

Kindergarten - Grade 2 Booklist

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Biography

Amoroso, Cynthia	<u>Charles Schulz</u>	A very simple introduction to the life and accomplishments of famed cartoonist Charles Schulz
Barton, Chris	<u>Whoosh!</u>	A biography of Lonnie Johnson, an engineer at NASA who is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water gun.
Cook, Michelle	<u>Our Children Can Soar: A Celebration of Rosa, Barack, and the Pioneers of Change</u>	Illustrations and brief text introduce early readers to the achievements of prominent African-Americans throughout history, and features George Washington Carver, Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, and others.
Jordan, Roslyn.	<u>Salt in His Shoes</u>	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.
Kerley, Barbara	<u>What to do about Alice? How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove her Father Teddy Crazy!</u>	An illustrated biography of Alice Roosevelt Longworth that focuses on her experiences while her father was president of the United States.
Lyon, George Ella	<u>Mother to Tigers</u>	The story of how Helen Frances Theresa Delaney Martini cared for baby zoo animals, started the first zoo nursery, and became the first woman zookeeper at the Bronx Zoo.
McDonnell, Patrick	<u>Me-- Jane</u>	Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals. Includes biographical information on the prominent zoologist.
Meadows, Michelle	<u>Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins</u>	An illustrated biography of the life of ballet dancer, choreographer, and teacher, Janet Collins.
Myers, Walter Dean	<u>Muhammad Ali: The people's champion</u>	Examines the life and career of Muhammad Ali and discusses the time in which he lived as well as his

advocacy of equal rights for African-Americans.

Parker, Robert Andrew	<u>Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum</u>	Explores early twentieth-century jazz pianist and virtuoso Art Tatum's passion and talent for playing the instrument, and includes illustrations and biographical information.
Tavares, Matt	<u>There goes Ted Williams: The Greatest Hitter Who Ever Lived</u>	Briefly chronicles the life of Ted Williams, who spent his entire career in major league baseball as the left fielder for the Boston Red Sox.
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.
Winter, Jonah	<u>Diego</u>	Discusses the childhood of Diego Rivera and how it influenced his art. Text in English and Spanish.

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Fiction

Arnold, Tedd	<u>Hi! Fly Guy</u> (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.
Bahk, Jane	<u>Juna's Jar</u>	After her best friend, Hector, moves away, Juna's brother Minho tries to make her feel better by finding things to put in her special kimchi jar.
Brett, Jan	<u>Gingerbread Friends</u> (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.
Brown, Jeff	<u>Stanley in Space</u> (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.

Bunting, Eve	<u>One Green Apple</u> (Read other books by this author)	While on a school field trip to an orchard to make cider, a young Muslim immigrant named Farah gains self-confidence when the green apple she picks perfectly complements the other students' red apples.
Cannon, Janell	<u>Crickwing</u> (Read other books by this author)	In this epic adventure beneath the foliage, Crickwing the cockroach 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?
Carle, Eric	<u>Mister Seahorse</u> (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.
Chaconas, Dori	<u>Cork & Fuzz: The babysitters</u> (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.
Cornwall, Gala	<u>Jabari Jumps</u>	Working up the courage to take a big, important leap is hard, but Jabari is almost absolutely ready to make a giant splash.
Cousins, Lucy	<u>Yummy: Eight favorite fairy tales</u>	Simple text and bold illustrations tell eight classic fairy tales, including "The Three Little Pigs" and "Little Red Riding Hood."
Cronin, Doreen	<u>Diary of A Fly</u> (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.
Croza, Laurel	I Know Here	A little girl who lives in a trailer in Saskatchewan while her father works on building a dam, is upset by the news that the project is nearly done and her family will be moving to Toronto.
De La Pena, Matt	<u>Last Stop on Market Street</u>	A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.
Dr. Seuss	<u>The Lorax</u> (Read other books by this author)	The Once-ler describes the results of the local pollution problem.
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.

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Foreman, Michael	<u>Fortunately, Unfortunately</u>	On his way to return his grandmother's umbrella, Milo has a series of unlikely adventures, some more fortunate than others.
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.
Graves, Keith	<u>Chicken Big!</u>	A giant chicken hatches from an enormous egg, but the other chickens cannot accept that he is one of them.
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.
Haughton, Chris	<u>Oh, No George!</u>	George tries very hard to be a good dog, but he is tempted to eat the delicious cake on the kitchen table, chase the cats, and dig up the flowers.
Henkes, Kevin	<u>A Good Day</u> (Read other books by this author)	A bird, a fox, a dog, and a squirrel overcome minor setbacks to have a very good day.
Hoberman, Mary Ann	<u>All Kinds of Families</u> (Read other books by this author)	Rhyming text and illustrations explore the ways people, animals, and even objects can form families.
Hoffman, Mary	<u>Amazing Grace</u> (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.
Keats, Ezra Jack	<u>Snowy Day</u> (Read other books by this author)	Follow the adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.
Kheiriyeh, Rashin	<u>Saffron Ice Cream</u>	Rashin is an Iranian immigrant girl living in New York, excited by her first trip to Coney Island, and fascinated by the differences in the beach customs between her native Iran and her new home.
Klassen, Jon	<u>I Want My Hat Back</u>	When Bear loses his hat, he patiently asks the animals he comes across if they have seen it, and just as he is about to give up his search, a deer helps him remember exactly where he left his beloved hat.

Lester, Helen	<u>Tacky Goes to Camp</u> (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.
Litwin, Eric	<u>Pete the Cat: I love my white shoes</u>	Pete the Cat wears his new white shoes while walking down the street, and as he steps into piles of strawberries, blueberries, and other messes--and the color of his footwear changes--he keeps on moving and singing to himself without being bothered.
Marshall, Linda Elovitz	<u>Good Night, Wind</u>	After working hard through the fall and winter, Wind is ready for a nap but after being turned away time and again he becomes angry.
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.
McDonald, Megan	<u>Stink and the Midnight Zombie Walk</u> (series)	Stink and his friends try to earn money to buy the latest book in the Nightmare on Zombie Street series and go to the book release party.
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.
Medina, Juana	<u>Juana & Lucas</u>	Juana loves many things: drawing, eating Brussels sprouts, and living in Bogota, Columbia. Most of all, she loves her dog, Lucas. She does NOT love her itchy school uniform, math problems, or dance class. But above all, Juana does NOT love learning.
Medina, Meg	<u>Mango, Abuela and Me</u>	Mia's Abuela has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. The night she arrives, Mia tries to share her favorite book with Abuela before they go to sleep and discovers that Abuela can't read the words.
Minarik, Else Holmelund	<u>Little Bear</u> (series)	Read about the adventures of Little Bear.
Miyares, Daniel	<u>Float</u>	Wordless picture book about a boy who loses his paper boat in the rain.
Numeroff, Laura	<u>If You Give a Cat a</u>	Describes a series of increasingly far-fetched events

Joffe	<u>Cupcake</u> (Read other books by this author)	that might occur if someone were to give a cupcake to a cat.
Osborne, Mary Pope	<u>Tonight on the Titanic</u> (series)	The magic tree house transports Jack and Annie to the deck of the Titanic to find a mysterious gift that will free a small dog from a magic spell.
Parrish, Peggy	<u>Amelia Bedelia</u> (series)	A literal-minded housekeeper causes chaos in the Rogers' household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.
Phi, Bao	<u>A Different Pond</u>	As a young boy, Bao Phi awoke early, hours before his father's long workday began, to fish on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis. Unlike many other anglers, Bao and his father fished for food, not recreation.
Pinkney, Jerry	<u>The Lion & the Mouse</u>	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.
Polacco, Patricia	<u>Bun Bun Button</u>	Paige Darling loves the stuffed rabbit her grandmother has made for her, but when she ties a helium-filled balloon to Bun Bun Button the toy gets loose and goes floating away, and it may take some Darling luck to bring her home.
Raschka, Christopher	<u>A Ball for Daisy</u>	Daisy the dog is heartbroken when her favorite toy ball is destroyed while she is playing with another dog, but she realizes she has gained something, too.
Rash, Andy	<u>Are You a Horse?</u>	Roy receives a saddle for his birthday, and sets out in search of a horse to use it on.
Ray, Mary Lynn	<u>Stars</u>	Explores the wonder of stars, whether they are in the night sky, on a plant as a promise of fruit to come, or in one's pocket for those days when one does not feel shiny
Rey, H. A.	<u>Curious George</u> (series)	Read about what happens when the curiosity of a little monkey gets him into lots of trouble.
Rocco, John	<u>Blackout</u>	Neighbors gather on the roof after the power goes out on a hot night in the city and start having so much fun not everyone is happy when the lights go back on

Rylant, Cynthia	<u>Mr. Putter and Tabby</u> (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	<u>Robot Zot!</u> (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</u> (series)	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</u> (Read other books by this author)	A young boy sails to the land of the wild things and becomes their king.
Slobodkina, Esphyr	<u>Caps for Sale</u>	The tale of a peddler, some monkeys and their monkey business.
Smith, Lane	<u>Grandpa Green</u>	A child explores the ordinary life of his extraordinary great-grandfather, as expressed in his topiary garden.
Steig, William	<u>Sylvester & the Magic Pebble</u> (Read other books by this author)	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.
Watt, Melanie	<u>Scaredy Squirrel at Night</u> (series)	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.
Willems, Mo	<u>I Broke My Trunk!</u> (Read other books by this author)	Gerald the elephant tells his best friend Piggie a long, crazy story about how he broke his trunk.
Woodson, Jacqueline	The Day You Begin	Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.
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.
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Non-Fiction

Applegate, Katherine	<u>Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla</u>	The true story of Ivan, known as the Shopping Mall Gorilla, who lived alone in a small cage for almost 30 years before being relocated to the gorilla habitat at Zoo Atlanta
Bishop, Nic	<u>Nic Bishop Marsupials</u>	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	<u>Flying</u> (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.	<u>Hotshots!</u>	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.
Gray, Rita	<u>Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?</u>	In this nonfiction picture book for young readers, we learn just why the mother nesting bird stays quiet and still while sitting on her eggs.
Hartland, Jessie	<u>How the Sphinx Got to the Museum</u>	Follows the history of the sphinx of Pharaoh Hatshepsut from its creation in ancient Egypt to New York City's Metropolitan Museum.
Hatkoff, Juliana	<u>Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again</u>	Recounts the true story of Winter, a dolphin who lost her tail and had to relearn how to swim using a specially-created prosthetic tail.
Jenkins, Steve	<u>Never Smile at a Monkey: and 17 other important things to remember</u>	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.
Kamkwamba, William	<u>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</u>	The author details how he ignored naysayers and was able to bring electricity and running water to his Malawian village when he built a makeshift windmill out of scrap metal and spare parts.

Krull, Kathleen	<u>M is for Music</u>	An alphabet book introducing musical terms, from allegro to zarzuela.
Kulling, Monica	<u>It's a Snap!: George Eastman's first photograph</u>	Presents an illustrated, biographical discussion of photographer George Eastman, who invented dry plates, film, and the Brownie camera in the late nineteenth century.
Moss, Marissa	<u>The Bravest Woman in the World</u>	Tells the true story of Ida Lewis, explaining how she learned to tend a lighthouse from her father, discussing her responsibilities as the lighthouse keeper, and describing her heroic rescues
Napoli, Donna Jo	<u>The Crossing</u>	In 1805, Sacagawea, a woman of the Shoshoni tribe, helps Meriwether Lewis and William Clark find a passage to the West Coast, in this story told through the eyes of the baby boy on Sacagawea's back.
Seeger, Laura Vaccaro	<u>First the Egg</u> (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.
Sill, Cathryn	<u>About Birds: A guide for children</u>	Explains to children what birds are, what they do, and how they live. Accompanied by beautifully detailed illustrations from noted wildlife illustrator John Sill.
Sweet, Melissa	<u>Balloons over Broadway: the True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade</u>	Tells the story of puppeteer Tony Sarg, the man who first invented the helium balloons that have become the trademark of the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
Thimmesh, Catherine	<u>Friends</u>	An award-winning author offers a remarkable photo exploration of unlikely animal friendships, which not only gives readers insight into animals but challenges preconceived notions about compatibility.
Thompson, Lauren	<u>Ballerina Dreams: A True Story</u>	Presents the true story of how five little girls who suffer from cerebral palsy had their dreams come true by becoming ballerinas.
Zuchora-Walske, Christine	<u>Robots at Home</u>	Robots work in homes every day. Some vacuum floors or mow lawns. Others keep people company. And some help kids have fun! What robots might you find in someone's home? Read this book to find out!

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Poetry

Andreae, Giles	<u>Commotion in the Ocean</u>	A collection of poems about the many creatures living beneath the sea, including the crab, dolphin and angel fish.
Bansfield Graham, Jean	<u>Flicker-Flash</u> (Read other books by this author)	A collection of poems celebrating light in its various forms, from candles and lamps to lightning and fireflies.
Burg, Brad	<u>Outside the Lines: Poetry at Play</u>	Twenty-two poems that encourage children to stray outside of the lines they are normally told to follow.
Burleigh, Robert	<u>Goal</u>	Illustrations and poetic text describe the movement and feel of a fast-paced game of soccer.
Clements, Andrew	<u>Dogku</u>	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.
Hoberman, Mary Ann	<u>You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together</u> (Read other books by this author)	A book of children's poetry which encourages young children to read with an adult.
MacLachlan, Patricia	<u>I Didn't Do It</u>	A collection of fourteen poetic examples of a dog's life from the perspective of the animals.
Powell, Patricia Hruby	<u>Josephine</u>	A portrait of the performer and civil rights advocate Josephine Baker.
Prelutsky, Jack	<u>Scranimals</u> (Read other books by this author)	A series of poems leads readers through a land where vegetables, flowers, and animals are all scrambled together.
Raschka, Chris	<u>YO! YES?</u> (Read other books by this author)	Two lonely characters, one black and one white, meet on the street and become friends.
Scanlon, Elizabeth Garten	<u>All the World</u>	Follows a group of family members and friends through the course of a day as they learn the importance of all things great and small.
Scieszka, Jon	<u>Truckery Rhymes</u>	Collects illustrated rhymes about the trucks that reside in Trucktown.

Silverstein, Shel	<u>Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook</u> (Read other books by this author)	Presents a collection of children's poetry that uses spoonerisms in place of traditional poetic form.
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Graphic Novels

Hayes, Geoffrey	<u>Benny and Penny in The Big No-no! a Toon Book</u> (series)	Two mice meet their new neighbor and discover that she is not as scary as they feared.
Hoena, B. A.	<u>Eek & Ack, Invaders From the Great Goo Galaxy</u>	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 and discussion questions.
Johnson, R. Kikuo	<u>The Shark King: A Toon Book</u>	In graphic novel format, retells the Hawaiian story of Nanaue, born of human mother and shark father, who struggles to find his place in a village of humans.
Kochalka, James	<u>Johnny Boo: The Best Little Ghost in the World!</u> (series)	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.
Luciani, Brigitte	<u>Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox. #1, The meeting</u>	Having lost their home, a fox and her daughter move in with a badger and his three children, but when the youngsters throw a big party hoping to prove that they are incompatible, their plan backfires.
Reynolds, Aaron	<u>Tiger Moth, Insect Ninja</u>	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	<u>Shark and Lobster's Amazing Undersea Adventure</u>	Follows the humorous attempts of Shark and Lobster to conquer their fear of tigers.
Trumbauer, Lisa	<u>The Three Little Pigs: The Graphic Novel</u>	A graphic novel adaptation of the classic fairy tale of "The Three Little Pigs."

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