Dog: A Mostly True Story</u>	Suzanne, an imaginative child, prefers the company of animals to most people. Anyone who always wanted a dog will identify with Suzanne whose dream comes true during the summer after her fourth grade year.
Weeks, Sarah	<u>Oggie Cooder</u>	Quirky fourth-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity--and having a neighbor girl as his manager.

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