

Grade 3 - Grade 4 Booklist

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| Biography | Fantasy | Graphic Novels | Historical Fiction | Humorous Fiction |
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Biography

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| 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. |
| Gigliotti, Jim | <u>Who Was George Washington Carver?</u> | A biography of agriculturist George Washington Carver, who invented peanut butter. |
| Kenney, Karen Latchana | <u>Stephen Hawking: Extraordinary Theoretical Physicist</u> | Discusses the life of Stephen Hawking, among one of the most inspiring persons of our time, how he made history, and how his work still affects your life today. |
| 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> | He could bend iron bars into giant Us, 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. |

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| 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. |
| Scieszka, Jon | <u>Knucklehead</u> | A memoir of what it was like to grow up in the 1950s and other almost true stories. |
| 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. |
| Yaccarino, Dan | <u>The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau</u> | 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

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| Avi | <u>The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an Even Smaller Ant)</u> (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." |
| Applegate, Katherine | <u>Wishtree</u> | An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk. |

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| Collins, Ross | <u>Medusa Jones</u> | 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. |
| Coville, Robert | <u>The Monster's Ring</u> (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 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. |
| 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. |
| Lin, Grace | <u>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</u> | Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. |
| 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. |

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| 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. |
| Scieszka, Jon | <u>Oh Say, I Can't See</u> (Read 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

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| Brooks, Molly | <u>Sanity & Tallulah</u> | Gifted scientist Sanity uses her lab skills and energy allowance to create a definitely-illegal-but-impossibly-cute three-headed kitten, she has to show Tallulah. But Princess, Sparkle, Destroyer of Worlds is a bit of a handful, |
| 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. |
| Garland, Sarah | <u>Azzi in Between</u> | Azzi and her parents are in danger. They have to leave their home and escape to another country on a frightening journey by car and boat. In the new country they must learn to speak a new language, find a new home and Azzi must start a new school. |
| 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</u> (series) | 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 Sticky Burr

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.

Martinez, Vera
Andres Little White Duck: A
Childhood in China

The world is changing for two girls in China in the 1970s. Da Qin and Xiao Qin soon learn their childhood will be much different than the upbringing their parents experienced.

Telgemeier, Raina Ghosts

Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis—and Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts.

Vernon, Ursula Dragonbreath

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.

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Historical Fiction

Barrow, Randi Saving Zasha

In 1945 Russia, those who own German 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 Buffalo Song (Read 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 heard.

Crisp, Marty Titanicat

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?

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| 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. |
| Fleming, Candace | <u>Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen</u> | A German shepherd is transformed from Etzel, a police dog in Berlin, to Strongheart, a silent movie star that will need his best acting skills to prove himself innocent of attacking a girl. |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| 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. |

Woods, Brenda [Saint Louis Armstrong Beach](#) A budding musician named Saint, who earns money playing clarinet for the New Orleans tourists, refuses to leave the city after the hurricane until he can find his best friend Shadow.

Woodson, Jacqueline [Show Way](#) 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 [Snarf Attack, Underfoodle, and the Secret of Life: The Riot Brothers Tell All](#) 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 [Star Jumper: Journal of a Cardboard Genius \(series\)](#) 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.

Atinuke [Anna Hibiscus](#) Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow!

Bildner, Phil [A Whole New Ballgame](#) From the first morning with their odd new teacher, fifth grade is full of shocking surprises for best friends Rip and Red.

DiCamillo, Kate [Leroy Ninker Saddles Up](#) Leroy Ninker has a hat, a lasso, and boots, but no horse, until he meets Maybelline and it is love at first sight, until Leroy forgets the third rule of caring for Maybelline.

Gutman, Dan [Mr. Docker is off His Rocker \(series\)](#) Mr. Docker, a new science teacher, is a crazy inventor who blows things up, uses potatoes for power, and has A.J. and his friends wondering whether science is for nerds or is the coolest subject ever.

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| 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. |
| 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. |
| 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

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| Brezinoff, Steve | <u>The Case of the Missing Museum Archives</u> | When the plans for the Bat-Wing, a historical aircraft, disappear from the Capitol City Air and Space Museum, eleven-year-old Amal Farah's father is blamed, and it is up to the four young friends to solve the mystery and save her father's job. |
| 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. |

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| Coville, Bruce | <u>Weeping Werewolf (series)</u> | 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. |
| Draper, Sharon | <u>The Buried Bones Mystery (Series)</u> | Four boys who call themselves the Black Dinosaurs, find themselves involved in exciting mysteries around their town. |
| McCall Smith, Alexander | <u>The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case</u> | Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks. |
| Mitchelhill, Barbara | <u>How to be a Detective (Damian Drooth series)</u> | 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. |
| Nilsson, Ulf | <u>Detective Gordon: The First Case</u> | 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

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| Alkire, Jessie | <u>Code It! Programming and Keyboards You Can Create Yourself</u> | Makerspaces are places designed to inspire creativity and collaboration. In this book, kids can make a computer key out of a banana and use popular software programs to code music, game characters and more. |
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| 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. |
| Briggs, Jacqueline Martin | <u>Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix</u> | Describes the popular street cook's life, including working in his family's restaurant as a child, figuring out what he wanted to do with his life, and his success with his food truck and restaurant. |
| 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. |
| 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. |

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| 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. |
| Roth, Susan L. | <u>Parrots Over Puerto Rico</u> | Above the treetops of Puerto Rico flies a flock of parrots as green as their island home... These are Puerto Rican parrots. They lived on this island for millions of years, and then they nearly vanished from the earth forever. |
| Sepahban, Lois | <u>Samurai Warriors</u> | Introduces 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

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| 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>Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings</u> | Presents illustrated verse about various carnivorous and herbivorous dinosaurs, including |

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| | | 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. |
| 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. |
| McKissack, Patricia | <u>Never Forgotten</u> | A lyrical story-in-verse that details the experiences of an African boy who was kidnapped and sold into slavery. |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| Smith, Lane | <u>I'm just no good at rhyming: and other nonsense for mischievous kids and immature grown ups</u> | An illustrated collection of comically irreverent rhyming poems for readers of all ages, ranging in topic from avocados and anacondas to zombies and zebras (dressed like ghosts). |

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Realistic Fiction

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| 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, but no lonelier than the three-year-old brown bear whose mother abandoned him. They connect when the bear, wounded and hungry, visits Jonathan's back deck, and then tunnels into the zoo where he kills a goose, the boy's favorite. |
| Cheng, Andrea | <u>The Year of the Book</u> | Follows a young Chinese American girl, as she navigates relationships with family, friends, and her fourth-grade classroom, and finds a true best friend. |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| 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. |

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| 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. |
| Lee, Jenny | Elvis and the Underdogs | All his life Benji, now ten, has been sickly and he has long been targeted by the school bully, but after a seizure, Benji gets a therapy dog that is not only big enough to protect him, it can also talk. |
| McDonald, Megan | <u>Judy Moody Declares Independence</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. |
| Robison, Craig | <u>Jake the Fake Keeps it Real</u> | Having faked his way into the Music and Art Academy, a performing arts school for gifted students where his talented older sister rules, sixth-grader Jake, a jokester who can barely play an instrument, will have to think of something clever to keep him enrolled. |
| 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. |
| Weeks, Sarah | <u>Oggie Cooder</u> | Quirky fourth-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to being 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. He soon learns the perils of being a celebrity--and having a neighbor girl as his manager. |

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